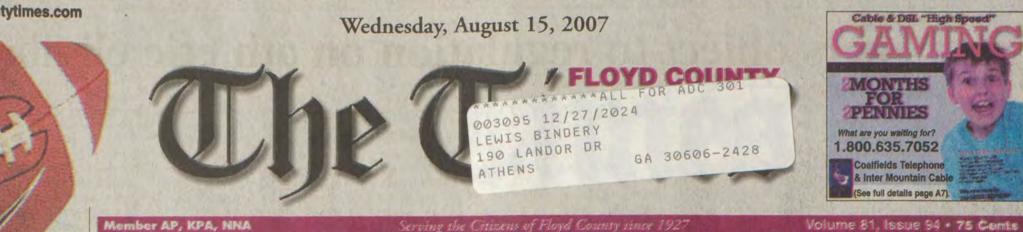
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Pike bypass gets funds for safety study

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FRANKFORT - Gov. Ernie Fletcher visited Pikeville Monday to announce funding that will is postart a project to reduce hazards and traffic congestion on Pikeville's Bypass Road, long prone to rockfalls. The Governor joined state and local officials at Pikeville City Hall to present \$250,000 in emergency road funds. With the money, engineers will begin plans to eliminate the rockfall problem and improve traffic flow. "My administration is committed to improving the safety of our highways throughout this great commonwealth," Fletcher said. Today we are announcing an investment that will finally deliver a solution for the critical rockfall issue on Bypass Road. Using our discretionary emergency road fund account, we are taking steps to move this project into the fast lane." On average, 9,500

vehicles per day travel on Bypass Road, which serves the busy Pikeville

Board hires interim superintendent

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Meeting in special session early Saturday morning, the members of the Floyd County Board of Education were happy to inform that they had selected an interim superintendent following the interviewing of several qualified candidates during executive session.

Ronald "Sonny" Fentress, retired superintendent of Anderson County Schools, has been named interim superintendent for a term slated to begin Sept. 1 and ending

Dec. 1.

Fentress' service as interim may be subject to extension if the Floyd board does not locate a new superintendent of schools by that time.

Fentress said that he is "looking forward to working with all those in the school district and community in continuing the progress that has been made and helping the team move forward."

Outgoing superintendent, Dr. Paul Fanning, commended Fentress for his "excellent record and reputation in public education" and said that he felt that

Fentress would prove to be "an asset to the district and the county during his time as interim."

"He will be a leader and a supporter in seeing progress for school children and those who work with them," Fanning said. Fanning is leaving the Floyd County school district after eight years to take

another superintendent position in a Georgia school district.

While superintendent in Anderson County, Fentress lead the district to score



(See BOARD, page ten) Ronald "Sonny" Fentress

COOLING OFF

Skateboarders make no headway with city council

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Skateboards? Rollerskates? Scooters? Or is it all of the above?

These questions and more were raised during Monday's Prestonsburg City Council meeting which focused mainly on the city's push to ban skateboarding in the downtown area.

The issue quickly took center stage as a slew of skateboarders and non-participating supporters filled the hallway and courtroom of Prestonsburg City Hall for the second reading of the skateboard ordinance, there to ask questions and voice their own opinions on the issue at stake. Some sought answers to lingering questions and attempted to argue their case, while others offered alternative solutions to the problem at hand.

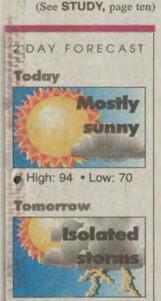
decision to ban skateboarding is recurring vandalism.

'There's some kids that just seem not to care about the law," said councilman Shag Branham.

Those present in support of skateboarding argued that there are laws already on the books which are for the purpose of punishing those who choose to vandalize both personal and private property, citing that not all instances of vandalism are committed by skateboarders alone.

Branham responded to this by saying that the city ordinance to ban skateboarding will give police more room to enforce the laws against vandalism.

Medical Center, Pikeville Elementary School and other facilities. A stretch of he road between the Ferguson Creek intersec-



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These kids knew how to cool down at last Friday's Prestonsburg Renaissance Fridays Alive concert. In addition to music by local band Gypsy Rose and, of course, water sprinklers, concertgoers were also treated to concessions, Kentucky Outback BBQ and games of cornhole. Restrooms and seating are also available at all concerts. For more about the Fridays Alive! **Downtown Concerts, see Lifestyles.**

Some seemed somewhat confused as to the provisions of the ban, stating that if skateboarding were banned, it would also be right to ban roller-skating and other types of self-propelled transportation.

One of the key issues which council members say is the main reason for their

"We can't babysit you all," said Branham.

Safety issues were another concern on the list of reasons for the ban.

"I'm afraid someone's going to get killed," said council member Gorman Collins. "If it was my child, he wouldn't have a skateboard."

Several council members said that they personalhad experienced ly instances in which they feared for the safety of those skateboarding after near-misses in public park-

(See COUNCIL, page ten)

LINKS begins project to build house for family

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL - An act of kindness being deemed as a "house raising" is in the works and one family in McDowell is getting some much needed help from local residents and businesses.

Saturday was the beginning of the endeavor which LINKS Housing has set out to accomplish. They have already begun construction of a house for the Dye family in McDowell and many hands have pitched in for the cause.

Approximately 20 volunteers from the First Baptist Church of McDowell, United Parcel Service, Worldwide Equipment and LINKS came together for the first phase of the operation. The house's foundation, frame and some of

the trusses were completed over the weekend.

Many monetary and material donations have been acquired by the organization donated by both private citizens and local business owners. While many donations have been received, the crew is still in need of a few things such as a 36-inch-by-36-inch window, some type of heating and cooling system, plumbing fixtures and someone certified in plumbing who would be willing to donate his or her time.

Some of the other individuals and businesses involved with the McDowell house raising are Mike Froman of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Tommy and Libby Hall, Pastor

(See LINKS, page ten)



Volunteers gathered at McDowell on Saturday to help begin construction on a house for a local family.



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Lawmakers object to regulation on athletic eligibility

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A legislative panel objected to a regulation on Tuesday that requires student athletes who transfer from a public to a private high school - or vice versa to sit out for a year.

The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee found the regulation to be deficient, generating calls from lawmakers for the State Board of Education to withdraw it.

State Sen. Dick Roeding, R-

Lakeside Park, co-chairman of the subcommittee, said if the regulation isn't withdrawn, he and other lawmakers will push for legislation that would override it.

They are penalizing students in order to regulate the supposed recruiting of athletes, instead of penalizing the offending school," Roeding said. "Why go after an innocent bystander and take away a year of eligibility. That's really wrong."

Under the regulation approved by the Board of Education earlier this

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year, high school athletes could still practice with their teams but not play in games.

The regulation was a softer version of a proposal that would have blocked transfer students in those situations from participating in their sport at the high school level for a year.

The new regulation had been expected to be in place for the 2008-09 school year.

"This borders on being unconstitutional," Roeding said.

Debate over stricter sports eligibility rules has been raging between public and private schools for some time as part of a broader debate about athletics competition between them. Public school officials have complained that private schools recruit top players and have an unfair advantage by offering financial aid.

Under the plan lawmakers objected to, certain high schools and middle schools would be aligned along geographical boundaries as part of a feeder system. Students would have to attend the seventh and eighth grades in their high schools' feeder systems or lose a year of eligibility.

An 18-member Kentucky High School Athletic Association control board approved a stricter version last summer that would have prevented pupils who transfer in those situat tions from participating in any way in athletics for a year.

Kentucky lawmakers considered a proposal earlier this year that would have pre-empted the new regulation, but that proposal died.

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Former Manchester mayor pleads guilty to racketeering

mayor in Eastern Kentucky pleaded guilty on Monday to federal racketeering charges.

Daugh K. White, 74, of Manchester, admitted that he

LONDON — A former extorted kickbacks from a city contractor and that he attempted exchanging pavement projects for votes, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported on its Web site.

White will remain on house Roberts and city Councilman arrest until his sentencing, scheduled for Nov. 19.

In May, a grand jury narged White, former charged former Assistant Police Chief Todd

Darnell Hipsher with conspiring to commit arson, mail fraud, extortion and drug distribution while in office.

White allegedly schemed

with Roberts to have a drug dealer burn down a vacant house that was blocking the way of a city construction project in 1999, according to the indictment. White also was accused of conspiring with Hipsher to have more than 30 private driveways paved, while taking kickbacks from the contractor.

White has pleaded guilty only to extortion and illegal blacktopping, said his attorney, Burl McCoy.

White lost re-election last November but was in office during the time covered by the indictment, from June 1999 through the end of 2006.

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Martha Jane Blackburn

Martha Jane Blackburn, age 78, of Stanville, died Friday, August 10, 2007, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

Born April 12, 1929, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late James and Bessie Smith Young. She was a cook at Betsy Layne High School, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John D. Collins.

Survivors include a son, Wallace Collins of Stanville; two daughters: Penny Gunnels of Stanville, and Aline Ray of Abingdon, Virginia; a brother, Ed Young of Pikeville; a sister, Oma Hinkle of Pike County; three half brothers: Paul Scottie Young, Jackie Young, and Harry Young, all of Pikeville; three half sisters: Easter Salisbury of Hueysville, and Emogene Young and Sophia Howell, both of Pikeville; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren

Cantrel Gibson Cantrel Gibson, age 80, of

Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, formerly of Topmost, husband of Opal Smith Gibson, passed away on Friday, August 10, 2007, at his residence.

He was born January 4, 1927, at Raven, the son of the late Dewey and Pearlie Patton Gibson.

He was a retired production worker for Premier Rubber Company, and attended the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WW II.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mable Powell Gibson; two brothers: Ernest Gibson and Delano Gibson; two sisters: June Davis and Elva Blankenship.

He is survived by his sons: Cantrel Gibson Jr., of St. Petersburg, Florida, Shannon Gibson of Dayton, Ohio, and Russ Hill of Lima, Ohio; daughters: Connie Gibson of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, Terri Dunn of Centerville.

Ohio, and Lisa Jo Wireman of Royalton; sisters: Bonnie Harris and Ora Sawyers, both of Topmost, and Shelby Jean Tessier of North Carolina; 12 grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 15, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel at Martin, with Red Morris officiating.

Burial will be in the Gibson Family Cemetery at Raven, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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General Lee Sword General Lee Sword, 49, of Wayland, died Monday, August 13, 2007, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born June 28, 1958, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Clifford and Gustava Burchett Sword. He was a disabled laborer for East Kentucky Pool, and was a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

She is survived by his wife,

Kathy Carr Sword. Other survivors include

three sons: Scottie Lee (April) Sword of Maytown, and General Lee Sword Jr., and Johnny Lee Sword, both of Wayland; a daughter, Rebecca Sue (Michael) Morton of Wayland; a brother, Tony Edward Sword of Hueysville; a sister, Susan Regina (Wallace) Coburn of Wayland; three grandchildren: Savannah, Devin, and Madison; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 16, at 1 p.m., at Garrett First Baptist Church, with Randy Osborne and Larry Adams officiating.

Burial will be in the Hunter Branch Community Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home; moved to the church on Thursday. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Mamie Judel Collins; and three brothers: Robert Wesley Young, A.C. Young, and Landon Young; a great-grandchild, Paula Lashae Gross.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Willis Adkins and Jack Hunt officiating.

Burial was in the A.C. Young Cemetery, at Varney, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Brenda J. Powers Davis would like to thank the individuals who participated in the memorial services given at the home of her brother, Darrell. Thank you for the prayers, kind words, flowers, food, and use of tables and chairs. We want to especially thank David and Shane Powers for the services. Thank you, Richard and Charolette Powers, Shane Powers and Roger Collins, for the beautiful songs and music. Thank you, Roger and Sharon Collins, for the help with food preparation and childcare during the services. Brenda will be missed, but always in our hearts.

Brothers: Darrell and Mike Powers and families Sons: Aaron and Eric Davis and families



Card of Thanks

The family of Rita Wallace Slone wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and spoke words of comfort to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Raymond Lawson and Roger Hicks 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 RITA WALLACE SLONE

A "Thank You"

from the Roberts Family

The Harmel and Lurlie Roberts Family extends their heartfelt "Thanks" and appreciation to the following, for the services they rendered to the family during the passing of their dear mother, Lurlie Roberts.

To the Betsy Layne Church of Christ for the use of their buliding; To their minister, Tommy Spears for his over-all direction of the services, and for his preaching the funeral on Monday, August 6, 2007:

To ministers Tommy Bush and Willie Meade for their preaching services:

To those who sang special songs: the Frank Kidd Jr., quartette, and Morgan Clark, from the Kentucky Opry:

To those who sent flowers, and to the innumerable people, from all communities, who provided food and drink;

To the ladies of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ: A very special "Thank You!" to those who worked diligently and patiently in the kitchen and in the fellowship hall, to serve the Roberts Family and their visitors during the entire funeral program of services-such an abundant outpouring of LOVE and SERVICE!

To WPRG TV Channel 5, and "Dr." Don for filming the funeral service;

To the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their service, and Finally, a sincere thank-you to the Hall Funeral Home personnel for their most excellent service.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Alice Lloyd College to begin fall semester

Classes for the 2007 fall semester at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will begin on Thursday, August 23. New students should plan to arrive on campus, Sunday, August 19, and attend a meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Campbell Arts Center (including all new and first-time transfer and commuter stulents). For more information, eall 1-888-280-4ALC.

Childers Family Reunion

To be held Saturday, August 25, at Concord Independent Church Fellowship Hall (located 2 miles south of Paintsville on Route 321 - turn at H&H Paint and follow signs). Registration to begin at 11 a.m., lunch to be served at 12 p.m. Playground, basketball, badminton available for children. Each family please bring a covered dish, dessert, and cold drinks. Ham, chicken, plates, napkins and flatware to be provided. For those who have lost a loved one this past year, bring photo for our "Memory Wall." Also, adventurous family members needed to come dressed inperiod (historical) costume. Prizes to be awarded. All Childers lines, Preston dousins, and friends welcome. More info.: Charles and Bobbi Childers, (606) 571-2687; or email Donna Cox at

be available prior to main meal)

Descendants of Richard and Susannah (Hutchison) Wells number in the thousands and several hundred from across the country attend this annual reunion.

For more info., call Mary Walton at (859) 971-7748, Bobby Wells at (606) 886-2101, Kim Howard at (606) 789-3922, or Marlene Jarvis at (606) 789-8813.

Wheelwright 70's **Classes Reunion**

For everyone that graduated from 1970-1979. To be held Sept. 1, at old Wheelwright High School. Basketball game, 5 p.m. (for all former players or anyone else that wants to participate) at the WHS gymnasium. Dance to begin at 8 p.m., in the old WHS cafeteria (dance to 70's music!).

Signup at the following website: www.wheelwrightreunion.com.

No charge to attend, but please bring drinks, chips, etc.!

Stop Smoking class set for September 4

Set yourself FREE! The Cooper Clayton Method To Stop Smoking is comng to your area! The class will meet once a week for 12 weeks at Big Sandy Area Development Office, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg. Classes start Tuesday, September 4, at 3:00 p.m. This program is offered FREE OF CHARGE by Big Sandy Area Development District and the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds. Call 606-432-1072, ext. 1, 13 or 14 to enroll. Hurry! Class will fill quickly.

Floyd Co. Retired Teachers to hold meeting, Sept. 6

The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having a meeting at the Floyd County Library on September 6, at 10 a.m. For more information, call 886-8978 or 874-9065.

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.

12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **AARP** Driving Safety Program August 15th Meeting Place A & B Highlands Medical Office Building 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.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 Services Educational 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.

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 wel-

come. 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

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 vet been located. If you have not received your invitation, please notify Jessica Frazier Little at the above address or jessicafraemail to: zier_2001@yahoo.com OR long.lora@adelphia.net.

Allen Central Class of 1977 **30-Year Reunion**

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

PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion

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

Democratic Woman's Club

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

ACHS Class of '96

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

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Wells Family Reunion

Descendants of Revolutionary War soldier Richard Wells will meet on Sunday, September 2, at Johnson Central High School. School doors will open at 10 a.m. and will remain open until the last person leaves. Please bring enough food for your family plus extra for those unable to bring food. Paper products will be furdished. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. (snack food will



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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 to Friend Dinner, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar August 2007 **Kiwanis** August 16th, 23rd Meeting Place B Highlands Medical Office



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.



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— John Greenleaf Whittier?

ur View **Interim hiring** bodes well for school district

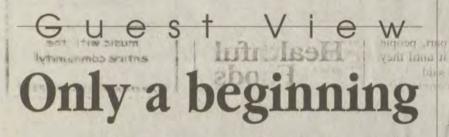
Only time will tell for certain, of course, but the Floyd County Board of Education's hiring of an interim superintendent appears to be a solid choice for an uncertain period.

On paper, Ronald "Sonny" Fentress appears to be everything Floyd County needs to guide the oft-troubled school system during its search for a new superintendent - experienced, qualified and successful, with a proven track record.

During his tenure as superintendent of Anderson County Schools, that district consistently scored near the top of state on standardized testing, and Floyd County would be well served to pick his brain for success strategies before his ultimate departure.

Given the short amount of time they had to work with, it appears board members very possibly hit a home run in hiring Fentress. While temporary, that is good news, because it allows the system to move forward as the search for a permanent replacement continues, and proves that this board is fully capable of making a similar hire when the time comes.

- The Floyd County Times



Senators indulged in a paroxysm of self-congratulation on Thursday after approving, by a vote of 83-14, legislation that would force lawmakers to disclose more information about their attempts to fund pet projects (spell that "pork") and get money from lobbyists.



Paper playing political blame game

In response to your recent published bashing of the Prestonsburg City Council, let us glance at your case and see exactly how much you have chosen to look at the whole picture before you initiated yourself as a mouthpiece.

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This is an unconcealed truth! Your argument is invalid, though, by laying the crux of the blame at the foot of this council. This is something that has happened over time. Not just the first seven months of this council's term. Therefore, this argument is invalid to be directed towards this council, as we will make every attempt to recruit and retain businesses.

and preventing. Which is probably why our city's numbers have decreased over the past four years. Your numbers should be checked before you make a blanket statement on such.

City just been fined because of its antiquated sewer system" and "on a hot day, the entire town smells like something we cannot print in the newspaper."

No argument here. These are problems that this council has inherited. These are also problems that this council has spoken about with the leadership of the city utilities. We have been told that we can go ahead and fix the problem with millions of dollars. But then we run the risk of having to do that again because of the involvement of the federal agencies and the timeframes that they have regarding their plans for flood control. Now would it be wise to spend those millions now, only to have the federal government initiate a project that removes the results of a project and requires our city to possibly do another build, costing our taxpayers more millions? That sounds like an astronomical waste of taxpayers' money.

The proposal to ban skateboarding is not a citywide ban. It is a skate-free zone in response to the problems faced by the downtown business owners and private property owners. That also takes into account the safety issues of all those involved.

This also is not a new problem. As a matter of fact, this problem was faced and addressed while I served on the council in 2002 and 2003. The problem was, in turn, laid back to that of the parents, and yet the same problems exist today. You cannot expect the city police to babysit without direction. That is not a local government's job; that is a parent's job. So the council has initiated direction for the city police based on an ordinance that can be enforced.

This alleged "wholly divided" council is not divided as your state. Of all city council votes and actions taken, there have been two votes that have not been unanimous. Wow, two votes, out of over 50 actions votes. (One was 6-2 and the other was 7-1.) That sure is a wholly divided council now isn't it?

The bill now goes to President Bush and, of course, he should sign it without hesitation. But the legislation could have been more far-reaching. ...

If signed into law, this legislation would make lawmakers publicize their earmarks well before the legislation comes to a vote and certify that they don't have any kind of direct financial interest in the projects.

But some Senate Republicans pointed out that the earmark reforms didn't require full disclosure, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., drubbed the bill, saying it "has completely gutted the earmark reform provisions we overwhelmingly passed in January."

All we can say is, it's better than nothing. It's a start upon which to build _ if the Senate has enough of a sense of ethics to do that.

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"Drug abuse remains rampant, contributing to increases in crime."

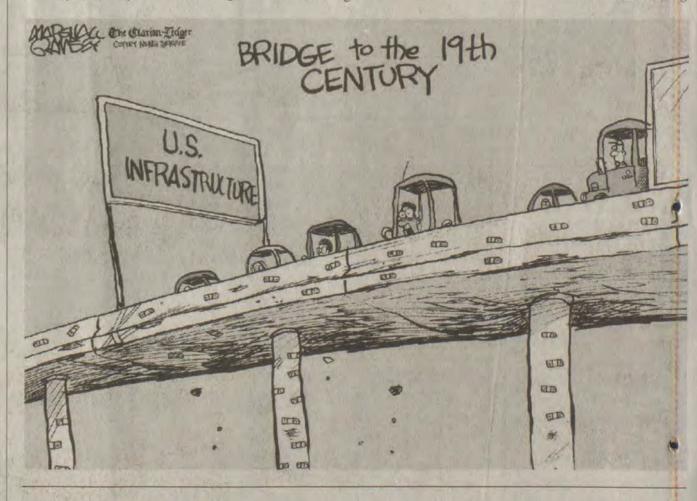
This is true in parts. Drug abuse remains rampant, and this council will work with those agencies that can assist in this matter, but this council cannot be blamed for this. And your statement about contributing to crime increase may be true regionally, but as per my personal conversation with our local police department leadership, it is not as large of a problem here in this city as it is in surrounding communities of our county, and is something that they work very hard on deterring

We have asked, as a council, that the city fire department do hydrant check by release of water, as this will assist in keeping the smell down, as was stated at this meeting with the leadership of the city utilities.

Our "alleged" misplaced priorities seemed to have hit a button with your paper. The problem is that you tried to make a case based on items that need to be looked at by the council. These were statements and accusations made without knowledge and one-sided.

What is your attempt here? Why would you try to perpetrate this council being at odds with each other? We may, mostly due to my mouthy fault, have differing opinions at times, but we are intelligent enough to do what we feel is best for this community. Quit trying to play a political blame game and jump on board to part of the solution, instead of playing political adversary.

> C. Shag Branham City council member Prestonsburg



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Governor candidates differ on pardoning powers

by JOE BIESK Associated Press

FRANKFORT

Kentucky's gubernatorial candidates disagree sharply on whether new limitations are needed to rein in future governors' pardoning powers — an issue likely to emerge as a contentious one in the campaign's coming months.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a Republican seeking re-election on Nov. 6, pardoned his entire administration last year to head off an investigation into his administration's hiring practices. He believes Kentucky's chief executive must maintain that power to protect possible victims from prosecutorial misconduct.

"The pardoning powers of the governor were placed in our founding documents over 200 years ago as the last stop for justice," Fletcher said in response to a candidate questionnaire from The Associated Press. "They should be used sparingly and only in unusual cases, such as instances of prosecutorial abuse, where the interest of justice would be truly served."

Steve Beshear, Fletcher's Democratic opponent, has a starkly different idea, and has attacked Fletcher on the pardon issue.

Fletcher's administration "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 during a stump speech at Fancy farm this month.

Beshear said if elected, he'll push the General Assembly to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would let voters decide whether the governor's broad power should be tightened.

"When our leaders break the law and abuse the public trust, they should be held accountable — just like regular citizens," Beshear said in his response to the AP. "Ernie Fletcher has placed his political appointees above the law by abusing his constitutional power to pardon — a power that was never meant to allow a governor to hide criminal acts by his political friends from the public."

Fletcher's administration was under investigation for more than a year on allegations that the governor's supporters had been handed protected state jobs because of their political connections instead of their qualifications. Nearly two years ago Fletcher announced he was granting a blanket pardon to nine people who had been indicted, and to anyone else who could have been charged, in the probe.

Fletcher was later indicted on three misdemeanors that were eventually dropped as part of a deal with prosecutors in which he acknowledged evidence in the case "strongly indicates wrongdoing by his administration."

Jason Keller, Fletcher's campaign spokesman, said Fletcher believes the pardoning power is needed to allow some protection from prosecutorial abuse. The governor has also previously noted that legal expenses can lead to enormous debt.

"This is clearly a desperate attempt by Steve Beshear to shift focus away from his oneissue campaign," Keller said. "The hiring investigation was a political witch hunt that was a clear example of prosecutorial abuse."

Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, said the pardons are likely to become an issue closer to the Nov. 6 election.

"It's a gut-level issue," Sabato said. "Everybody gets it because they say to themselves, 'If I got convicted, I wouldn't get a pardon. I wouldn't even get a hearing with the governor.' Naturally people view it as special influence."

Scotty Fugate, a former state employee, worked in the highway department until he was transferred for political reasons to a job about 100 miles from his home. Fugate, who retired instead, called Fletcher's pardons "a mockery" and said they offended him personally.

Governors should not have the opportunity to pardon someone until after they have stood trial, Fugate said.

"He treated it very lightly," Fugate said of Fletcher. "It wasn't of any consequence to him at all. It didn't matter to him who was injured."

Beshear said in his response that governors should only be able to pardon someone convicted of a crime. That way, any possible criminal offenses that were committed would be aired in open court, he said.

"The governor would be more accountable to the people," Beshear wrote.

The Kentucky House, which is controlled by Democrats, passed a proposal earlier this year that called for a constitutional amendment preventing governors from pardoning someone before being charged with a crime. The measure stalled in the Republican-led Senate.

Police: Crime lab overworked, understaffed

The Associated Press

COVINGTON — The bullets that killed 83-year-old Alma Sauer in her northern Kentucky home have sat in a crime lab for nearly a year.

Police think they know who killed Sauer in her Erlanger condo in September 2006, but can't prove it until the evidence is analyzed. That's something that likely won't happen in a hurry.

The state crime lab can't keep up with the growing amount of evidence collected in criminal cases across Kentucky, creating a backlog of cases and threatening to delay trials and hearings, police and prosecutors said.

About 135 Kentucky State Police Crime Lab scientists and support staff analyze evidence from more than 50,000 cases annually. More than 400 Kentucky agencies depend on the lab to help prove criminal cases through tests on everything from blood and drugs to fingerprints and ballistics.

"DNA and ballistics testing are two areas of concern for me. We don't have quite the resources in either to get the job done as quickly as we would like. ... So cases get pushed aside," said Kentucky State Police Crime Lab Forensic Services Commander Major Wayne Mayfield.

Mayfield said problems are beginning to grow in DNA and ballistics testing. Mayfield said the state's 12 DNA analysts are stretched already to handle several hundred cases annually.

Two of the ballistics lab's eight-person staff retired in July, Mayfield said. Of the six remaining analysts, two are still being trained. Once replacements are hired for those who recently retired, it will take another two years to train them, he said.

The shortage is creating problems for prosecutors.

Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney Rob Sanders said DNA evidence is still pending in a case set for trial in September, 10 months after the evidence was sent to the lab in Frankfort.

"It puts both the prosecution and defense in a pinch because we both need to know (the results)," Sanders said. "I know that the biggest problem is not the people at the lab, but that the lab is just incredibly underfunded."

Campbell County Commonwealth Attorney Jack Porter said lab technicians are moving as fast as they can, but some cases face being dismissed because the court cannot meet the constitutionally guaranteed right to a speedy trial.

"It delays setting up a trial or necessitates a trial being continued," Porter said. "Generally, DNA evidence takes a lot more time. ... But if I call and say I have trial date, generally they will help us out and get (the lab tests) moved up."

Police agencies and prosecutors have limited options for DNA and ballistics testing. Some agencies have sent evidence to less-taxed labs in other states, although cost makes that practice prohibitive in most cases.

The FBI ballistics lab is also receiving some firearms evidence from Kentucky cases. But Porter said even the FBI ballistics lab has a substantial backlog.

Mayfield is hoping lawmakers will soon allocate money to hire more people and either increase the size of the central lab or build a new one in western Kentucky.

"It's going to get worse though if we don't put more resources into the lab system. But for the most part, people don't think about it until they need it," Mayfield said.

That leaves people like

Sauer's daughter, Carma Fieger, waiting to find out if the only suspect in her mother's death pulled the trigger.

"It was the same type of gun, the same type of bullet. ... We just want answers and I don't think we're being out of line," Fieger said.

But because the suspect is already dead, police said the ballistics test may take a while longer.

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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 From Scratch Made Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE

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

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with

ing expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension **Homemaker Club Meetings**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prestonsburg: 2nd Extension Office.

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center meetings holds each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of

charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

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

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors Call

886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt.

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

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 Lake Drive, North Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: Continued from p3

doslone@eastky.net. •PARENTS! - Contact the

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find. out about child care services in 10 your area, the STARS for,b KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of ... others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1/ 1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll) free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. -Homeschoolers -Will hold 4 month-

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

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

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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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W.Va. county narrowly approves gambling proposal

by LAWRENCE MESSINA ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. --By just 33 votes, the prospect of jobs and economic development appeared to trump moral concerns over gambling Saturday, as voters in West Virginia's largest county approved poker, blackjack and other table games at the local greyhound track.

With all 175 of Kanawha County's precincts reporting, the table games proposal was slightly ahead 50.1 percent to 49.9 percent, with 45,055 ballots cast.

The unofficial results changed slightly after officials counted 155 votes that were overlooked in three precincts during the original tally.

Nearly 500 other votes have been challenged, over such questions as whether they were cast in the correct precinct, County Clerk Vera McCormick said.

The fate of those provisional ballots will be determined when the vote count is audited starting Friday. Once that canvas is complete, either side has 48 hours to request a recount, McCormick said.

Turnout appeared close to 36 percent of the county's 125,048 registered voters. McCormick had predicted overall turnout of 20 percent to 25 percent on the question of authorizing the games at Nitro's Tri-State Racetrack and Gaming Center.

Early voting accounted for 10,275 of the ballots cast. Nearly 1,600 voters showed up on Wednesday when the 14day early voting period ended, McCormick said.

If Saturday's tally holds, opponents can petition for a recall election after five years. If the result changes, the track could seek a vote again in two years.

The special election caps a multiyear campaign pitting the state's four tracks against antigambling forces over whether to expand the state lottery system.

The tracks already host more than 12,000 video slot machines for the lottery, which will oversee the table games. The tracks' parent companies argue the new games will help them blunt competition from surrounding states. Slot casibegan opening nos in Pennsylvania late last year.

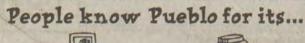
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Odds & Ends

■ HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — It's tough times for trash haulers in West Virginia's second-largest city, which is down to three working garbage trucks.

Eight of Huntington's 11 garbage trucks are out of service, along with two flatbed trucks used to pick up loose trash in alleys, said Public Works Director Chuck Cornett.

"It's the age of the equipment catching up with all of the work," Cornett said at a City Council meeting Monday.

The average age of Huntington's garbage truck fleet is about 15 years. Besides normal wear and tear, the trucks are driven five days a week to a landfill about 17 miles away near Cannonsburg, Ky., Cornett said.

The city uses seven garbage trucks on a normal schedule. Cornett said the city of 49,198 residents should have one more truck in service by the end of this week and two more back on the road by sometime next week.

Residents are being asked to have their trash at curbside the night before their scheduled collection days. Crews are collecting garbage as early as 4 a.m., with a second shift forking until midafternoon, Cornett said.

Mayor David Felinton said he plans to ask City Council members to approve funding for three new trucks.

■ ELKO, Nev. — This might make for a tense time at home.

An off-duty sheriff's deputy was pulled over and charged with driving under the influence — by her husband, a fellow deputy.

Charlotte Moore, 36, a jail deputy and 11-year veteran, was driving her 2004 Pontiac Grand Am when she was pulled over by her husband, Elko County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Moore, a police report said.

She allegedly left before being administered a portable breathalyzer test, the Elko Daily Free Press reported.

Mike Moore pulled her over again and called the Elko Police Department for backup. He left shortly after officer ■ SAINT JO, Texas — One of the most renowned boot makers in Texas said "a varmint," a "low-life scum" or "a filthy thief" is responsible for swiping a pair of awardwinning cowboy boots worth \$10,000.

Featuring scenes of busting broncos and a cattle drive, with green full-quill ostrich bottoms, the hand-tooled leather boots were most valuable pair in the store until someone walked away with them.

A man in his 20s came into Trail Town Custom Leather last week wearing a pair of tennis shoes but left in the valuable boots, said John Glaze, an apprentice to craftsman Carl Chappell, who made the boots.

Glaze said he answered some of the man's questions about having his boots repaired, but got distracted by a phone call. Then he noticed the man exiting the store, tennis shoes in hand and the custom-made boots on his feet.

"By the time I made it to the door, he was already going around the corner," Glaze said. "And by the time I got to the corner, he was in his white pickup driving away."

As boots go, the missing pair is well known. They won an award at the 2003 Boot and Saddle Makers Trade Show Roundup, appeared in boot books, magazines and on the cover of the specialty publication Shop Talk.

Chappell and Glaze have pinned up reward posters along U.S. Highway 82 and posted notices on custom cowboy boot Web sites. They reckon a \$1,000 reward might be enough to entice a posse to go after the thief.

The poster says, "Anyone wanting to turn this piece of trash in should contact the Saint Jo PD."

LONG BEACH, N.Y. — A man who decided to go for a late night swim in the buff was found hours later by rescue crews, hiding under a pier not far from where he jumped in the water, authorities said Sunday.

Neal Mello, 37, of Brooklyn, was found around 5:30 a.m., and appeared to be in good physical condition but was "without the benefit of a swimsuit," the Coast Guard said in a release. "Mr. Mello's modesty may could have done himself worse by not swallowing his pride and showing himself to rescuers when he did," Lt. Douglas Miller said. Mello had stripped off his clothes and went in the water around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, the U.S. Coast Guard said. When he was still gone at 10 p.m., a friend called for help, and rescuers were dispatched. The search extended about 5 miles offshore and involved boats and a helicopter. Mello's clothes, wallet and cell phone were found on the shore near where he entered the water in Long Beach, a city that boasts an expanse of oceanfront within 30 miles of Manhattan.

lights before a deer sees them and gets mesmerized," Ed Mulka, project manager for JAFA, told the Courier-Post of Cherry Hill for Sunday's newspapers.

The devices are being installed on a stretch of rod near Fort Dix that local officials say has about 60 to 80 accidents a year involving deer.

Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Gerber said there were no deer accidents over a

10-day period after the devices were installed.

JAFA is paying for the cost of installing the 38 devices, which usually cost about \$150

each. ■ MONESSEN, Pa. — A high school art teacher who went on a date with a porn star after winning a satellite radio contest has resigned.

Jaison Biagini traveled to St. Petersburg, Fla., last month after winning the date on the

Sirius satellite radio show "Bubba the Love Sponge."

The school board voted Tuesday to accept his resignation.

Biagini, who taught art for 14 years at Monessen High School, said he entered the contest because he wanted to win the free trip and visit the Salvador Dali museum in St. Petersburg. He described the date as being "all fake and staged."

Biagini, who uses a wheel-

chair, was interviewed on the radio show after returning home, and told the Valley Independent in Monessen that " he was ridiculed for his disability.

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Shane Daz arrived. Elko Police Department Sgt. Mark Putterfield also was on scene. Charlotte Moore was released at 1:47 a.m. on Sunday and placed on paid administrative leave, Elko County Undersheriff Rocky Gonzalez said.

Mike Moore was, following procedure when he asked for backup, Gonzalez told the newspaper. The sheriff's office supports the police department's actions, he said.

Neither Mike nor Charlotte Moore was available for comment Monday, the Elko Daily Free Press said.

Charlotte Moore reportedly had been drinking approximately two hours earlier at a downtown business group's wine walk, the newspaper said.

■ WEST ORANGE, N.J. — A New Jersey cat may have only eight lives left after it survived a house fire by hiding in the couch.

Firefighters initially thought the feline, who belonged to one of the tenants in the two-story house, had been killed by flames and smoke Saturday night. But after putting out the blaze and surveying the damage, they found the cat wedged into the couch.

"To our amazement, it had survived," Fire Chief Peter Smeraldo told The Star-Ledger of Newark. "They should change that cat's name to Lucky."

No one was injured, and the cat's owner, who was ecstatic have the animal back, took the cat to stay at a relative's house.

GET OUT OF LINE



SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — A device using a flashing light and a shrill alarm is being tested on a stretch of road near Fort Dix to see whether it can deter deer.

The devices, installed by Mount Laurel company JAFA Technologies Inc., are activated when the unit senses headlights on an approaching vehicle up to 150 yards away.

Then the device emits a shrill noise and flashes a blue strobe light.

The combination of the light and the sound is designed to keep deer away from the road when a vehicle is approaching.

"What makes this device so much more effective than others is that this can detect head-

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Citizens National Bank hosted Career Day with 10 young ladies from the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center's Math and Science Summer Career Camp for Girls. Dennis Dorton, president and CEO, presented opening remarks to the group. Following a tour of the Main Office which houses all operational functions, the group heard different CNB officers and employees speak on topics such as personal banking/finance, career opportunities and credit. Lunch was provided and each lady received a gift bag and paycheck for successfully completing the Camp. The Camp is a four-day event that gives middle school aged girls from surrounding counties the opportunity to participate in various workshops and onsite learning hosted by various business entities. The girls are pictured with Kelli Hall, director of Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center.

Coal-to-liquids quietly a reality in U.S. becoming

by TIM HUBER AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -It's largely escaped notice, but there's already a dozen or so coal-to-liquids plants in various stages of development around the country.

While most are years away from construction, supporters of converting coal to motor fuels say at least some are a certainty — even if Congress doesn't approve incentives sought by coal-to-liquids supporters. Yet supporters consider some form of subsidy vital if the nation is going to build enough coal to liquid plants to dent its reliance on foreign oil.

"You're going to have a coal-to-liquds industry in the United States," said John Ward, vice president for marketing and government relations for Headwaters Inc.

Among other things, the South Jordan, Utah-based company is working on a coalto-gasoline plant proposed for North Dakota and researching the feasibility of coal-to-liquids for Pittsburgh-based Consol Energy. "The question is how fast will it happen," he said.

One plant is fairly far along. Los Angeles-based Rentech Inc. bought a natural gas-fed fertilizer plant in East

big step in the right direction. Ramsbottom and others figure at least one of several larger proposed plants will be built.

The coal industry, which is holding a conference on the Tuesday subject and Wednesday in Beckley, and coal-state politicians in particular say the nation can't afford to patiently wait for small developers like the Rentechs of the world to build plants on their own or in conjunction with coal companies including St. Louis-based Peabody Energy, the nation's largest producer.

But so far the notion hasn't gotten very far in Washington, and Gov. Joe Manchin senses a lack of commitment.

"There's not a concerted effort to be truly energy independent," he said. "How are you going to get us from A to B and still be a world superpower?"

Ward and Ramsbottom say the industry needs help to build more than a few plants.

"The answer is Wall Street needs it," Ramsbottom said.

Supporters are trying to frame their argument around national security. Using domestic coal would reduce dependence on imported oil from unstable parts of the world, they say.

Rentech Chief Executive Hunt other hand, contend conservation and energy efficiency would do the same thing. And they argue coal to liquids has numerous other problems: double the greenhouse gases of oil refining, consumption of vast quantities of water and increased coal production.

> "Why in heaven's name would we be subsidizing anything that's giving double the

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Environmentalists, on the greenhouse gases?" said Vivian Stockman of the Ohio Environmental Valley

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Dubuque, Ill., and hopes to convert to using coal by the end of 2009 or 2010. Production would start low -920 tons of fertilizer and 1,800 barrels of diesel a day.

That's at once a drop in the bucket compared with the nation's energy use and, to the industry's way of thinking, a

"It has the potential to be a meaningful supply of fuel that would take the price off of gasoline and diesel fuel and would take the dependence down on the Mideast." said Don Blankenship, chief executive of Massey Energy Co., the nation's fourth-largest coal producer by revenue.

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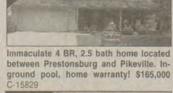
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ing lots and on city streets. when children on skateboards darted out in front of them while they were driving.

"This is a business shopping district," said Branham, citing the traffic flow through this portion of the city was much too congested for skateboarders to be allowed to skate through the streets.

Lastly, one skateboarder

Board

as high as eighth out of 176 Kentucky school districts in state test scores. During his service in Anderson County, the district consistently performed in the top 15-20 percent of the state.

Fentress has been recognized for his contributions to education and leadership by the Kentucky School Boards Association, Kentucky Association of School Administrators, and the Kentucky Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

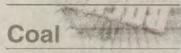
He has also been named a Kentucky Colonel.

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Gene Blackburn, Lenny Cieslak, Eric Reid, Johnny Keathley, Tommy Shelton along with son and daughter Jeremy and Samantha, Greg Mills of UPS, Michael Lambros, Josetta Newsome, Seldon Horne, F.S. Vanhoose, Wright's Lumber Company, Kathleen Weigand, Lenville Martin of Garth Vocational School, Floyd County Fiscal Court, Randy Clark and the Dye Family.

Phase two will take place this Saturday. LINKS needs additional volunteers and anyone interested should contact them by calling (606) 886-0152.



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Coalition. "Just the whole idea of it seems absolutely nuts ... It's basically a way to prop up the coal industry and give them more subsidies and hold people economic hostage." Ramsbottom and others contend they'll be able to reduce overall carbon dioxide emissions by capturing the gas and selling it to oil producers to extend the life of aging wells, among other things. "We'll be able to lower the carbon footprint," Ramsbottom said. "As long as we can get three or four off the ground quickly.' Blankenship says the industry is fighting a lack of understanding. "People have an opinion without the discomfort of actually studying the facts," he said.

said he has spoken previously to councilman Kelly Moore, who was absent at the Monday meeting, in regards to the issue, saying he and Moore had come up with a possible alternative to the ban requiring a "skateboard license" which would require participants to take a safety and courtesy course in order to earn their right to skateboard

throughout the downtown area. The unofficially proposed skateboard license, which would require a small fee, would be similar to a driver's license and would also display photo identification of the individual.

Council members refrained from commenting on the idea, simply stating that it wouldn't take care of the issues on the table.

City economic development director, and supporter of

skateboarding, Brent Graden, said over 400 signatures were present on a petition turned into the mayor's office by those present in support of keeping skateboarding in downtown Prestonsburg.

In other news, council recognized Prestonsburg All-Star teams for their hard work throughout the season and the fact that they made it to the state competition this year. Each player received a certificate from Mayor Jerry Fannin and a proclamation was presented making August 13 "All Star Day" in the city of Prestonsburg.

The council approved the city's bills, but not without question. Councilman B.D. Nunnery says the city is paying for 67 pagers when in fact only 58 can be accounted for. Phone bills were another issue, with statements made that not everyone who had a cell phone provided to them by the city actually needed one.

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"We've got to get a grip on this," councilman said Branham.

Lastly at the meeting. Fannin announced that the council had determined that there were no city utilities which would be affected by the closure of the alley behind Brock McVey in Prestonsburg. A few residents of that immediate area expressed concern over the issue at the last council meeting.

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Since his retirement, he has served as a consultant to other districts in regard to student achievement and facilities planning. He comes to Floyd County schools with 42 years experience in the field of education.

Fentress began his duties in Floyd County on August 13 by working with Dr. Fanning and board staff on transition plans and by visiting district schools. sites, and with various community members.

Jeanette Dixon

McMillen

Jeanette Dixon McMillen, 84,

wife for 64 years of Rev. Ira

McMillen Jr., died Friday, Aug.

3, 2007, at Dover Manor Nursing Home. She was born in

Dawson Springs, KY, on Sept. 30, 1922, to the late Charles B.

and Vivian Fox Dixon. She left

home at sixteen years old to

attend Georgetown College,

where she majored in music and

received recognition in Who's

Who among students, Sigma

Kappa Sorority and Delta

Omicron Music Fraternity.

Most importantly, she met her future misband, Ira (Mac)

McMillen Jr., a ministerial stu-

dent from Versailles, whom she

married on May 26, 1943, at

Georgetown Baptist Church.

Jeanette gave private vocal and

piano lessons over the years and

used her musical talents well

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tion and Route 1460 (the said Sen. Ray Jones (D-Chloe Road intersection) is often plagued by rockfalls, which engineers attribute to winter freezing and spring thawing of water between gaps in the rocks.

Area legislators praised the Governor's action.

"This is truly significant for the people of Pike County,"

Pikeville). "Improvements are badly needed , and we appreciate the additional funding for this project.'

Remedial plans will include shifting lanes away from the rock wall and adding a fence to catch falling debris. The Transportation Cabinet will also examine improvements to ease traffic congestion at the intersection of Route 1426 and Huffman Avenue by combining the two signalized intersections.

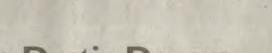
Fletcher has directed the Transportation Cabinet to place the project in the state's six-year highway plan. Total cost of the project, including design, right-of-way, utility

work and construction is estimated at \$15.7 million.

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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.





Blankenship maintains there's no environmental issue.

"It actually increases your pollution and decreases safety not to do coal to liquids," he said. "The places that we're buying our products from don't care anything about the environment ... It's so backwards I don't really know how to describe it."

and generously in the various churches where her husband served as pastor. She returned to Georgetown in 1999 with her husband "where it all began" for them and they have been active members of Georgetown Baptist Church and proud alumni of Georgetown College.

Survivors include a daughter: Deborah and James Baker, Boxford, MA, a son: David and Geraldine McMillen, Paris, KY, two grandchildren: Emily Mc-Millen Stuart, Lexington, and James McMillen Baker, Boxford, MA, a sister-in-law: Ann Harper, Lexington, and her "chosen sister" Ella Ritchey Flynn, Lexington, and three step-grandchildren and their families: Scott and Steven Baker and Paula Baker Deffer. She was preceded in death by a sister: June Weir, and a brother, Charles Dixon Jr.

Funeral services were held August 6, 2007, at Georgetown Baptist Church by Rev. Kenneth D. Holden, Rev. Richard A. Weekley and Rev. Orville Griffin.

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. R GIONAL The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky Dustin Leslie Allen Christopher Devers, D.O. Jeffery Devers, D.O. Bailey, D.O. Potter, D.O. Kate Shutts, M.D.

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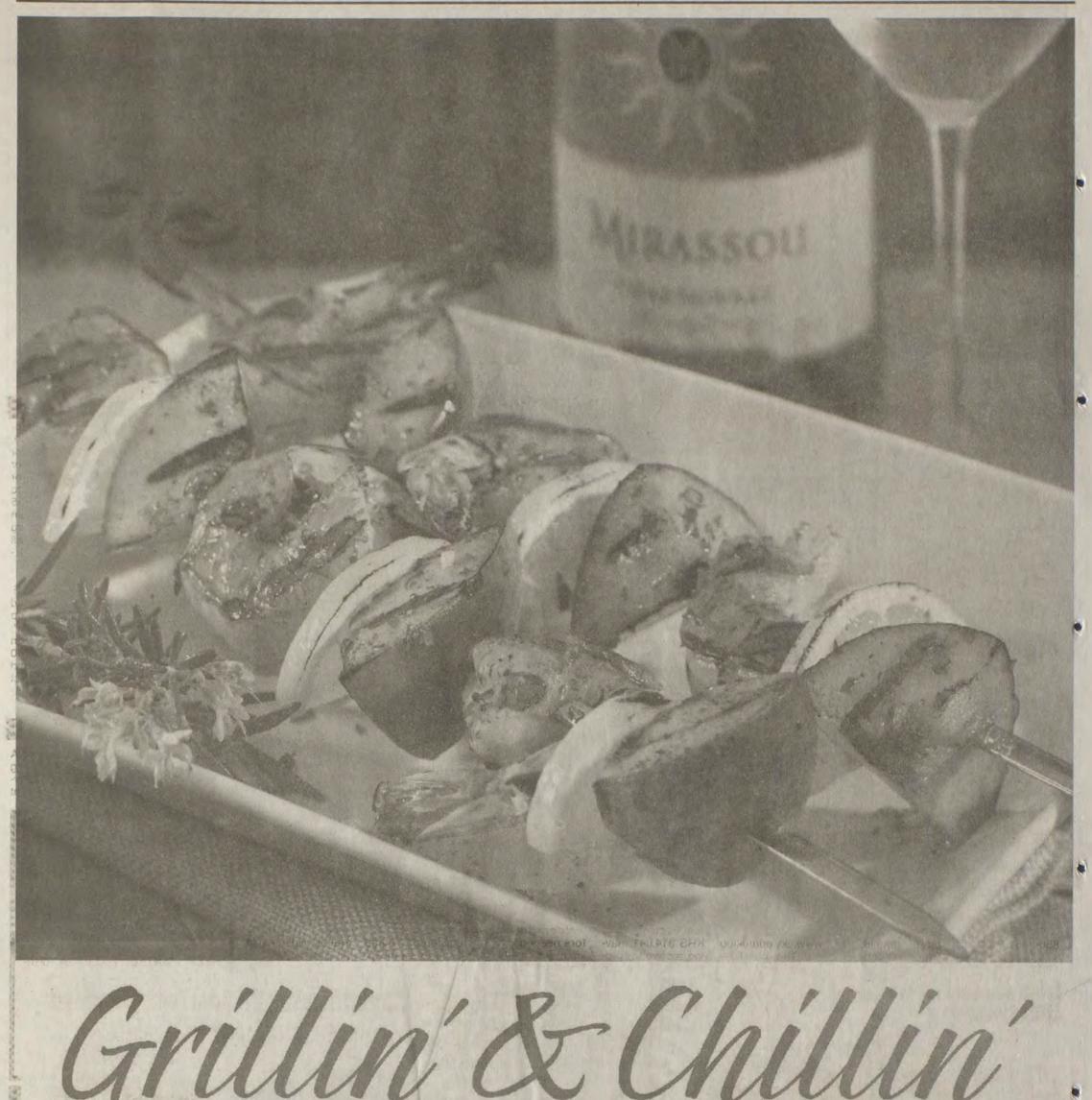
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ummertime is here, and what better way to enjoy all the fruits of summer than by spending time outdoors with friends and family? Throughout the season, longer days and warmer temperatures make grilling a favorite activity. Cooking on the grill is hot, hot, hot — and it's a great time for hot new ideas for the grill that go beyond the usual hamburgers and hot dogs.

Grilled fruit stars in these sizzling, fresh-off-the-grill recipes, and its sweet flavors are perfectly complemented by chilled white wine. Summer fruits like peaches, plums and nectarines are a natural for the grill, where a quick cooking brings out juiciness and intensifies sweetness. A crisp, cold white pairs beautifully with warm grilled fruits and creates a refreshing, delicious summer dining combination.

Try out this pairing with these recipes, which match fresh California peaches, plums and nectarines with the fruit-forward and food-friendly style of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling selections from Mirassou Winery^{*}. You'll find the perfect summer duo that's both grilled and chilled.

For more recipes and wine suggestions, visit www.eatcaliforniafruit.com and www.mirassou.com.

Grilled California Nectarine and Butter Lettuce Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: about 15 minutes / Chill time: 1 hour Makes 6 servings

Spicy nectarine dressing

- 1 California nectarine, peeled and pitted
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons sherry or champagne vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 tenspoon cayenne pepper

Salad

- 2 firm, but ripe, California nectarines, pitted
- 4 honeless skinless chicken breasts, flattened slightly
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 cups washed and torn butter lettuce, lightly packed
- 1/3 cup shelled pistachios
- 6 strips crisp-cooked bacon, crumbled 2 green onions, sliced

For dressing, combine all ingredients in blender or food processor; puree until smooth. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Cut each nectarine into 8 slices. Place on well-oiled grill over medium-high heat and cook a few minutes on each side to lightly brown. Season chicken with salt and pepper; place on grill and cook about 5 minutes on each side or until cooked through; cool. Place lettuce in large salad howl. Cut chicken into hite-size strips and add to howl with pistachios, bacon, green onions and dressing; toss well. Add grilled nectarines; toss lightly. **Note:** For a spicier flavor, sprinkle chicken lightly

with cayenne pepper before grilling.

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Red Plum, White Nectarine and Blue Cheese Pizza

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 7 to 9 minutes Makes 4 entrée servings or 8 to 10 appetizer servings

- l pound pizza dough
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 white California nectarine, pitted
- 1 red California plum, pitted
- 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped toasted walnuts Snipped fresh chives

Divide pizza dough into 4 equal pieces. Roll each out on lightly floured board to make 6-inch circles. Place dough circles on a baking sheet and brush both sides with oil. Grill over medium heat a few minutes on each side until dough is cooked through with light grill marks. Remove and cool. Cut each piece of fruit into 8 slices. Cook on well-oiled grill a few minutes on each side to lightly brown Remove from grill and arrange fruit on pizza crusts Stir together balsamic vinegar and honey; drizzle over fruit. Sprinkle with blue cheese and walnuts; place pizzas back on grill, cover with lid and cook to melt cheese. Sprinkle with chives.

Pair with chilled Mirasson Monterey County Riesling

Shrimp and Peach Kabobs

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: about 15 minutes total Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (combination like basil, marjoram, resemary and thyme)
- 3 California peaches, pitted
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- lemon, halved and thinly sliced
- Freshly ground salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in small skillet until very hot. Add garlic and cook briefly until aromatic; do not allow garlic to brown. Remove from heat immediately and stir in herbs; set aside. Cut peaches into 1-inch chunks and thread onto skewers alternately with shrimp and lemon shees. Brush lightly with garlic-herb oil. Grill over medium-high heat 3 to 5 minutes per side or until shrimp is pink and cooked through. Remove from grill and drizzle with remaining oil.

Pair with chilled Mirasson Monterey County Chardonnay



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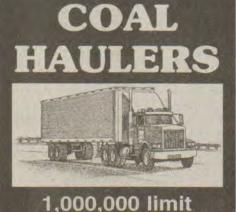
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auction on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County,

Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East side of the State Highway Right of Way eight (8) feet North of the lower corner of Block Building; thence North with State Highway Rights of Way 130 feel to a stake; thence East a straight line up the hill to the Salisbury and Osborn line at the top of point; thence South with Salisbury and Osborn lines to the line of the Block Building property; thence West to the line of the Block Building property to the point of the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Earrit M. Haves and Alice 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 Judament. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any

and restrictions of record in the Floyd Clerk's County and such Office 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 and due yet payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest 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 contained matter herein PLAIN-TIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Joseph Lane Pillersdorf DeRossett and West Lane 124 Street Court Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653 WILLIAM S. **KENDRICK** Master Commissioner P. O. 268

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Kentucky 41653 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been Ricky made by Caudill. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is SAS Game Room, The nature of the business will be pool tables and video games. Pursuant to cant lacks good KRS 231.070, the

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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, The Kentucky. County Flovd Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit

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Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application with KRS 350.055, for a permit to opernotice is hereby ate a place of entergiven that FCDC tainment, has been Coal, Inc., P.O. Box made by Chris 77, Ivel, KY 41642, McKinney. The has applied for a name of the prorenewal of a permit posed business of for a surface and entertainment is underground coal Season's Inn. The mining nature of the busilocated 2.0 miles ness will be food. Southeast motel and drinks. Teaberry in Floyd Pursuant to KRS County. The opera-231.070, the Floyd tion disturbs 8.78 County Attorney surface acres and shall investigate underlies whether the appliacres for a total area within the per-

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Southeast from KY or 979's junction with KY 3380 (Tinker Fork County Road) and located 2.0 miles east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37º 23' 32' The longitude is 82° 37' 40'

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(3) The proposed operation is located 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 Bruce Hall by Estate. Ellis Keathley, Walter and Oma Keathley, Emery & Tilda Ray, Martha & Andy Hamilton, Annie Hamilton, Wellmore Coal Corporation, Harvey Tackett, & Rosie Henry Hamilton. Evan Hamilton, Milford Bryant, James Hamilton, Lowell James Arlene & Hamilton, Donna 8 Emma Hall, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Robert Mitchell. Frank Ovel & Hamilton, 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 Suite Drive. 6 operation Prestonsburg. Kentucky 41653. Written comments. objections requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director.

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ORDINANCE NO. 4-2007

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE OPERATON OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, as follows:**

Secton 1: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, is hereby adopted as follows:

REVENUES	2007-2008
City of Prestonsburg	\$4,334,227.00
Stonecrest Golf Course	674,000.00
City Utilities	7,089,314.00
Tourism	740,600.00
Archer Park	401,960.00
Mountain Arts Center	1,452,946.00
TOTAL	\$14,763,047.00
Tourism Reserve Fund	30,000.00
GRANT TOTAL REVENUES	\$14,793,047.00
EXPENDITURES	2007-2008
City of Prestonsburg	\$4,404,227.00
Stonecrest Golf Course	674,000.00
City Utilities	6,202,654.00
Tourism	770,600.00
Archer Park	401,960.00
Mountain Arts Center	1,452,946.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,906,387.00
City Utility Contingency	886,660.00
GRAND TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	\$14,793,047.00

Section 2: Action by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring any section, sub-section or portion of this ordinance to be invalid shall not affect the remaining sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: That any section or sub-section of any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4: The salary of Mayor is based on full-time employment with the City.

Section 5: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as prescribed by law

Adopted this 25 day of June, 2007

Attest:

checkens Sharon Schoolcraft, City Clerk

Ty Fannin, Mayor

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 4-2007. Anyone interested in obtaining or viewing the entire Ordinance, may stop by City Hall, or call the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335.

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

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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 reclamation and 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 area of auger which 22.53 acres underlie proposed surface area, making a total permit area of 570.41 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 southwest miles from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River The

and proposed operation is located the David tracts USGS 7 1/2 minute thereto. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Abe Shepherd Heirs, Abe Shepherd, Big Branch Holding LLC Company, 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 on the 11 th day of Natural Resources' December, 2006, in Prestonsburg the Floyd Circuit Regional Office, Court, in connec-3140 South Lake tion with the Drive, Suite 6, divorce proceed-Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or requests for a perconference must be filed with the Director of the South Division of Mine #2 Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. County This is the final advertisement of the application. All auction comments, objections, or requests for a permit confermust be received within 30 days of today's IN RE: SIGMA GAS CORPO-RATION, CASE NO. 04-71003 NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF NATURAL GAS COMPANY ASSETS PLEASE Middle NOTICE that on August 30, ning with 2007 at 9:30 a.m., Middle prevailing Stream Lexington, KY time, a hearing will be held in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern of Kentucky, 100 E. Vine St., 3rd Floor, Lexington, KY, to the Debtor's request to privately sell subthence stantially all of its assets located in Floyd Johnson Counties, KY and assign certain conrelating hollow COMMONmately WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD starting CIRCUIT COURT **DIVISION NO. I** C.A. NO. 05-CI-00308 JAMES dated July TRUSTY PLAINTIFF VS.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that H20 Construction Co., Inc., has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet construct a to 40x80 equipment maintenance building. The property is located at 1,100 feet up Mare Creek Road from US 23 South. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch. 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Frankfort, Park, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Picture this: Soon, a lucky few seniors will move into beautiful new low-income apartments in San Francisco. No more living in garages. No more choosing between medicine, food and a place to live. All because neighbors are uniting

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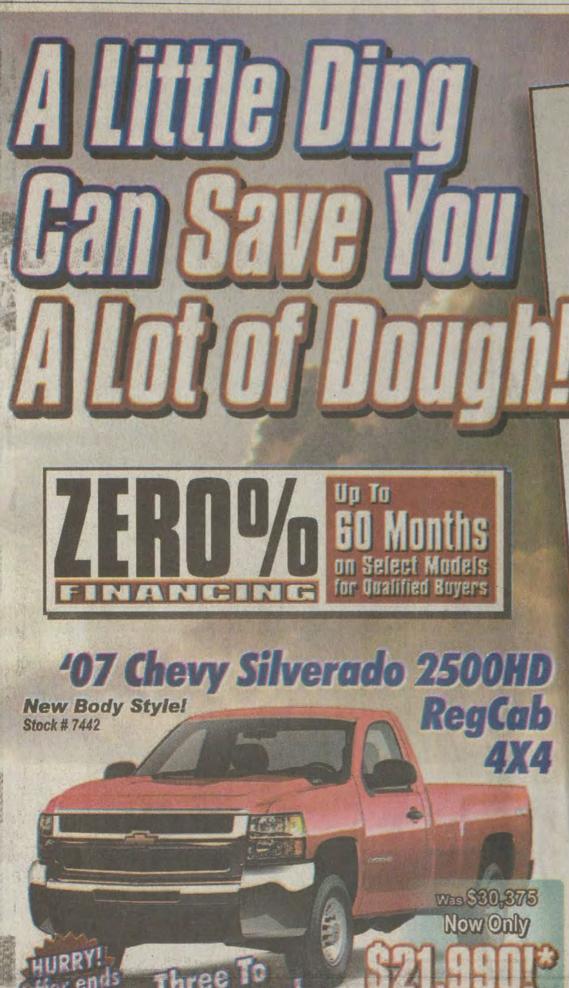
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From the Desk of Chris Carter



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On Thursday, July 26th we experienced a small hail storm in Prestonsburg and some of our vehicles here at Music Carter were slightly damaged. Others were not.

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Raiders show promise versus Powell

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

STANTON - Veteran South Floyd High School football coach Donny Daniels, his coaching staff and players left Powell County Friday night feeling good about their preseason efforts. South Floyd, which only dressed 18 players for its preseason scrimmage versus Powell County, performed well on a sweltering Friday night. Due to a scheduling conflict, South Floyd won't have a second and final preseason scrimmage.

"I thought we had a good scrimmage." said Daniels. "Powell County threw the ball 40 out of 46 look for us - being in a district that features the run much more.'

South Floyd was able to move the football against the Powell County defense.

"We had four good drives and just stopped ourselves," said Daniels. "But, overall, I was pleased with both our offense and defense."

Most of South Floyd's depth lies up front along the offensive and defensive lines.

"Our offensive line looked good and our defensive line was adequate," Daniels commented. "We're fortunate enough to have some depth on the line.

South Floyd was able to deal with

plays. That was definitely a different the hot, humid playing conditions.

"We only had one player cramp up and that was near the end of the scrimmage," Daniels confided. "Our conditioning was good."

Sophomore Tommy Joe Hall called the signals for the Raiders in the preseason scrimmage. Hall is set to enter his second season as South Floyd's starting quarterback.

The Raiders finished last season 3-7. Daniels fielded his youngest high school football team to date during the 2006 campaign.

South Floyd will open the 2007 season at home on Friday, Aug. 24 versus Magoffin County. Kickoff for the South Floyd-Magoffin County season-opener is set for 7:30 p.m.



file photo Thanks to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's realignment, Betsy Layne and South Floyd are now district rivals. South Floyd was in action Friday on the road at Powell County in a preseason game.

Evans leads 15 of 20 laps, wins Late Model feature

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - West Virginia driver Rod Evans returned to 201 Speedway Victory Lane Saturday night, winning the track's latest Late Model feature. Evans led laps 5-20.

Rodney Davis finished second in the Late Model feature while Floyd County driver Paul Harris ended the race in the third-place position. Harris continues to lead the 201 Speedway Late Model points standings.

Randy Boggs and Terry Hicks rounded out the top-five in the Late Model division, finishing fourth and fifth. respectively.

Jamie Ferguson posted the fast time in the Late Model qualifying, turning a lap in 14.44 seconds.

In the Open Wheel feature, veteran driver Jim Lemaster navigated his way from last to first in 20 laps en route to the victory.

Bo Howard (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Jamie Hamilton (Four Cylinder) also claimed feature race victories.



Prestonsburg defeated Clay County 21-14 on Saturday evening in a preseason scrimmage in Manchester. Clay County features a high-octane passing attack. The Blackcats will host Sheldon Clark this Saturday in a second and final preseason scrimmage.

Blackcats handle Clay in first of two preseason scrimmages

Rebels beat Paintsville, improve to 2-0 by STEVE LeMASTER

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SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Allen Central High School volleyball team improved to 2-0 Thursday evening, defeating visiting Paintsville 2-0 in a match held at J.E. Campbell Arena. Allen Central took the first game 25-19. The Rebels closed the match out in solid fashion in the second game, beating Paintsville 25-18.

The Rebels opened their season with a 2-0 (25-11, 25-8) win over East Ridge, turning back the Warriors in a home match played on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Allen Central swept Paintsville in a pair of matches. The Allen Central junior varsity unit improved to 2-0 following a 2-0 win over the Paintsville junior squad. The Rebel junior varsity defeated the Paintsville JV convincingly, winning 21-3, 21-2 in two games.

The Allen Central freshman team (1-0) was not in competition Thursday.

Allen Central traveled to Pikeville Monday evening for a non-district match. The Rebels were in action Tuesday evening

Complete results from the feature races follow.

Late Model Feature: R1-Rod Evans; 6-Rodney Davis; 10-Paul Harris; 51-Randy Boggs; 64-Terry Hicks; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 8-Anthony Adams; B17–Brandon Johnson; 81-Brandon Fouts; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 6H-Tom Hall; 43K-Kevin Hall; 22R-Randy Caudill; 57-Brittany McKinney; 71-Donald Runyon; 77-Robert "Taco" Fletcher; 3-Jacob Ross; 81-Benny Butcher; 25-Cowan Kinney; 87-David Smith.

Open Wheel Feature: 3H-Jim Lemaster; 911–Jason Hall; 33-Corey McKenzie; 46-Dennis Deboard; 87-Eddie Harmon; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 23-Courtney Conley; 74-Beadie Blackburn; CJ1-Charlie Jude; 17S-Brian Salisbury; 11-Pete Castle; 47-Aaron Barnhill; 2T-Jack Tackett; J16-Leslie Johnson; 32-Jimmy Adams; 20-Jason Perry; 30-William Hensley.

Mr Metal Bomber Feature: 20-Bo Howard; 37H Greg Hensley; R17-Don Risner;

(See EVANS, page two)

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

MANCHESTER - Prestonsburg squared off against Clay County on Friday in the first of two preseason scrimmages. Clay County, under the guidance of Prestonsburg graduate Aaron Stepp, fell short in the home exhibition game. Prestonsburg outscored Clay County three touchdowns to two, beating the Tigers 21-14.

Through the air, Prestonsburg generated 135 yards. Senior quarterback Bobby Hughes resumed his starting duties for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg rushed for 126 yards in the scrimmage. Junior running back Seth Setser made a strong return after being sidelined with a preseason injury.

Overall, Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett was pleased with his team's performance offensively, defensively and on special teams.

Prestonsburg kicker Clay Jamerson nailed each of his three PAT attempts. The Blackcat special teams unit was also consistent in the punting department.

After traveling 2 1/2 hours for the preseason game, Prestonsburg prevailed on a hot, humid Saturday evening.

Anytime you travel 2 1/2 hours for a preseason scrimmage and come away with a win you have to be pleased," said DeRossett. "We played well offensively. Our defense played well after picking it up in the second half.

According to DeRossett, Prestonsburg still has some work to do.

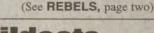
"We have to work on fundamentals," said DeRossett. "Blocking, tackling and ball security are all key in winning football games."

The Blackcats were limited in practice time leading up to the scrimmage versus Clay County.

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



The Prestonsburg defensive unit played its best football in the second half of Saturday's scrimmage versus Clay County.



Wildcats dealing with iniuries

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - With full contact having begun for the University of Kentucky football team, the Wildcats have sustained some injuries, Coach Rich Brooks announced after Friday's practice at the Nutter Training Center.

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Terrence Jones has a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament and will undergo surgery. He will be out for the season.

- Freshman defensive end Charles Mustafaa will have surgery to repair knee cartilage and will be out indefinitely.

- Junior Braxton Kelley, a twoyear starter at middle linebacker, has a high-ankle sprain and is out "10 days to two weeks at best," according to Brooks.

(See WILDCATS, page two)



EAST KENTUCKY MINERS COACH KEVIN KEATHLEY spoke to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon. The Chamber hosted Keathley during its meeting at the May Lodge. Keathley is a Floyd County native.

Food City partners with Morgan-McClure Motorsports, Ward Burton for Sharpie 500

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Local race fans will be pleased to see the return of two local favorites for the running of the upcoming Sharpie 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway. Food City officials have announced that they will once again partner with Morgan-McClure Motorsports and driver Ward Burton for the August 25 event.

"We are longtime neighbors of Abingdon based Morgan-McClure Motorsports. We've watched their team for years and are extremely proud to have a locally owned team to root for on the NASCAR Nextel Cup circuit," said Food City president and chief executive officer, Steven C. Smith. "We're pleased to have Ward participate in our Thursday Food City Family Race Night event in Bristol and thrilled to have him behind the wheel."

The Morgan-McClure Motorsports No. 4 Food City Chevrolet will hit the track

Friday, Aug. 24, just prior to the start of the Food City 250.

"We are excited to once again be associated with Food City and the Smith family," said Larry McClure, President and Team Manager of Morgan-McClure Motorsports. "We've enjoyed a great relationship with our friends at Food City throughout the years and are excited to be working with them again on the co-sponsorship of our No. 4 Morgan-McClure Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Ward Burton enjoyed a great finish at the spring race in Bristol and we're pleased to have him representing us again at our home track. We're pleased about the momentum that's been building each week and are confident that we're capable of a great finish on Saturday.'

"Bristol is one of my favorite tracks and I'm excited about having Food City on our car again this fall," said driver Ward

during qualifying for the Sharpie 500 on Burton. "I appreciate the support they've given to Morgan-McClure Motorsports over the years. We enjoyed working with the Food City team during the spring race and I'm looking forward to participating in their Food City Family Race Night on Thursday and improving upon our finish for the Sharpie 500."

Morgan-McClure Motorsports, Inc., (www.morgan-mcclure.com) based in Abingdon, VA, is a 14-time winner in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, including three victories in the prestigious Daytona 500 event in 1991, 1994, and 1995.

Food City is Bristol Motor Speedway's longest running sponsor and the second longest sponsor in NASCAR, next to Coca-Cola. Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores operates 94 retail food outlets throughout the tri-state regions of Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

Gues hits 2 homers, Padres post 10-4 win over Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - If Brian Giles is going to hit for power anywhere, it's at hitter-friendly Great American Ball Park against the Reds.

San Diego's right fielder hit two home runs for the second consecutive day and Jake Peavy remained unbeaten against Cincinnati in the Padres' 10-4 victory Sunday.

"I've hit the ball like that before," said Giles. "This park is a little more conducive to my power."

Giles, who also homered on Friday, has hit five of his seven home runs in the past three days. It's the third time in his career he has homered in three consecutive games and the first time he has hit five in that span.

"What'd he do, go from two to seven?" Reds manager Pete Mackanin said. "You've got to tip your cap to him."

Khalil Greene had four hits - his

fourth four-hit game this season and a career-high three doubles. He drove in three runs in support of Peavy, who improved to 5-0 in eight starts against the Reds, including 3-0 in four starts at Great American Ball Park. San Diego has won all eight of his starts against the Reds.

Morgan Ensberg had a pair of doubles and scored twice for the Padres, who took two of three in Cincinnati to salvage a road trip that started with three losses in four games in St. Louis.

The Padres set a franchise record with nine doubles and 12 extra-base hits on a day with a first-pitch temperature of 91 degrees that only went

"Factor in the Midwest humidity, and this was a good win on the road," said San Diego manager Bud Black. "A good win all the way around."

Peavy (13-5) allowed seven hits and four runs with one walk and five strikeouts while improving to 7-0 on the road this season, the best road record in the majors. The right-hander has won nine consecutive road decisions dating to a 4-0 loss at San Francisco on Sept. 8, 2006.

"I didn't have great stuff, but I was able to battle through it," Peavy said. "I lost command on my fastball late, and that's what killed me."

Right-hander Bronson Arroyo (5-13) gave up nine hits and five runs with one walk and five strikeouts in six innings for the Reds, who've lost three of their last four games.

"I didn't have great stuff," Arroyo said. "I had OK command, but I had trouble getting good zip on my fastball."

Giles, who also walked three times, hit Arroyo's fourth pitch of the game into the right field seats, his first career leadoff homer. He followed up with a two-out solo shot to right-center in the fourth that extended San Diego's lead to 5-0.

"I feel OK," said Giles, who

missed three games Aug. 2-4 with a right ankle sprain. "I don't feel totally locked in, but I've been able to get the ball up and on the barrel. Like I said, they might not be home runs in most places, but it's a good time to hit them - in this place."

His two-homer game was the 18th of his career and gave Giles 26 career home runs against the Reds, more than any other opponent. He has 25 against St. Louis.

Greene had a two-run single in the third and a run-scoring double in the seventh - giving him six RBIs in the series - and Peavy drove in a run in the fourth with the first sacrifice fly of his career.

The Reds snapped Peavy's streak of consecutive scoreless innings at 23 in the fifth. Jeff Keppinger led off with a triple, the first of his career, and scored on Edwin Encarnacion's groundout. Peavy hadn't allowed a run since the Astros scored in the first inning of a 10-5 Padres win at

Houston on July 27.

The Reds added two runs in the sixth. Pinch-hitter Josh Hamilton reached third on left fielder Rob Mackowiak's three-base error and scored on Scott Hatteberg's double. Hatteberg later scored from third on Adam Dunn's sacrifice fly.

Javier Valentin cut San Diego's lead to 6-4 in the seventh with his second homer of the season. Heath Bell got Brandon Phillips to line out to first with the bases loaded to end the inning.

The Padres tacked on four more in the ninth on an RBI single by Kevin Kouzmanoff, a two-run double by Josh Bard and a run-scoring double by Terrmel Sledge.

Notes: RF Ken Griffey Jr. did not start. ... The Reds returned Hamilton from a rehab assignment and activated him from the 15-day disabled list.

Rebels

on the road versus South Floyd. Results from both matches will appear in Friday's edition.

Betsy Layne wins opener over Shelby Valley: At Robinson Creek, Betsy Layne made a strong first impression Thursday evening. The Ladycat volleyball program prevailed in a season-opener, defeating host Shelby Valley 2-0. Christina Crase-coached Betsy Layne claimed the first game 25-17. The Ladycats held off Shelby Valley in the second game, winning 25-21 and claiming the match.

After absorbing the loss, Shelby Valley dropped to 0-2.

Evans

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P12-Dean Pennington; P20 Ervin Vance; 3D-Darren Damron; 7C-A.J. Stambaugh; 9X-Steve Lewis; 44-Jason Bush; R7-Ryan Risner; 3-Shannon Richmond; 4-(Driver name unavailable);

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and is expected to be out at

James Alexander has had some

J85-Marvin J. Tackett; 3-Scott Lemaster; 15-James Workman; 8-Eddie Griffith; B4-Jared Blair.

Four Cylinder Feature: 3D-Jamie Hamilton; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 18K DI

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Henson; RA 47-Robbie Hall; D6 Darren Rogers; 71-Ryan Litteral; 99-Pat Morris; A17-Alan Salisbury; 1-Jason Howard; B2-Michael Blair; 63T-Shirlie Tackett.

Star power: Big East is home to four Heisman Trophy hopefuls by RALPH D. RUSSO

159.7 would have been ninth ASSOCIATED PRESS best in the country if he had enough attempts to qualify.

> Brohm could have passed up his senior season and been a first-round draft pick. Instead, he decided to take another run at a national title with new coach Steve Kragthorpe.

> "I did not try to convince Brian to stay at Louisville," Kragthorpe said. "I tried to be another resource for him. Obviously, for selfish reasons, I wanted Brian to stay.

> "I talked to Brian about, you're going to have one more year to have fun playing football. And then you're going to play for 15 as your job."

Injuries held Brohm back last season, but he still threw for 3,049 yards and 16 touchdowns and helped the Cardinals win the Big East and earn their first Bowl Championship Series berth.

Rice provided the power in the best season in Rutgers' history. He was third in the nation in rushing (one spot ahead of Slaton) with 1,794 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. He also led the nation in carries with 335.

"I would hope that we wouldn't have to give him that many carries (again) because we have other options at the

speedy Harry Douglas is one of the best in the country. Douglas had 70 catches for 1,250 yards and Urrutia had 58 for 973. ... Cardinals also had issues stopping the pass, and they will have to improve with a rebuilt secondary.

RUTGERS - QB Mike Teel and the passing game need to take some of the pressure of Rice. Teel didn't throw an interception in his last five games. ... Six starters return to a defense that ranked No. 4 in the country in yards allowed. DT Eric Foster and DE Jamaal Westerman are anchors.

SOUTH FLORIDA - The Bulls would prefer Grothe not to lead the team in rushing again. Last year's top backs were juniors Benjamin Williams (436 yards) and Ricky Ponton (306 yards). Freshmen Mike Ford and Aston Samuels could move past the upperclassmen. ... Replacing two stellar linebackers, Stephen Nicholas and Pat St. Louis, will be key on defense. DE George Selvie had 5.5 sacks as a sophomore.

PITTSBURGH - This is a big year for the program. Panthers missed the postseason in coach Dave Wannstedt's first two years. ... Most of the offense is back, except for the most important player. Productive QB Tyler Palko is gone, and heralded freshman Pat Bostick left preseason camp for personal reasons. CINCINNATI - First-year coach Brian Kelly is already 1-0 as Bearcats coach. He led the team to a 27-24 victory over Western Michigan in the International Bowl last year replacing after Mark Dantonio. ... DT Terrill Byrd and CB Mike Mickens lead a defense that was solid last season and has eight starters returning. SYRACUSE - Coach Greg Robinson's first two season have produced five wins and very little offense. The Orange ranked 110th in total offense last season ... Sophomore QB Andrew Robinson has thrown only eight passes in his career, but he's the man. ... DE Jameel McClain led the Big East in sacks with 9.5. CONNECTICUT - For two seasons, the Huskies' passing game has been a mess while coach Randy Edsal searched for a competent quarterback. The hope is JUCO transfer Tyler Lorenzen will finally provide some stability. ... RB Donald Brown averaged 134 in the five Big East games he played.

lower back pain, but it does not appear to be a major injury at this time.

Asked how the reserves have done at Kelley's spot at middle linebacker, Brooks said, "Micah Johnson has looked the

things."

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season, beating the Cardinals once in the regular-season and a second time in the Class 2A

"The heat set us back last week," DeRossett Blackcats defeated Sheldon Clark twice last commented. "We had to practice late and didn't get as much in as we had hoped."

best he has since he's been here. He's making his reads quicker and attacking the line of scrimmage. Mikhail Mabry also has done some good

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ter than this: Rutgers is considered a hot commodity. When Big Ten commission-

NEW YORK - Of all the

ways to measure the success of

last football season for the Big

East, there might be none bet-

Mike Tranghese, who's led the conference back from the brink of extinction after the Atlantic Coast Conference lured away Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College, can

"All that stuff is speculation," Scarlet Knights coach Greg Schiano said recently when asked about the possibility of a Big Ten relocation. "What I do know is fact. We worked awfully hard to save this Big East conference and we're very proud of it.

the league performed last year. We take great pride in being

Behind West Virginia, Louisville and surprising Rutgers, the Big East re-estab-

possible 12th member.

er Jim Delany recently talked about the possibility of his league expanding, Rutgers was one of the programs prominently mentioned as a

Big East commissioner rest easy.

"I'm very proud of the way part of that resurgence."

Prestonsburg will host longtime rival Sheldon Clark for the second of two preseason The scrimmages this Saturday evening.

Playoffs. Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark are now former district rivals.

Reds broadcaster Marty Brennaman signs 3-year contract extension

Jeff Brantley.

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CINCINNATI

Broadcaster Marty Brennaman signed a three-year contract extension to remain with the Cincinnati Reds through the 2010 season, team officials said Friday.

Brennaman, 65, has been the lead voice of Reds radio broadcasts since 1974. His previous contract, signed in 2004, was set to expire after this season.

He shares the broadcast booth this season with his son, Thom Brennaman, and former Reds pitchers Joe Nuxhall and

Marty Brennaman was inducted into the National

Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame in Salisbury, N.C., in 2005, the same year he was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago.

The Reds broadcaster also was a 2000 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award from the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The award is presented each year by the Hall of Fame to a broadcaster for major contributions to baseball.

• The Cincinnati Reds reinstated outfielder Josh Hamilton from the 15-day disabled list Sunday and designated infielder Mark Bellhorn for assignment.

Hamilton has been on the DL since July 12 with a sprained right wrist. He hit .375 (6-for-16) in five rehab games with Triple-A Louisville.

Bellhorn made five pinchhit appearances and one at third base as a defensive replacement since joining the Reds on July 31.

Brooks liked what he saw on film following scrimmage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - After watching the team's first major preseason scrimmage on film, University of Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks oonfirmed his initial impression that it went well.

"After watching film, I was pleased with the way we hustled and hit (during Saturday's scrimmage)," Brooks said after the Wildcats' two-hour practice Sunday afternoon at

the Nutter Training Center. "The defense was flying around and making some good hits.

Brooks said that he wanted quarterback André Woodson to get more passing under pressure in order to get him more game-ready, and that the backup quarterbacks need more consistency in their performance.

Brooks also noted that defensive linemen Ricky Lumpkin, Myron Pryor and

Jeremy Jarmon did some good things in the scrimmage and that sophomore linebacker Micah Johnson continues to show improvement.

The UK head coach has announced that defensive end Nii Adjei Oninku appears to have injured a medial collateral ligament in his knee during Saturday's scrimmage. Oninku will have an MRI exam to define the extent of the injury.

lished itself as a power conference in 2006. All three of those teams finished ranked in the top 12 in the country and the conference went 5-0 in bowl games.

For 2007, expect more of the same from a league with serious star power. The Big East boasts four players who are getting plenty of Heisman hype heading into the season in West Virginia's Pat White and Steve Slaton, Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm and Rutgers running back Ray Rice.

White and Slaton might be the most talented backfield tandem in the country.

"They complement each other," Syracuse coach Greg Robinson said. "No different from (Colts receiver Marvin) Harrison and (quarterback Peyton) Manning.

Slaton averaged 7.0 yards per carry, running for 1,744 yards and 16 scores. White ran for 1,219 yards and 18 scores while directing coach Rich Rodriguez's spread-option attack.

White's passing, a question mark in the past, improved greatly last season. He completed 65 percent of his passes and his efficiency rating of skill positions," Schiano said. "But then again, Ray's one of those guys who gets better and stronger as the game goes on. He trains like a maniac to be able to do that. He's got the gift."

While White, Slaton, Brohm and Rice are getting much of the attention, South Florida quarterback Matt Grothe is a star on the rise.

As a freshman, he threw for 2,576 yards and 15 touchdowns and led the team with 622 yards rushing and nine more TDs. He also led the Bulls to an upset at West Virginia.

A capsule look at the teams in predicted order of finish:

WEST VIRGINIA - WR Daris Reynaud and FB Owen Schmitt give Rodriguez two more playmakers on offense. Reynaud caught 39 passes and averaged 27 yards per kickoff return. Schmitt ran for 109 yards and two scores when Slaton was out of the Gator Bowl. ... The pass defense must improve. Last year, it ranked 109th in the country. The entire five-man secondary is back.

LOUISVILLE - The receiver combination of 6foot-6 Mario Urrutia and

Kinzer finishes 17th in Carolina Clash race

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

RURAL RETREAT, Va. -Allen-based driver Brandon Kinzer claimed a 17th-place finish Saturday night in a Carolina Clash Super Late Model feature at Wythe Raceway. Kinzer was the only Kentucky driver in the Late Model race. The Carolina Clash feature also included drivers from North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, West Virginia and Florida.

Kinzer and his raceteam are scheduled to travel to Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway for a pair of Late Model features this Friday and Saturday (Aug. 17-18). The Lucas Oil

Late Model Series will stage a \$15,000-to-win feature race on Saturday, Aug. 18. The Lucas Oil event is slated to be taped for a later television airing.

Results from this past Saturday's Carolina Clash race at Wythe Raceway follow.

Carolina Clash Super Late Model Feature at Wythe Raceway (Saturday, Aug. 11) :1. Billy Hicks-Mt. Airy, NC; 2. Kerry Jones-Bristol, Tenn.; 3. Ricky Weeks Rutherfordton, NC: Brent Robinson-Smithfield, Va.: 5. Deano Long-Saluda, SC; 6. Barry Arnold-Max Meadows, Va.: Jimmy McCormick-Dobson, Va.: 8. Shane Roberts-Blountville, 9. Tenn.; Doug

Sanders-McAdenville, NC; 10. Bowdine Massingale-Jacksonville, Fla.; 11. Ryan Brewer-Wytheville, 12. Scott Va.: Neighbors-Cameron, NC; 13. Ronnie Poole Ennice, NC; 14. Michael Mason Fayetteville, NC; 15. Daniel Moss-Elk, Creek, Va.: 16. Damon Eller Crumpler, NC;

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Stewart takes advantage of Gordon's spin, wins at Watkins Glen

by JOHN KEKIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. -Tony Stewart can't wait to start the Chase.

Trailing leader Jeff Gordon by two car-lengths with two laps to go Sunday at Watkins Glen International, Stewart stared in amazement when Gordon spun out on his own entering the first turn on the 11-turn road course and went on to win the Centurion Boats at The Glen.

It was the third victory in four races for Stewart, who is on one of his midsummer rolls with only four races remaining before the Chase for the Nextel Cup title begins.

"You see how easy a streak can end and go the opposite way," said Stewart, a two-time Cup champion. "Once the Chase starts, I feel like we're in the best position of anybody. We just have to keep our fingers crossed."

Gordon's bobble was stunning, especially to Stewart. 'He's the last guy you

expect to have a problem like that," Stewart said after his 36th career victory, tying him for 19th all-time with Dale Jarrett. "Trust me, I was probably the most shocked person. Our only shot of getting by him was to keep the pressure on him and hope he'd make a mistake."

For Stewart, who spun out in the same place as Gordon while leading earlier in the race and dropped to 19th, it was his sixth win on a road course. That ties him for second all-time with Richard Petty, Ricky Rudd, Rusty Wallace, and Bobby Allison.

"I think our car was a tick better than Jeff's, but if Jeff doesn't make that mistake, we run for second," said Stewart, who has won four of the last five Cup races at Watkins Glen and finished second a year ago to Kevin Harvick. "You were

faster to get by him."

Even though Gordon has a commanding lead in the points and became the first driver to clinch a spot in the Chase after finishing ninth Sunday, it was a bitter, disappointment. He seemed set to extend his Cup record for road course victories to 10 before making that uncharacteristic mistake on that hard 90-degree right-hand turn.

"I wanted that win real bad," said Gordon, who has four wins at The Glen. "Points don't mean anything. I pushed and pushed too far.I don't like making mistakes. That mistake is not a difficult one to make. That corner is ridiculously difficult and I knew I needed to make sure I didn't do it. I didn't do it all day until it came down to when it counted. What happened is the team deserved to win and the driver didn't get it done."

> setback, Despite the

top-10 in 22 races and is tied with Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson with four wins, tops in the series and one more than Stewart.

The top 12 drivers in the standings after 26 races will race for the title and the points for every driver will be reset at 5,000. But each win counts for an extra 10 points once the Chase begins.

"We gave up 20 (points) because I didn't get the 10 that would have kept him (Stewart) from getting the 10," Gordon said with a laugh. "Had I won, I would have been 20 more points ahead of him than I am now. I'd probably rather have the trophy than the bonus points. I think we can beat him in the final 10 races.'

All but assured of a spot in the Chase, both Stewart and Edwards fought hard for the victory on the last lap. Edwards made a desperate final try in the rapid four-turn Inner Loop coming out of the high-speed esses.

"I just figured, the heck with it," said Edwards, who went off course and finished eighth. I just didn't want to finish second.'

Denny Hamlin ended up second, Jimmie Johnson was third for the best road course finish of his career, Canadian road race ace Ron Fellows was fourth, and Robby Gordon

Dale Earnhardt Jr. suffered

going to have to be a bunch Gordon still posted his 20th a big blow to his chances of making the Chase. After complaining in practice about how bad his car was handling, Earnhardt turned things around in the race and was running up front much of the day. But while running third behind Gordon and Kurt Busch, the engine in the red No. 8 Chevrolet blew, ending his day on lap 63. He finished 42nd.

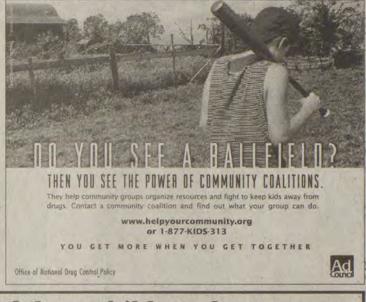
It was the fifth DNF of the season for Earnhardt, and four have been engine-related. He entered the day trailing Busch by seven points for the 12th and final spot in the standings and dropped to 14th, four points behind Ryan Newman and 100 points behind Busch, who rallied to finish 11th after being penalized for speeding on pit road and remained 12th.

'I was hoping for a good

showing and have something to be proud of," Earnhardt said. "I'm kind of disappointed. We have a couple of races left and there's no telling what, will happen in those."

Rookie Juan Pablo Montoya, who won a Busch Series race in Mexico and the Cup race at Sonoma in June, was bidding to become the first driver in NASCAR history to win three road races in a season. He failed in Saturday's Busch race, finishing 33rd after being involved in an accident, and on Sunday he had another altercation.

Montoya and Harvick got together with less than 20 laps remaining in the 90-lap event. while both were running in the top 10, and ended up in a shoving match after their cars got banged up. Harvick finished 36th and Montoya was 39th.



Bengals' backfield loses speed threat in Irons THE ASSOCIATED PRESS "Unfortunately in this game people get hurt.

GEORGETOWN - Kenny Irons' knee injury has cost the Cincinnati Bengals some much needed speed to complement Rudi Johnson's power running.

Irons tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the preseason opener. The Bengals were hoping the rookie could add a new dimension to the offense, utilizing his quickness and speed to stretch defenses that look for Johnson to run up the middle.

"It's unfortunate that Kenny got hurt because I think Kenny would have had a chance to do some things if he kept coming but now we go in different directions." Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said Saturday.

Irons was injured in a 27-26 loss at Detroit on Thursday night. A play after gaining 11 yards on a run around the right end, Irons went around the left side for seven yards and then hurt himself attempting to make a quick cut.

Every team goes through it. You just move and go on. It's something we'll overcome and be fine with," Lewis said. "It doesn't change anything we do because we haven't done anything yet.

With the injury to Irons, a second-round draft choice from Auburn, Kenny Watson will continue serving as the main backup to Johnson. Watson has been effective as a thirddown back, averaging 5.9 yards on 51 career carries, and he has 48 career receptions.

Irons' injury also creates opportunities for Quincy Wilson and rookie free-agent Curtis Brown. Wilson led the Bengals last preseason with 217 rushing yards.

"It's unfortunate because we had a lot of expectations for (Irons) and he was doing good, just finding his niche," Wilson said. "You never want to see somebody go down, but now is the time to step up and it's up to me and (Watson) to make it happen."

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Cardinals conduct first scrimmage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The University of Louisville football team conducted a 80-play scrimmage in front of approximately 5,000 fans at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on Saturday night.

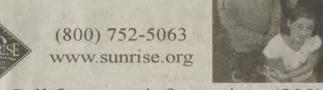
Head coach Steve Kragthorpe wanted to see how some of his players responded with fans in the stands and the lights on.

a good football team, but we need to continue to work hard.'

The offense opened the scrimmage with a 13-play, 70-yard drive that ended with a oneyard run by Anthony Allen. Sophomore wide receiver Trent Guy also went 70-yards for a touchdown on a reverse. He later added a fiveyard touchdown score.

Senior kicker Art Carmody booted two field goals of 31 and 46 yards.

Senior quarterback Brian Brohm threw an



There were some good things and there were some bad things," said the first-year head coach. "Overall, I was pretty pleased. We need so watch the film and study it. We're going to be

11-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Gary Barnidge and 20-yarder to Mario Urrutia.

Colonels complete first week of preseason practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - The Eastern Kentucky University football team finished its first week of preseason camp on Saturday with a light scrimmage in the afternoon session. The Colonels have one more week of camp to concentrate solely on football before classes begin on Aug. 20. Below are some notes from the first week of camp.

OPPRESSIVE HEAT: The heat was the biggest story during the first seven days of camp. Heat indexes often reached into the 100-degree range which forced the coaching staff to alter the practice schedule. Practices that were slated for the mid-afternoon were often moved to the early morning or early evening hours to avoid the hottest parts of the day. EKU Coach Danny Hope was pleased with the overall effort of the team through the conditioning sessions.

PLEASANT SURPRISES: In his second year on the offensive line, senior Bakahri Thornton has made a difference. Hope has been impressed with the overall play of the offensive line thus far. Junior Allan Holland (Perry County Central), coming off an injury in the spring, is completely healthy and throwing the ball well. Fellow junior Steven Sizemore's development at tight end has also been a plus for the offense. Sizemore is a Hazard High School graduate. Senior linebacker George Anderson continues to acclimate himself to a new position, but picked off a pass Saturday during a 7-on-7 drill and returned the interception for a score. On the defensive line, junior Chris Coy is making some positive noise.

FRESHMAN IMPACT: Wide receivers Evan



Cromer and Charles Johnson have both caught Coach Hope's eye over the first few days of camp. Fans should expect to see both players in the line-up at some point in the fall. Kicker Logan O'Connor should push Taylor Long for the placekicking duties as well. On defense, the freshman cornerbacks have impressed Coach Hope and in particular, Jaren Gooden could see some action in the opening game at Kentucky.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Wes Woods is in his first season with the EKU football program. Woods is wearing No. 68 for the Colonels.

POSITION BATTLES: The few key position battles happen to be at wide receiver and running back. Both seniors - Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington - are true No. 1 running backs according to Coach Hope and will continue to battle for playing time. Besides the freshmen listed above, sophomore Garnett Phelps has caught some attention with his play at wide receiver. The Colonels have added a transfer from Marshall -William Barber - who is a bit rusty, but Hope is optimistic the 6-4 wide receiver will be able to contribute this fall.

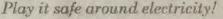
AREAS OF FOCUS FOR WEEK TWO: Hope has plans for EKU to spend more time on special teams over the course of the upcoming week. With kickoffs scheduled to move back to the 30-yard line this year, Coach Hope wants the Colonels to be prepared on both sides of the ball for more returns. The coaching staff also plans to put together the first two-deep in the coming week so players can begin to get the right amount of repetitions in practice.

> photo by Jamie Howell LOOKING ON: Coach Prestonsburg John DeRossett kept his eyes on the action during Saturday's scrim versus Clay County. scrimmage The Blackcats scored three touchdowns in a preseason victory over host Clay County.

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Destination, chocolate fudge

As an Eastern Kentucky coalcamp kid, I was surrounded on all sides by trees. But until I enrolled in a biology class at Eastern Kentucky State College in 1957 and, with notebook in hand,

made the trek with the rest of the class to the little forest surrounding what we lovingly referred to as "the



ravine" located dead center of the then-tiny campus - I hardly knew one tree from another.

Oh, could recognize a sycamore and easily point out a black walnut tree, like the one

that stood on the bank near the draw-

bars that led to the Slaughter Pen Hollow pasture. I have special memories of that tree.

In the fall, when the tree had dropped its early-falling leaves and stood naked in its deeply furrowed, diamond patterned, dark brown bark with its heavily-laden limbs dropping fruit onto the little dirt road that ran beneath it, I'd join a group of neighborhood kids in collecting, hulling, and cracking them.

The best tree climber in the bunch would usually ascend to the upper branches and, after securing a tight grip with one hand, would shake the smaller limbs with the other. The nuts we couldn't shake off, we'd knock off. We'd gather up heavy pieces of old lumber, climb the bank, and fling the

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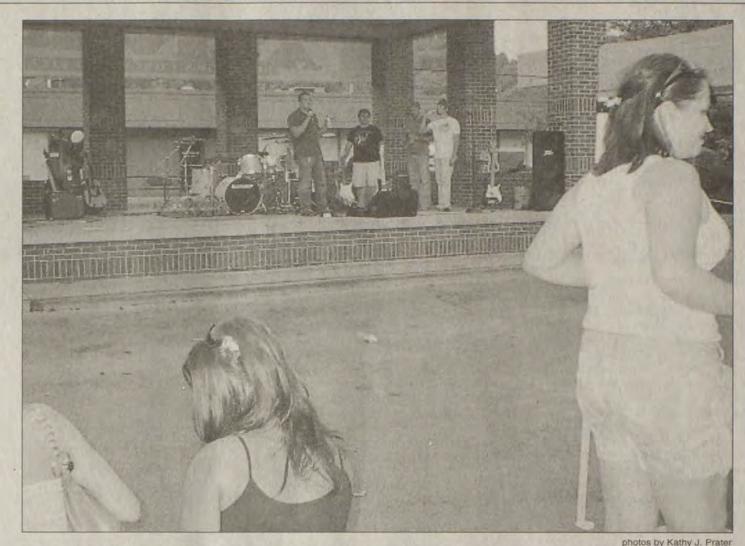
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Gypsy Rose took the stage this past Friday night for the second Fridays Alive concert. This coming Friday, August 17, The Big Sandy Singers will perform for the public.

Fridays Alive bringing crowds to downtown area

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

had set up in the parking lot area. "Yeah, we've been hot," the

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boards into the tree. Sometimes nothing fell to the ground except the board we'd flung. On occasion, though, our efforts would bring forth a dozen, or so, of the green, tennis-ball-size nuts.

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KIM'S KORNER Getting your PHD

Can you imagine how surprised members of our congregation were last Sunday when we heard if we were interested in getting our PHD we definitely didn't want to miss Sunday night's service?

That said, and after word spread,



Kim Little Frasure

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began as Pastor Carl had one of the men of our congregation (Jeffery) pass out two tiny mustard seeds to every person attending.

As we all joined in unison: "I am what the Word says I am", "I am an Over-comer," "I have what the Word says I can'have" - Pastor Carl asked us what the opposite of up was, "down" we answered. What is opposite of right, "wrong" we answered (well, most of us anyway, there was one "Left"); and then, what is the opposite of in, "out" we answered,

'Take a look at the two tiny mustard seeds Jeffery has handed each of you," Pastor Carl continued. Then he began, as we turned in our Bibles to

(See KORNER, page six)



Brandon Peters, concertgoer and Gypsy Rose fan, along with Brent Graden, the city's economic development director, shared an inside joke in regard to the "pick of destiny" that Peters managed to nab from one of the band's guitarists.

A good crowd of music lovers turned out for this past weekend's Fridays Alive concert, a performance by local band Gypsy Rose, featuring southern rock tunes.

Despite the high heat, concertgoers managed to keep cool underneath a tent provided courtesy of the city, cold drinks for sale on site, and cool water blasting from a few sprinklers set up by Brent Graden, economic development director, for the city.

"It's been hot, but everyone's managed to keep cool and enjoy the sounds of this great band," Graden said. "We're pleased with the turnout our concert series is seeing."

Christian Clark, a newcomer to the area by way of upper New York state, was on hand to introduce and serve his flavorful Kentucky Outback barbecue to the assembled crowd.

Clark, along with his teenage son, were manning a convertible combination grill/smoker that they

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aspiring entrepreneur said, "but we want to let folks taste our product, meet the local people and get a handle on what the Kentucky people like in the way of barbecue.

Clark has tentative plans to open a courtyard style cafe, Kentucky Outback BBQ, in the downtown area in the near future. "If all goes as planned, we will be up and running for the remaining summer and fall seasons," he said.

"We have several more great concerts scheduled," Graden said. "We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the music, food and their downtown community.

This coming Friday, August 17, Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Big Sandy Singers will perform from the downtown stage, followed by SkateCore on August 31 and the popular Prestonsburg Idol event scheduled for September 7 and September 27.

All concerts begin at 6 p.m., at the downtown stage, located in the municipal parking lot.

Pregnancy doesn't mean ditching pet cat

by KATHY PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Too often, learning that she is pregnant prompts an expectant mother to give up her "first" baby, a beloved pet feline.

Recalling past discussions in regard to toxoplasmosis, infections, birth defects and even miscarriages, expectant moms feel they have to make a choice between their cat and their unborn baby. The resultant action usually involves a trip to the animal shelter and the loss of a faithful companion.

But what's a worried mom to do? For one, talk to your obstetrician and gynecologist. The Humane Society of the United States recently contacted more than 31,000 obstetricians and gynecologists nationwide to provide them with a packet of information to assist them in helping their

patients to understand the facts about the risks of toxoplasmosis. The bottom-line being this: Pregnant women need not give up their cats.

The HSUS packets include several items, among them the patient-education brochure, "Your Baby & Your Pet," and the clinician guide, "Toxoplasmosis: A Practical Guide for the Clinician," written for HSUS by Dr. Jeffrey D. Kravetz of the Yale University School of Medicine. The packets are a part of the HSUS's "Pets for Life" campaign, a series of programs designed to empower pet caregivers to solve the problems that threaten their relationships with pets.

Dr. Patrick Duff, residency program director of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Florida, penned the cover letter of his fellow OB/GYNs as

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The cutie pictured here is named "Oreo." Oreo is 21 weeks old and, her owners write, "she loves to bounce around and play with her favorite toys - a catnip mouse, pop-up pet cube, and a Coca-Cola 12 pack box that she hides in." Oreo also "loves to play as an 'ankle biter." "She has her down times though," her owners continue, "when she is ready to sleep, she curls up beside us and is in her own little world. She is such a wonderful pet." Orea is owned by Phillip and Danya Anderson, of Melvin, and "big sister," Olivia.

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 21 - School pictures. August 24 - Junior class rings will be delivered.

•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

•August 16 - 5th graders will attend "Disney's High School Musical" at JWT.

•August 16 - SBDM Council meeting. •August 22 - School pictures;

beginning at 8:30 a.m.

•August 28 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public.

•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 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. 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 checkouts. A variety of topics are available

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

Mountain Christian Academy

•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 nondenominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and **Family Resource Center**

School Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 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 Home! STI site at http://iiod.ssts.com and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

·Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the

center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

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

Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

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

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC. Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

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

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

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

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

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

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. -Weeksbury CC.

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

6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr. Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant

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



Ten Years Ago (August 27 & 29, 1997)

scored below that national average in basic York, Friday, August 15, at his residence; Elder Manor Nursing Home, in Pikeville. skills, but Paige said that average is set during 'a one-time" testing period United States Senator Mitch McConnell, R-KY, and field representative Scott Douglas toured the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, Thursday Bill Hall Branch residents have been waiting a long time for good drinking water and Beaver Elkhorn Water District commissioners, Paula Gail Johnson and Tommy Hall agreed, Wednesday, to start taking steps to remedy the dire need The Floyd County Fiscal Court selected the higher of two bids for a backhoe during a special meeting, Thursday morning, after considering the service capabilities of Wilson Equipment and Phelps Equipment. The fiscal court accepted Wilson Equipment's bid for the backhoe State education officials are planning a public forum, next week, to allow citizens and local school officials to discuss issues concerning the Floyd County School System. For most of this week and next, state officials are in Floyd County conducting a comprehensive management audit of the school system Millard R. Conn and Shawn D. Goble, 23, both of Martin, have been charged with three counts of burglary for allegedly breaking into a Martin liquor store and Unisign Corporation. Arrest warrants for both were filed, Tuesday, in Floyd District Court There died: Mollie Ann Sparks Prater, 94, of Bonanza, Sunday, August 24, at the residence of her daughter; Conley Tackett, 80, of Pikeville, Friday, August 22, at his residence; Joe Wheeler Shepherd, 68, of West Prestonsburg, Friday, August 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Henry Ousley, 80, of Prestonsburg, Friday, August 22, at his residence; Phillip Titus Turner, 49, of Rhode Island, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, August 19, at Kent County Memorial Hospital, in Rhode Island; Mildred Hall, 64, of Teaberry, Sunday, August 24, at her residence; Allie Hamilton McKinney, 80, of Harold, Monday, August 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bertha Gayheart, 90, of Garner, Wednesday, August 20, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Dr. Suzanna Park, 36, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Saturday, August 23, at Natural Bridge State Park; Pearlie Carroll, 63, of Minnie, Friday, August 22, at her residence; Charles G. Patton, 78, of Pikeville, Monday, August 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Dr. Donald S. Park, 75, of Hager Hill, Tuesday, August 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jenny Tackett, 59, of Tram, Friday, August 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gloria May Flanery Jones, 63, of Langley, Friday, August 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; James Edward

show that overall most Floyd County schools "Jimmy" Conley, 48, of Binghampton, New 88, of McDowell, Monday, at the Mountain

They may have lost the battle, but a group of Floyd County landowners aren't ready to raise the white flag of surrender. At issue is a high stakes fight that pits a city's authority to annex private property against the 14th Amendment's guarantee of individual voting rights. Specifically, the debate centers on the City of Prestonsburg's annexation of thousands of acres of mountaintop property overlooking Jenny Wiley State Park, where the city proposes to build a championship golf course and recreational complex

A hearing on an appeal from the Floyd County Board of Education regarding an attorney general's ruling calling three special meetings in April illegal has been continued. Board member Eddie Patton claims he was not given written notice 24-hours prior to the meetings

Re-enactors from the Battle of Middle Creek attended a reception at the Samuel May House, Saturday. Civilian re-enactors portraying Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his wife were honored guests at the event

Floyd Circuit Judge David Caudill issued a summary judgment, last week, that relieves the Floyd County Development Authority and its chairman of any liability in a civil suit filed by Kea-Ham Contracting earlier this year

Wayland police chief Aaron Kidd was displeased at this month's regular commission meeting, because Mayor Eugene Mullins permitted, and apparently encouraged, a citizen to "slander" the police department in a July meeting..Second reading of an ordinance to levy an occupational tax in the City of Martin was quashed, Monday, when council refused to make a motion to that effect

.An early morning accident, Monday, at the Lancer traffic lights sent Ethel Harvey, 59, and Tammy Adkins, 36, both of Harold, to Highlands Regional Medical Center. According to Prestonsburg officer, Ralph Frasure, Harvey, who was attempting to turn onto Route 1428, pulled into the path of a truck driven by Rodney Watkins, 36, of Wayland, traveling east on Route 302

Two Wheelwright City Commissioners, and the mayor, apparently decided, at an illegal meeting, to pay for car repairs on the city"s police cruiser. At the July meeting, commissioners voted not to pay for transmission work on the cruiser by Jackie Bartley because Bartley allegedly said he would do the work for free

Results of last year's Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) should not be cause for desperation or rejoicing by school officials, Floyd County's director of instruction Phil Paige said Thursday. The test results, released earlier this week by state education officials, Luther M. Conn, 78, of Harold, Tuesday, August 26, at his residence; Gary Wilson Shepherd, 56, of Dwale, Tuesday, August 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Ernest Collins, 86, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Martin, Wednesday, August 27, at the Carter Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Grayson.

Twenty Years Ago (August 29, 1987)

The Kentucky Court of Appeals unanimously overturned the conviction of former Magistrate Kenneth Roberts, who, while free on bond pending appeal, had faced a 2 1/2-year prison sentence for theft

Numerous residents of Middle Creek lined the halls of the courthouse annex building waiting to attend the monthly fiscal court meeting to voice their opposition to a proposed fire tax in their area

City police officers who live within four miles of the limits of the city were allowed to take their police cruisers home

Roger and Pam DeRossett had a boarder in their birdhouse named "Ojo," a tree frog that had lived in their small home for feathered friends for more than a month

West Garrett residents were irked that a drainage pipe for the city's sewer system had been damaged, leaking sewage into residential areas since last winter

Irvin L. Clark, 82, of Honaker, had his death ruled a suicide by Coroner Roger Nelson, determining the cause to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound

There died: Elmo Garrett, 72, of Garrett, Friday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Henry Smithie Scarberry, 64, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Maggie Conley Patton, 73, of Hueysville, Sunday, at her residence; Aster Badge Mullins, 59, of Weeksbury, Sunday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wendall Smith, 65, of David, Friday, in the emergency room of Highlands Regional Medical Center; James Cecil Daniels, infant son of Johnny and Mary Bentley Daniels of McDowell, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Malta Wells DeRossett, 72, of Pomona California, formerly of Prestonsburg, August 3rd at Pomona Valley Community Hospital; Nedie Jean Watson Baker, 51, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Dana, Thursday, at her residence; Vera Hall Moore, 79, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at her home at Highland Terrace; Josephine Clifton Osborne, 64, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, August 17, at Largo Medical Center Hospital in Florida; and Phena Parsons,

Thirty Years Ago (August 24, 1977)

The return of union miners to work begun in this county, Tuesday morning, following Monday's meeting in Charleston, W.Va., of striking miners and the UMW's international executive board, but the situation still remained in doubt

The Floyd Fiscal Court has set Sept. 1, as the effective date of its order demanding that trucks hauling coal over roads in the county be covered

Members of the Water Gap-Bull Creek Water Commission conferred recently wth their engineer, Kenco Associates Inc., of Ashland, on the lack of progress of the proposed water distributuion system

The annual Floyd County Fair is scheduled for September 14, 15, 16 and 17, at Archer Park, here

The grand opening of Prestonsburg's newest downtown store, Super Dollar Store, was held Thursday

The Prestonsburg High School football team will be kicking off the 1997 football season at home, Friday, at 8 p.m. Their opponent will be the Johns Creek Bearcats

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, last Wednesday, hauled from Milo Lake, a small Martin County impoundment, an automobile containing the body of Pearl Goble, 62, state Department of Highways employee

Miss Vanie Akers and Miss Paula Hinchman, both of Allen, were among the Floyd Countians returning to Eastern Kentucky University for the fall semester, Sunday

The news of the death of rock 'n roll king Elvis Presley last Tuesday, shocked the music world, and sent Elvis fans into a state of genuine grief. By Wednesday, most Floyd County stores which stocked his recordings had sold out their entire stock

Married: Miss Libby Ousley, of Pyramid, and Mr. Darryl Neeley, of Abbott, July 2, at the Little Rock United Baptist Church on Abbott Creek

There died: Mrs. Lizzie Tackett, 64, of Teaberry, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, 72, of Bellefontaine, O., formerly of this county, August 10, at a Kenton, O., nursing home; Larry Roger Wells, 27, of Warsaw, Ind., formerly of this county, Saturday, in Warsaw; John Cord (J.C.) Blackburn, 54, of Stanville, Friday, at his home there; Robert (Bob) Shreve, 70, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, August 14, at

Appalshop appoints two new key leaders

acclaimed 38 year-old community media center in Whitesburg, has announced the hiring of Art Menius as Director and Beth Bingman as Managing Director.

Both began work in July. Together they will provide core leadership for the venerable worker managed nonprofit. "As chair of the Appalshop board, I have watched our organization grow and evolve into an acknowledged leader in the commu-

WHITESBURG - Appalshop, the nity-based media field," said Judi Jennings, Appalshop chair and executive director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women. "Thousands of non-profits have come and gone over those 38 years. It is exciting to bring Beth and Art on board as we position Appalshop for many more years of service to the communities of Appalachia."

"I learned about Appalshop soon after its founding and I have always been impressed with what Appalshop does. I've seen films, attended plays and concerts, listened to June Appal recordings and to WMMT, and had all kinds of fun at the Seedtime on the Cumberland festivals," Bingman said. "Last year I was asked to write a report on the many ways Appalshop is involved in helping people learn from each other and learn about our region. Working on this report deepened my respect for the breadth and depth of Appalshop's work. Now I have an exciting opportunity to work

with the Appalshop staff to help make ment. this work even stronger."

Bingman, who completed her PhD in 1995 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a dissertation on women's learning in Appalachian community organizations, comes to Appalshop after serving as Associate Director at the Center for Literacy Studies at UTK. Her work there included research, evaluation, curriculum development, and design of professional develop-

Beth continues to be associated with the Center as a Senior Research Associate. Her involvement in community and regional activism includes service on the boards of the Dungannon (VA) Development Commission, the Appalachian Peace Education Center, the Appalachian Community Fund, Literacy South, and the Highlander Research and

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Korner

Matthew 18 verse 20, "So Jesus said to them, 'Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Thank you Jesus!

. The opposite of faith is doubt. "Now take a look at the second seed Jeffery has given each of you," our Pastor said. Luke 1 verse 6: "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is ed. like a wave of the sea driven

and tossed by the wind."

"To doubt what you've asked of God as much as that tiny seed causes this," Pastor Carl said as he moved to a table in front of the pulpit upon which there were three glasses.

Pastor pulled out two quarts of milk from a bag and began to fill the glasses. Two of them were filled with white milk, one with chocolate.

Then he brought out the ever popular Nestles Quick rabbit cocoa mix and proceed-

The glass of chocolate milk

was on the left - the one showing us full of doubt - glasses of white milk were in the middle and on the right, representing glasses of faith.

Pastor began, "We've all agreed we believe, in God's Word, we've agreed we are what the Word says we are, we've all agreed we can have what the Word says we can have, yet some of us have had horrible weeks. A week where it seemed everything had gone wrong.

"We've asked God for His favor, we've prayed for loved ones who are ill, and when we

it to the middle glass of white milk. It began to turn a very slight shade of chocolate. As he continued to stir, he told us how our minds stir and toss doubts that cloud our faith. And what did God's Word

don't see an instant answer,"

Pastor Carl then took a

smidgeon of cocoa and added

tell us of doubt? "...for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." "Throw down that seed of

doubt," said Pastor Carl. And you better believe

those tiny seeds were tossed.

"You have just received your He that is in the world. And I PHD," he continued.

"For now you are Past Having Doubt," he told us.

Well, the "Amen-Thank You, Jesus" corner spread throughout the church.

It's 5AM Monday morning, August 13, as this week's column is being penned. And I have to tell you, I thank God for His Word and His sharing through Pastor Carl the ability to teach us His Word and prepare us for the week ahead.

I thank God He wants us to have our hearts desires, and He that is in me is greater than

nuts.

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am so grateful to finally receive my PHD!

Here's praying you get yours!

Upon ending this week, I promised Clyde and Sharon I would let you know that household items for Larry's shower could be dropped off at the Sherriff's office. Sherriff John K, says he'll have a designated corner all set up. All coffee mugs extremely welcomed.

'Til Next Week, God Bless All



Burchett accepted into UK

Oak

In short order, many of the young entrepreneurs who had, less than half an hour before figured out a way to earn at least a month's worth of show fare (you could see a double feature for 9 cents in

those days) from selling their share of the bountiful harvest, would lose interest in the project and wander off to some other distraction. Sometimes I'd end up with half a bushel, or so, that I'd

take home to dry out on top of the little lean-to shed attached to the smokehouse where Dad would ripen his papaws.

After Jack Frost had dusted the camp a

few times, the hulls would turn black. I'd peel them, then put the nuts out to dry again.

Hulling was one of those jobs that had to be done manually, so usually my hands remained stained a dark brown for weeks.

Finally, I'd gather the nuts which, after having been stripped of their hulls had diminished to the size of golf balls, would barely fill more than a quarter of the bushel basket. There was a big flat rock near the edge of our back yard and with the help of Dad's claw hammer, I'd settle there for an hour or so and crack the wal-

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This was the most difficult part of the operation because the nut was so hard that if I didn't hit it just right, it'd squib away. Plus, because I had to hold it so tightly to keep it from squibbing, sometimes my fingers would get in the way. Anyway, after that, the most tedious part of the operation was at hand. I'd take a hairpin and pick out the kernels so my sister could stir them into chocolate fudge. That's when all the time and effort in walnut harvesting really paid off.

Critter

part of the informational packet, which also includes a return postcard to allow doctors to request 50 additional brochures for free.

Clearly, the message is getting out: Toxoplasmosis is a rare disease in the United States, but when it does occur, it's unlikely to be transmitted by the family cat. Although the disease-causing parasite is found in the feces of cats who ingest raw meat, birds, mice or contaminated soil, toxoplasmosis is more likely to be transmitted when women eat raw or undercooked meat or come into contact with surfaces that have been contaminated by such meats or even when women come into contact with contaminated soil.

defects after their mothers have acquired the infection, according to a 1999 study referenced in Dr. Kravetz's guide.

"Infection with toxoplasmosis gondii is usually asymptomatic or causes a benign, self-limited infection in immunocompetent people," Dr. Kravetz writes in the guide. "However, a pregnant woman

tant mother who must now cope with the loss of her feline family members. Fortunately, cat ownership does not necessarily increase the risk of acquiring toxoplasmosis."

It is extremely unlikely, according to studies, that an indoor cat will carry toxoplasmosis. Outdoor cats, however, do have a slightly higher risk.

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•Keep your cat safely indoors and away from wildlife.

•Have someone else clean the litter box daily.

•Wear rubber gloves and follow with a through handwashing if you must clean the litter box. Scoop feces as soon as you can, and at least daily, since it takes one to five days for feces to become infectious. •Feed cats only commer-

College of Medicine

Andrew R. Burchett, 22, of Prestonsburg, graduated summa cum laude on Saturday, May 26, 2007, from Transylvania University with a major in biology and a minor in anthropology. Before graduating, he was inducted into the academic honor society, the Holleian Society. He will be attending the University of Kentucky College of Medicine this fall.

Andrew is the son of Blake and Rebecca Burchett, and has one sister, Molly, and one brother, Michael. He is the grandson of Clyde and Eileen Burchett, of Prestonsburg, and Earle and the late Jackie (Lane) Heffner, of Ashland.

He is a graduate of Mountain Christian Academy and Prestonsburg High School.

Approximately 3,000 newborns per year suffer from birth

who acquires toxoplasmosis can transmit the infection to her unborn child. It is this infection in utero which causes fear among cat owners as congenital toxoplasmosis infection can lead to miscarriage or an array of malformations at birth.

"Many pregnant women," Kravetz continues, "will try to lower their risk of acquiring toxoplasmosis by abandoning their cats. This leads to unneeded stress on an expec-

The disease, as mentioned earlier, is more commonly found in uncooked or undercooked meat.

Here are some tips on how an expectant mother can avoid toxoplasmosis:

•Don't handle or eat uncooked or undercooked meat.

cutting boards, •Clean counters, plates and utensils that have been in contact with meat

cially prepared cat food. To receive a free copy of "Your Baby & Your Pet," send a stamped, self addressed envelope to: The Humane Society of the United States, BabyPet eNews, 2100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20037.

For more information on interaction between babies and pets, visit the HSUS website at www.hsus.org.

Yesterdays

Highlands Regional Medical Center; Travis Conn, 57, of Dana, last Wednesday, at his home; Harvey Campbell, 68, of Miner's Branch, Water Gap, on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Saturday; Mrs. Chattie Caroline Hampton, 74, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Forty Years Ago (August 24, 1967)

Two Floyd County residents, and two former Floyd Countians, were killed in separate auto wrecks within the week. The dead: Randall Crider, 18, of Lancer; William Herbert Lemaster, 60, of West Prestonsburg; Thomas Mulkey, 38, of Akron, O., formerly of Banner, and Harry B. Prater, 55, of Findlay, O., former Middle Creek resident

Bert Hamilton was killed, Monday, after he had been sought since Sunday, for the slaying of his wife, Opal Hall Hamilton near Emma

Floyd County had 24 Appalachian Volunteers working in the Mud Creek section when last Friday's announcement was made by Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, to the effect that O.E.O. had agreed to end its AV support in Kentucky, Sept. 1

Testimony in the case of landowners and a coal company, against the Department of Highways, involving access to huge coal holdings in the Ivy Creek vicinity was heard, Monday and Tuesday, by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley

The first rabid bat officially reported in eastern Kentucky, was killed at Weeksbury, last week, after it had bitten a 12-year-old boy

There died: Mrs. Mary W. Collins, 80, of Auxier, at Crest Haven Nursing Home; Mrs. Bessie Blair, 80, of Volga, sister of Mrs. Beulah

Lemaster, of West Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Perry Jones, 67, of Beaver, Sunday, en route to the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Miss Cora Reed, 64, of Hueysville, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Miles Mayo, 83, of Martin, Sunday, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland.

Fifty Years Ago (August 22, 1957)

Attorneys for the Prestonsburg Dry League said, Tuesday, that a remonstrance against the petition asking a local option election here, Sept. 21, will be filed this week

Two Floyd Countians died within a period of 24 hours in auto wrecks on the Left Beaver highway last weekend. The dead: Grover C. Stumbo Jr., of McDowell, and Bill Stephens Jr., 15, of Risner

Robert Kerr, 57, motor brakeman for the Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., David, was killed almost instantly, Monday morning, in the company's No. 1 mine, when his motor and another collided, head-on

The Floyd County Board of Education's 1957-1958 budget, recently adopted, envisons the expenditure of almost 65 percent of the school system's total income on teachers' salaries

Tommy Carr, 44, of Allen, C.&O. extra force employee, was struck and killed by a train at Whitehouse, after Monday midnight

Married: Miss Juanita Whitaker, of Richmond, Ky. and James Douglas Adams, of Martin, Sunday, in the First Christian Church, Richmond

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Slone, of Maytown, a son, August 19, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin

There died: Mary Amburgey Reed, 82,

August 13, at her home at Hueysville; Ben David Martin, 79, of Topmost, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Ellis Salyers, 42, of Brainard, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Grover C. Kidd, 66, of Betsy Layne, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Ed Pettrey, 58, Monday, at his home at Garrett; the Rev. Hargus Conley, 79, Floyd native, August 11, at his home at Riceville, Johnson County.

Sixty Years Ago (August 21, 1947)

Condemnation proceedings to procure sufficient right-of-way, as determined by the State Highway Department, for widening and straightening the David road, was authorized in a special meeting held yesterday (Wed.) by the Floyd Fiscal Court

The Big Sandy Valley Association was host to a Congressional party, on an inspection tour of the Big Sandy River in connection with the proposed canalization of the stream for navigation purposes, Monday

Installation of the new automatic parking meters, replacing the crank-type in use here, is expected to be completed this week

Despite a home run by Tommy Blackburn for the American Legion team, David's baseball team trounced the boys at Porter Field here, last Sunday, in a game that was highly entertaining, if not exciting

Married: Miss Lillian Allen, of Garrett, and Mr. George Albert Kirck, of Brooklyn, N.Y., July 6, at Allen; Miss Barbara Ann Mathews, of Louisville, and Mr. Hershell Stratton, of Betsy Layne, August 15, at Pikeville

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Martin, of Gearheart, a daughter, Pamela Lynn, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Continued from p5

Ray Calhoun, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Gaynell

There died: Robert Owens, 66, of Middle Creek, Wednesday, at his home; Janie Habern, 37, Wednesday, at her home at Tram; Jess T. Patrick, 66, of Lackey, Monday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Martha Stephens, 97, of Mare Creek, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter.

Seventy Years Ago (August 20, 1937)

Mike Psaris, 40, proprietor of the City Cafe here, was stabbed last Friday at midnight, reportedly by a traveling salesman

The Floyd Fiscal Court, this week, ordered the body of Walter B. Cooley, 31, buried May 11, at Wheelwright, be exhumed for examination to ascertain the cause of death

Merchants here discussed plans for forming a merchants' organization, Friday night, at the Kiwanis meeting, at the Valley Inn Hotel here

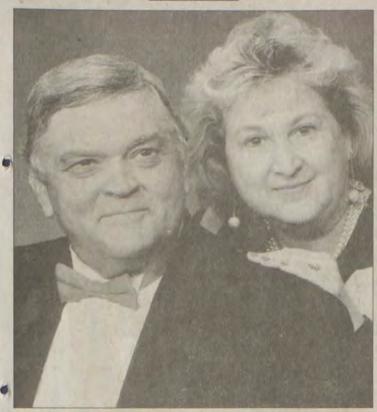
Since the outbreak of war in China, no word has been received from Miss Lyda Mae Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Francis, of Prestonsburg. Miss Francis is secretary to the American Consul General in Shanghai

Charlie George, 49, was shot to death at his home on Little Paint Creek, August 14

Canton Slone, 28, of Weeksbury, was killed, Saturday night, near Weeksbury while scuffing over the possession of a gun

There died: John Scott, 39, former Floyd County magistrate, August 13, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Arnold Robinette, of Dana, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Willis Hicks, 23, motor brakeman for the Elk Horn Corporation at Garrett, Thursday, in a mine accident.

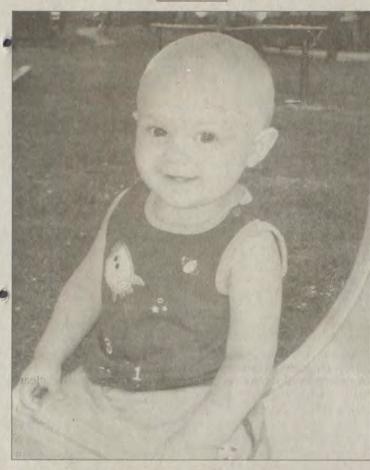
ANNIVERSARY



50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Mary Jarrell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Fred Jarrell Jr. is the son of Fred Sr. and Belle DeRossett Jarrell. Mary Ruth Day Jarrell is the daughter of Bill and Amma Sherman Day. The couple were married on September 8, 1957. Their daughter, Elizabeth Jayne, her husband, Dennis, and grandsons Jeremiah and Benjamin McFadden are pleased to announce the forthcoming celebration.

BIRTHDAYS



Look who's 1!

Appalshop

Education Center.

Menius joins Appalshop following as decade with MerleFest, the highly successful Americana festival produced by Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, NC, where he was Marketing and Sponsorship Director. Menius, who earned an M.A. in History from the UNC-Chapel Hill, previously served as the first Executive Director of the International Bluegrass Music Association (1985-1990) and the initial manager of the North American Folk Music & Dance Alliance, the Folk Alliance (1991-1996). He has served on the boards of those organizations as well as the Americana Music Association, the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame, the Swannanoa Gathering, and the Old-Time Music Group.

"I learned about Appalshop initially from June Appal Recordings," Menius reported. "Later I became aware of Appalshop's Roadside Theater

and extraordinary documentary films, while my work at IBMA, Folk Alliance, and MerleFest kept me in touch with its unique community radio station WMMT-FM 88.7 since its inception in 1985. Appalshop is at a certain age where we need to take refocus on our mission and long range planning so that Appalshop can maintain its flagship position for many decades to come. That makes it a very exciting time to join this talented team."

A community-based arts and education center in the coalfields of southeastern Kentucky, Appalshop has earned an international reputation for ground breaking work in using media, culture, and education for grassroots community development. Appalshop's projects and activities include Appalshop Films, community radio WMMT-FM 88.7, Roadside Theater, an exceptional touring ensemble company, June

Appal Community Media Institute, recognized youth media proand the Appalachian Media

Recordings, the Institute (AMI), a nationallygram.

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Need pet pics ASAP!

Critter lovers take notice! Our Critter Corner pics file has become dangerous ly near empty. Please, send your pet's favorite photo ASAP to: features@floy-dcountytimes.com, or to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Attn: Kathy Prater, or just swing by and drop a cou-ple off the next time you're in town! Along with photos, please leave pet's name, owner's name, place of residence and "fun facts" about your pet's favorite habits/activities avorite habits/activities.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Jody Johnson, D.O. **Surgical Specialist**



Surgical Specialists, PLLC

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

Karsen Blake Tackett, the son of Kevin and Kayla Tackett, celebrated his first birthday on August 13, 2007, with family and friends.



Happy Birthday, Kylie!

Kylie Jade Tackett, the daughter of Kevin and Kayla Tackett, celebrated her third birthday on August 7, 2007, at the Wheelwright Pool with family and friends.



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

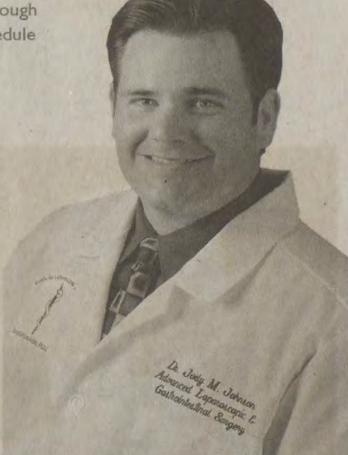


and cardiovascular life support procedures. Dr. Johnson is a specialist in laparoscopic surgeries, including gallbladder surgery, hernia repair, gastrointestinal and anti-reflux surgeries, as well as other general surgical procedures.

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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