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Knott man indicted on pot charges

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County man is now facing some serious penalties after an indictment handed down on Thursday charged him with manufacturing over 50 marijuana plants.

According to the indictment filed in U.S. District Court, beginning the month of April through June this year, Ardith Dobson manufactured and produced over 50 marijuana plants.

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

A pre-trial conference is scheduled to take place Oct. 9.

Correction

In a story in the Aug. 24 edition of The Times, it was reported that Abbott Engineering was preparing bids for a sewer project organized through Big Sandy Area Development District, when in fact Summit Engineering will be handling those bids.

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Board frets drop in ACT scores

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

HI HAT — As board members took on the emotional task of bidding farewell to Dr. Paul Fanning, who has been superintendent of Floyd County Schools for the past eight years, they also allowed a bit of emotion to bleed through in their comments in regard to the county's 2006-07 ACT scores report.

"When I look at this as a board member," said Jeff Stumbo, board chair, "this is totally unacceptable. I am really concerned about what I see."

Though scores showed some improvement in mathematics, overall, Floyd County student scores showed drops in the subject areas of English, reading and sci-

ence. Additionally, composite scores show a current decrease in gains when viewed in a five-year perspective.

Saying that he recognized that some progress has been made during the past five years, Stumbo made it clear at Monday evening's meeting that current scores are not satisfactory.

"A lot of our students that have gone on to college have had to take remedial classes. This shouldn't be," he said.

Dr. Chandra Varia, board member, also expressed her dissatisfaction with the results presented to the board by Michael Hughes, director of instruction.

"In science we have lost, we lost in English, in reading we lost ... this is not

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Floyd County Board of Education Chair Jeff Stumbo presented outgoing superintendent, Dr. Paul Fanning, with a plaque in appreciation of his service to Floyd County Schools following the reading of a proclamation at the board's regular meeting, held Monday evening at South Floyd High School. Fanning, who served as Floyd superintendent for the past eight years, has accepted a position in the Georgia school system.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

PUBLIC HONOR



Prestonsburg Police officer Brian Walker was present with his wife and daughter at Monday's Prestonsburg City Council meeting in order to be officially promoted to sergeant for the department. Walker said he appreciates the promotion and is honored to do the job.

photo by Jessica Hale

Park still not getting cut of tourism tax, council told

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Monday's Prestonsburg City Council meeting started fairly calm but ended with some upset council members questioning Prestonsburg Tourism's disbursement of funds.

Several months ago, Randy Polk, member of the Archer Park Commission, came before the council in order to bring to light the problems the park was facing and the reason they were having such a hard time staying afloat. Polk attributed the park's money woes to Prestonsburg Tourism, saying they hadn't been giving the park the funds they were sup-

posed to receive from taxes imposed through the city's tourism tax, all the while citing the park was not a tourist attraction.

Added responsibilities put upon the park, including the horse park facilities at Stonecrest, have Polk worried there's a real possibility Archer Park won't be able to stay open much longer.

"There will very likely be no Christmas at the Park and there will very likely be no Halloween activities this year," said Polk.

Although the council had been down this road before, they were somewhat surprised that the problem with funding had not been fixed, despite

numerous ordinances and resolutions that have been passed by the city in order for the park to receive funds from Prestonsburg Tourism.

Archer Park director David Baldrige says he has essentially been put off by Prestonsburg Tourism.

"I've been promised and assured that I will be on the agenda 'next' time," said Baldrige, saying he had made previous attempts to come before the tourism board.

"I hate to even propose this, but I think we're going to have to get a couple of attorneys involved," said councilman Chris Slone.

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Mine inspector gets year for extortion

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A former state inspector who tried to solicit a \$500 bribe from a mine operator was sentenced on Friday to a year in prison after pleading guilty to a felony extortion charge.

Randall D. Smith of Greenup, who worked for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, will serve two years' probation after his release. He was also ordered to pay \$150 in court costs and provide 30 hours of community service work.

Prosecutors allege that Smith tried to solicit the bribe from a surface mine operator in Lawrence

County on Sept. 11, 2006. The state agency suspended Smith with pay on the date of the extortion attempt and requested an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General and the Kentucky State Police. He was fired later that month.

In the course of the investigation, investigators found marijuana in Smith's state-issued vehicle and charged him with drug possession.

"I'm pleased that this case has been resolved," said Teresa J. Hill, head of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. "It's imperative that regulatory agencies within state government maintain the highest integrity."

Scammers posing as Social Security employees

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With reports of scams popping up all over the region, the Social Security Administration wants to warn the public about a recent outbreak of scammers preying on social security recipients throughout the Southeast.

The Social Security Administration says it has received many reports about telephone calls or visits from people who falsely

claim to be SSA employees, and local Social Security officials say they are beginning to receive similar calls.

In each of these cases, the person attempted to obtain personal information such as Social Security or bank account numbers. These scam artists have used a variety of approaches to get this information, from saying they had experienced power outages and needed to verify personal

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State embarks on million-dollar plan to market adventure tourism

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The coal-rich seams of eastern Kentucky's mountains have long defined the region, but the state is embarking in a million-dollar adventure tourism plan, capitalizing on the notoriously rugged terrain as "nature's playground."

State officials planned to roll out their strategy at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park on Tuesday, focusing on the region's potential to draw in an annual 100,000-plus whitewater paddlers, rock climbers, hikers and horseback riders.

"We're trying to put together a real sustainable growing economy in eastern Kentucky," Gov. Ernie Fletcher

said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"There is a lot of potential there that's been untapped," he added.

A recent independent study, commissioned with an Appalachian Regional Commission grant, found that the Kentucky counties ideal for adventure tourism are also the most economically distressed.

The region is characterized by severe terrain that has kept the area from diversifying its economy beyond coal mining, according to the study, which lays out a proposal for Kentucky to promote adventure tourism.

"There is an awakening going on in the Appalachian region from a pure

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Obesity rates climbed in most states, including Kentucky

State ranks as seventh-fattest

by KEVIN FREKING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Loosen the belt buckle another notch: Obesity rates continued their climb in 31 states last year. No state showed a decline.

Mississippi became the first state to crack the 30 percent barrier for adult residents considered to be obese. West Virginia and Alabama are just slightly behind, according to the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses

on disease prevention.

Kentucky ranked seventh, with 27.5 percent of the population considered to be obese.

Colorado continued its reign as the leanest state in the nation with an obesity rate projected at 17.6 percent.

This year's report, for the first time, looked at rates of overweight children ages 10 to 17. The District of Columbia had the highest percentage — 22.8 percent. Utah had the lowest percentage of overweight youth — 8.5 percent.

Health officials say the latest state rankings provide evidence that the nation has a public health crisis on its hands.

Unfortunately, we're treating it like a mere inconvenience instead of the emergency that it is," said Dr. James Marks, senior vice president at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropy devoted to improving health care.

Officials at the Trust for America's Health advocate for

the government to play a larger role in preventing obesity. People who are overweight are at an increased risk for diabetes, heart problems and other chronic diseases that contribute to greater health care costs.

"It's one of those issues where everyone believes this is an epidemic, but it's not getting the level of political and policymaker attention that it ought to," said Jeffrey Levi, the organization's executive director. "As every candidate for president talks about health care reform and controlling health care costs, if we don't hone in on this issue, none of their proposals are going to be affordable."

At the same time, many believe weight is a personal choice and responsibility. Levi doesn't dispute that notion, but he said society can help people make good choices.

"If we want kids to eat healthier food, we have to invest the money for school nutrition programs so that school lunches are healthier," he said. "If we want people to be more physically active, then there have to be safe places to be active. That's not just a class issues. We've designed suburban communities where there are no sidewalks for anybody to go out and take a walk."

To measure obesity rates, Trust for America's Health compares data from 2003-2005 with 2004-2006. It combines data from three years to improve the accuracy of projections. The data come from a

survey of height and weight taken over the telephone. Because the information comes from a personal estimate, some believe it is conservative.

Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study last year noting a national obesity rate of about 32 percent — a higher rate than was cited for any of the states in the Trust for America's Health report. The CDC's estimate came from weighing people rather than relying on telephone interviews, officials explained.

Generally, anyone with a body mass index greater than 30 is considered obese. The index is a ratio that takes into account height and weight. The overweight range is 25 to 29.9. Normal is 18.5 to 24.9. People with a large amount of lean muscle mass, such as athletes, can show a large body mass index without having an unhealthy level of fat.

A lack of exercise is a huge factor in obesity rates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found last year that more than 22 percent of Americans did not engage in any physical activity in the past month. The percentage is greater than 30 percent in four states: Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Meanwhile, Minnesotans led the way when it came to exercise. An estimated 15.4 percent of the state's residents did not engage in any physical exercise — the best rate in the nation. Still, the state ranked 28th overall when it came to

the percentage of obese adults.

Another factor in obesity rates is poverty. The five poorest states were all in the top 10 when it came to obesity rates. An exception to that rule was the District of Columbia and New Mexico. Both had high poverty rates, but also one of the better obesity rates among adults.

Officials said the report is not designed to stigmatize states with high obesity rates but to stir them into action.

"These are the states where the urgency is the greatest. They need not to wait for others to lead. They need to become the leaders," Marks said. "It's the only way that they can restore the health of their children and their families. It's the only way that they can improve their economic competitiveness."

Obituaries

Nancy Carolyn Cooley

Nancy Carolyn Cooley, age 63, of Prestonsburg, departed this life Sunday, August 26, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington, following a brief illness.

She was born April 21, 1944, in Huntington, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Charles Burks and Frances Hutchinson Burks. She was a former secretary with Hospice of Big Sandy, and a member of the Community United Methodist Church, and was a charter member of the Community United Methodist Women's Club.

Survivors include a son, Terry N. Cooley, and his loving companion, Pam Ranier, both of Prestonsburg; a sister, Judy Short of Allen; a granddaughter, Katelyn Cooley of Grand Prairie, Texas; and a grandson, Noah Martin Moore of Mayslick.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 28, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with clergyman Ray Snyder officiating.

Burial was in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Active Pallbearers: Lon May, David Hackworth, Mark Baldrige, Gerald Frazier, Tom Brown, David DeRossett II, Eddie DeRossett, and John McDowell.

Honorary Pallbearers: Larry Short, Otis Hansel Cooley, Harry V. Cooley, Caleb Cooley, James W. Cooley, David DeRossett, Bruce Hackworth, and Johnny Dutton.

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Lexie Salisbury

Lexie Salisbury, 87, of Martin, died Sunday, August 26, 2007, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Born February 24, 1920, in Myra, she was the daughter of the late Colbert and Drucilla Mullins Greer. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, of Spurlock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Salisbury.

Survivors include a son, Johnny Ray Salisbury; and a brother, Elmer Greer.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Clyde Greer, Leon Greer, Claude Greer, and Delmer

Greer; and five sisters: Gladys Conn, Flossie Carver, Bessie Mullins, Draxie Hancock, and Juanita Greer.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 29, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, in Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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Avalon Johnson Shepherd

Avalon Johnson Shepherd, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 26, 2007, at her residence.

Born November 9, 1937, in David, she was the daughter of the late Grover Johnson and Belva Patrick Johnson. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burl C. Shepherd, who died October 10, 1996.

Survivors include three daughters: Devon S. Rose (Steve) and Debra S. Prater (Larry), all of Prestonsburg; and Tina Clouse of Pikeville; three grandchildren: Misty Ferguson, Matthew Clouse, and Joshua Clouse; four brothers: Phillip Johnson of Vanleave, Mississippi, Grover Johnson of Biloxi, Mississippi, James Johnson of Munfordville, and Earl Johnson of Lima, Ohio; six sisters: Leatrice Sybert of Vaughnsville, Ohio, Marie Bachman of Phoenix, Arizona, Iona Roberts of Ft. Jennings, Ohio, Kathy Diehl of Lakeview, Ohio, Bessie Turner of Delphos, Ohio, and Teresa Akers of Banner.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Elouise Griffith who lies at rest at Ward Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Van West officiating.

Interment was at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

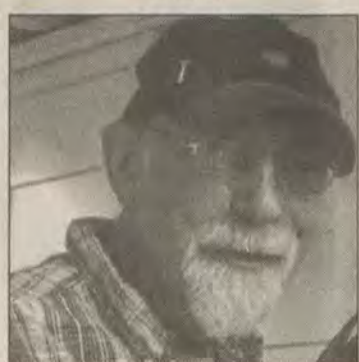
The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Larry Prater,

Steve Rose, David Prater, David Layne, Leonard Akers Jr., Matthew Clouse, Bill Young and Dwayne Jarvis.

(Paid obituary)

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James Wadkins Sr.

James Wadkins Sr., 61, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Blue River, Kentucky, died Thursday, August 16, 2007, in Goshen General Hospital, in Indiana.

He was born July 30, 1946, in Prestonsburg, the son of Monroe and Marie Slone Wadkins.

He worked as a lead man at Dalton Foundries, Warsaw, for 35 years. He was a member of the Claypool Pentecostal Church and the United Steel Workers Union.

Surviving are his mother, Marie Prater of Prestonsburg; two sons: James Wadkins Jr., of Warsaw, and Tommy Wadkins of North Webster, Indiana; a daughter, Alice Marie Cordell of Winona Lake, Indiana; 12 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Verldon (Loretta) Thornsby of Prestonsburg; two stepdaughters: Mrs. Taulbee (Linda Sue) Goodman of Prestonsburg; and Mrs. George (Shirley) Robinett of Kentucky; and two stepbrothers: Jackie D. Prater of Ivyton, and Leroy Prater of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Monroe, a World War II veteran who was killed in a mining accident when James was only 7, and Loretta was only 2 1/2 years old; his stepfather, Oscar Prater; and a stepsister, Bonnie Jo Prater.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, August 20, at Titus Funeral Home, in Warsaw, with Rev. Ralph Dotson officiating.

Burial was made in the Oakwood Cemetery, in Warsaw.

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The family of Jerry Miller 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 loving contributions to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Eugene Cook for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

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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.

Garrett High School Class of '67 reunion
The Garrett High School Class of 1967 will be having their 40th year class reunion on September 29, at 1 o'clock at the Garrett Park.

Hughes Family Reunion
The Hughes Family Reunion, for the descendants of Mathias Hughes, Linda E. Hughes Marsillett, Mary Darcus Hughes Wright, Sarah Sally Hughes Marsillett, John Malcom Hughes and James Henry Hughes, will be held September 2, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact: Delmer B. & Pearl Faye Holbrook, 148 Holbrook Hollow Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. 606/886-8481.

17th annual Dwale Homecoming
The 17th annual Dwale Homecoming will be held Friday, August 31 at 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 1, at 10 a.m. Live music. Horseshoe tournament—men and women. Please bring covered dish. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served on Friday.

The 22nd annual Blackburn Reunion
The 22nd annual Blackburn reunion will be held at Archer Park, Sunday, September 2, at 11 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to come. Family and friends, come and have fun. Yard Sale and Bake Sale Sponsored by Left Beaver Fire-Rescue Boosters Club on Saturday, September 1, at Fire Station No. 2, in McDowell.

Christ United Methodist Annual Golf Scramble
Christ United Methodist Church will be holding their 19th annual golf scramble on Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. start time, at Allen Stumbo Park - Paul Hunt Thompson Golf Course, in Allen. All proceeds go to Wesley Christian School. For additional information, call Frankie Francis 358-9417, Lowell Marcum 874-2917, Ricie DeRossett, 874-9514, or Dr. Ken Lemaster, 874-2344.

Mosley-Moore Reunion
To be held Oct. 6, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Pines building, Jenny Wiley State Park (Dewey Lake). For the ancestors of

Nathaniel Fairis and Mary Polly Moore Mosley whose children were Tom, L.D., J.C., Edd, Andrew Jackson, Richard, John, Sarah, Mahalia, Adeline, and Rachael.

Please bring a covered dish and favorite beverages. Fried chicken and hot dogs will be provided.

More info., contact Judy Faulkner, Martha Huff, or Alvin Mosley at (606) 785-5613 or (606) 368-2371; or email to: mhuff@tgtel.com

Alice Lloyd College gears up for Appalachia Day Homecoming

On October 13th, Alice Lloyd College will host their annual Appalachia Day Homecoming event on the campus in Pippa Passes. It's a day filled with Appalachian arts & crafts, mountain music, special alumni activities, children's games and crafts, drama and storytelling, an Appalachian Authors book signing, and the traditional soup bean supper. For more information on how you can display your craft or handmade items, call 606-368-6055. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Compton Family Reunion

To be held Sunday, Sept. 9, at Archer Park, George P. Archer Shelter. A picnic style lunch will be held so please bring food appropriate for a picnic. Also, please bring an item to be auctioned. All family members and friends are cordially invited to attend. For more info., call 889-9507 or 886-6041.

Floyd Chapter Kentuckians for Commonwealth

The newly-revitalized Floyd County Chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) will meet at St. Martha's Catholic Church, on Water Gap Road, on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. Join others in discussing concerns and possible solutions to area mining and other environmental issues as we work together for the benefit of all.

Kentucky Book Fair 2007 grants

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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 furnished. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. (snack food will 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.

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Stop Smoking class is set for September 4

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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.

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar August 2007

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For more information concerning the support groups, please contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

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Guest View

Encouraging signs

It's too early to say for certain, but there are signs that the panicky U.S. credit market is beginning to get a grip. If so, most Americans should escape relatively unscathed from this month's financial anxiety attack.

One sign that things are calming down: Smart players are starting to look for bargains on Wall Street. The Bank of America, for example, agreed to invest \$2 billion in the ailing Countrywide Financial, the nation's biggest mortgage company.

Slightly more than a week ago, an analyst at Merrill Lynch speculated that Countrywide could go bankrupt, dragged under by its investments in subprime mortgages. The firm's stock dropped through the floor, and the company confirmed it was laying off about 500 employees.

The Bank of America move gives it the equivalent of about a 16 percent ownership stake in the company, suggesting that the bottom hasn't fallen out of the mortgage business, that good borrowers still will be able to get loans, that lenders still can make money and that smart people are aware of all these things.

Gary Thayer, chief economist at A.G. Edwards, sees other signs that the crisis is easing a bit. Investors are starting to venture beyond ultra-safe Treasury bills and move back toward corporate bonds and other forms of debt. If things keep going as they are, Mr. Thayer said he thinks the credit crisis will produce only a slight hiccup in the economy's overall growth rate.

Even that scenario, however, would offer little comfort to the thousands of mortgage industry employees who have lost their jobs - 20,000 in this month alone. And borrowers who got subprime mortgages for too much money and who face ballooning interest rates already are struggling to hold onto their homes.

Last week the Congressional Budget Office was in synch with Thayer's perspective, projecting a 1.9 percent economic growth rate this year.

The real worry, of course, is a broad panic that would freeze lending of all sorts reaching well beyond the mortgage industry and create the possibility of a recession. The investments that have lost much of their value and marketability are bonds backed by packages of subprime mortgages, but they're held by financial institutions of all sorts, making it difficult to be sure which companies might end up in trouble.

That has made the bond market nervous, and if such concerns spread far enough, the debt market can get bogged down and even good borrowers would have trouble getting loans. Those consequences would ripple through the economy far beyond the housing industry, slowing business investment, causing layoffs and possibly bringing on a recession.

The economy seemed to be on the cusp of such a panic some three weeks ago. Since then, the Federal Reserve has shoveled money into the banking system to make sure there are funds available for lending, and it also has taken some subtler measures to keep credit flowing.

These efforts may have been enough to drag the credit markets out of their funk. If not, the Fed still has its biggest gun in reserve: a general cut in short-term interest rates.

Wall Street has been crying for just such a move to rescue its investments, but the Fed's boss, Ben Bernanke, has been moving cautiously, and rightly so. The Fed's job is to protect the overall economy, not reckless big-time investors.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Letters

Goodbye and good riddance

I don't think the people of Floyd County who are "antiboard" will shed any tears when you leave Paul. Maybe some will jump for joy.

When you leave, what will you do without your proponents? Your proponents are the ones who have made you a successful ruler.

What will you do when you get down in Georgia and not have your board proponents to bail you out? You may not get a chance to cover up down there like you did here. I feel sorry for those people in Georgia who hired you, or did you get hired in Georgia? Is this a cover up?

Before you leave, I surmise that you will put the finishing touches on everything here. Like for me, trying to secretly have your little private

board meetings especially when hiring an interim superintendent. Hiring an interim superintendent on the weekend, (Saturday morning) sounds illegal! Aren't you on the board of the Kentucky School Board Association Jeff? Did you have a lot of influence in this decision to elect a superintendent Jeff? What about you Carol?

What about the interview of several candidates? It sounds like you didn't give many people the chance to apply, or you didn't want nobody around here to apply. How come no one around here was considered for the superintendent's job? Don't you think these local candidates were discriminated against?

We don't need advice from the Kentucky School Board Association to make decisions for us! We are not state managed now, but I guess we need an excuse to not hire a local superintendent unless it's someone that you like and want. Everybody

that's "antiboard" knows who that is.

What's up with these dates the superintendents job was first posted (which was the very last minute) as of July 31, how did it change to August 16? Which means that now you have to apply by September 16 to be considered.

Are you trying to dupe the people and cover up? We the people of Floyd County are smart enough to know what you are doing. In the end, I think everything will come out about you covering up for so many things here in Floyd County and the people will say that I told them so.

I think this is the reason why you are leaving Paul. You're a super sport instead of a super support for the Floyd County School System. Goodbye and good riddance!

John Hicks Hueysville



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Candidates offer different views of how state's image has fared

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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LOUISVILLE — As a member of Louisville's economic-development team, Carmen Hickerson cringes whenever Kentucky is portrayed unflatteringly. It doesn't help win over business prospects, she said, when a comedian stirs up stereotypical views, or when a show focuses on pockets of poverty or those lacking education.

"That drives us crazy because we feel like we have so much momentum," she said, adding "I'm sure some people glom onto that and say, 'Well, that must be the way it still is.'"

In a state known for its scenic beauty but with some of the nation's poorest counties and worst health rankings, the gubernatorial candidates were asked about Kentucky's national image as part of an AP questionnaire. They offered different views of how the state has fared.

"My administration has worked hard to improve Kentucky's national and international image," said Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, vying for a second term in the Nov. 6 election.

To back up his claims of progress, Fletcher pointed to Kentucky's "Unbridled Spirit" brand, a revamped Medicaid system he touts as a national model, the spread of high-speed Internet access and growth in employer-sponsored health care that he says leads the nation.

The state is getting ready to host the 2008 Ryder Cup and 2010 World Equestrian Games, putting Kentucky in the international sports spotlight for more than the first Saturday of each May, when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs.

Democratic challenger Steve Beshear said Fletcher has hurt Kentucky's image, pointing to an investigation into Fletcher administration hirings — a probe that drew national attention. Beshear said it was an example that "bad government is a drag on economics."

"It's no coincidence that Kentucky's economy has gone nowhere under Ernie Fletcher while his administration has been plagued with corruption, cronyism and incompetence," he said.

Beshear argues that under Fletcher's leadership Kentucky has slipped further

behind most of the nation in several important economic categories.

The probe into whether Fletcher's administration illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs resulted in a number of indictments, including against the governor.

The charges against Fletcher were dropped in an agreement with prosecutors, though the grand jury concluded the governor had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws so political supporters could be rewarded with jobs. Fletcher issued pardons for anyone else who had been charged or could be charged.

The governor has criticized the probe as a political witch hunt.

Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg in southeastern Kentucky, said the state's image is a "mixed bag."

"Trying to get people to look at the good things in the bag, and not see the bad things, is not a long-term strategy for improving the image of Kentucky," Davis said.

The best way to polish Kentucky's image, he said, is to take on tough issues.

"If we were better about educating our kids, taking care of our environment and imagining the jobs of the future, we could be a whole lot less concerned about our image," he said.

Fletcher says that "bit by bit" Kentucky is becoming "the national leader we know it can be." Still, Kentucky has been the butt of jokes during his term.

When word got out that the state was looking for a slogan, it became fodder for late-night comedians. Jay Leno jokingly suggested "Kentucky: Got Teeth?" and "Kentucky: The first state to recognize same-sex marriage." Fletcher went on Leno's show in defense of Kentucky, and even took lighthearted swipes at Los Angeles.

Plans by a couple of networks for a reality show based on an Appalachian family moving to ritzy Beverly Hills were scuttled after heavy criticism from Kentucky and elsewhere.

Kentucky also got unwanted publicity when a plane carrying Fletcher to Washington for Ronald Reagan's funeral flew into restricted airspace — setting off a panic at the Capitol.

F. King Alexander, a Kentucky native now living in California, said Kentucky made strides in the 1990s with education reforms that caught the nation's attention.

That momentum was stopped with reports about scandal in Kentucky, he said, noting the investigation of Fletcher administration hirings. Also, Fletcher's predecessor, Paul Patton, was caught up in a scandalous extramarital affair that tainted his second term.

Alexander — a former Murray State University president who left in 2005 to become president of California State University, Long Beach — said most people know little about Kentucky, "but when they see bad things, they sort of say,

"That's Kentucky." Kentucky can "get back on track" by making more progress in education and health care, Alexander said.

Ewell Balltrip, former head of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, said the state's national image is unfair, though the state can't "deny reality" when it lags behind in some national rankings. But Kentucky is more progressive and diverse than it's given credit for across the country, said Balltrip, now president of the National Institute for Hometown Security, based near Somerset in southern Kentucky.

"A lot of the national media folks would rather come to Kentucky and write about the next Beverly Hillbillies story," he said.

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Fletcher, Beshear spar over several issues in radio debate

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Democratic challenger Steve Beshear sparred over casino gambling, health care and pardoning powers in a lively radio debate Monday.

In the hourlong debate on WKYX in Paducah, each candidate claimed he would bring a bipartisan tone to the state Capitol even while they lit into each other on a range of issues.

The sharpest attacks came when Fletcher slammed Beshear on casino gambling and the challenger brought up an investigation into whether Fletcher's administration rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs.

Both candidates spoke by phone, and their comments reflected themes leading up to the Nov. 6 election.

Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general, accused Fletcher of showing a lack of leadership to

advance Kentucky and said the hiring investigation resulted in a series of indictments followed by pardons — "things that have been an embarrassment to our people and to our state."

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

(See DEBATE, page ten)

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ACHS Class of '87

URGENT!! Allen Central Class of 1987. 20 year class reunion scheduled for September 8, 2007, at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Must have money and confirmation by September 1, 2007. Please send check or money order to Jenny at 204 Cracker Bottom, Martin, Ky. 41649. For more information: Jenny at rebels_1987@hotmail.com or Lisa (Pratt) Parsons 606-226-4152 or Dee Dee (Moore) Dillon, 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.

Botluck meal will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring a favorite covered dish to share.

All family and friends welcome.

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

SFHS Class of '97

The South Floyd High School Class of 1997 will host a 10-year reunion on Saturday, September 15, at the Heritage House Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), in Prestonsburg. Registration: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m.

Dancing: 'Til Midnight
Cost: \$25/person; after July 7, \$30/per person.

Make checks payable to: SFHS Class of 1997, 619 Regent Rd., Versailles, KY 40383.

Several classmates have not yet been located. If you have not received your invitation, please notify Jessica Frazier Little at the above address or email to: jessicafrazier_2001@yahoo.com OR long.lora@adelphia.net.

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

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

PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library

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

ACHS Class of '96

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

Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to 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.

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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.

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Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Looking for a Support Group?

•Floyd County Alzheimer's

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

886-6025 for more information.

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

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For

all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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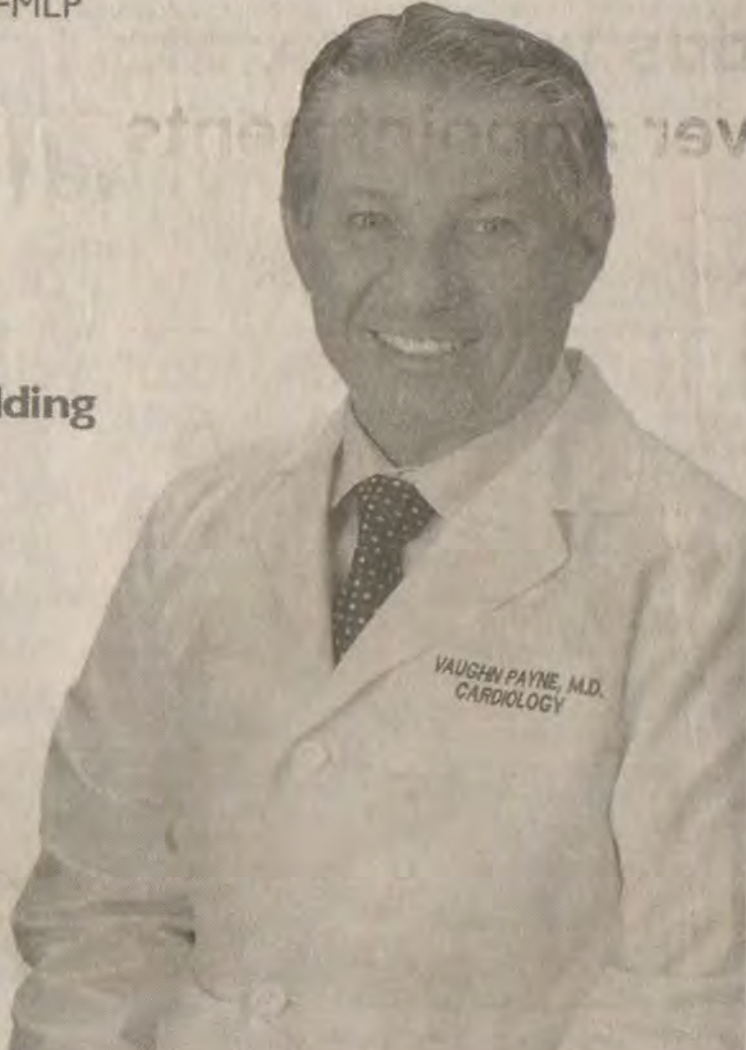
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Volunteers help back back-to-school health fair a community event

EASTERN — The ninth annual Back to School Health Fair was conducted Wednesday, July 18, at Allen Central Middle School and James A. Duff Elementary. Services were provided for 345 Floyd County students.



These young boys found time to have fun at the fair.

"The Back to School Health Fair is such a fun part of our summer," said Sharon Collins, Allen Central High School Youth Services Center coordinator and chairperson of the Back to School Health Fair committee. "It gives us a chance to see students from different parts of the county and all ages."

In early July, Our Lady of the Way Hospital's physician assistants Billie Ratliff, Mike Williams and Jason Conley

conducted 187 athletic physicals for Floyd County student athletes at the Betsy Layne, Seton, Wheelwright and Martin Rural Health Centers.

Neva Francis, director of community outreach for Our Lady of the Way Hospital, stated that the hospital is celebrating their 60th anniversary this year and the community has always been very important to them.

The Floyd County Health Department was on-site conducting physicals. Floyd County Schools conducted hearing tests and child identification was provided by Rebial Reynolds, Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center coordinator and Lola Ratliff, Floyd County Safe and Drug-Free Schools' coordinator. School supplies were available through the Floyd County Family Resource Youth Services Centers and other vendors.

Information booths and treats were provided by representatives from the Social Security Administration, Floyd County Extension Office, Floyd County Health

Department Tobacco-free program, Mountain Regional Prevention Center, Big Sandy Community & Technical College GED Program, Big Sandy Healthcare and Healthy Floyd County 2010 Dental/Oral Health team that is made-up of representatives from the Floyd County Schools, Floyd County Health Department, Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Big Sandy Healthcare.

Area hairdressers donated 101 haircuts and a variety of products that was given away by random drawings.

Also, the following volunteers unselfishly gave their time to the event and were an integral part of its success: Marena Nelson, Audreyetta

Lawson, Donna Gray, Charlene Johnson and Jeremiah Parsons.

Graceway United Methodist Church, along with Floyd County Family Resource Youth Services Centers, provided clothing, household items and toys for nearly 600 people.

The event's success is a testament to the genuine collaboration of the following organi-

zations: Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Floyd County Schools, Floyd County Family Resource Youth Services Centers, Floyd County Health Department, Mountain Regional Prevention Center, Community Based Services, Big Sandy Healthcare, Graceway United Methodist Church and other area businesses, organizations, volunteers and the community.

Pikeville College announces new edition of Pikeville Review

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College announces the newest edition of The Pikeville Review, an annual literary publication. The 20th edition of the Review continues the commitment of the college's humanities division to providing a professional venue for veteran and aspiring writers.

The Review was launched in 1986 with James A. Riley, professor of English at the college, as editor. Elgin Ward, associate professor of English, took over the task in 1997. The two most recent editions are edited by Sydney England, assistant professor at the college. The scope of the publication has varied over the years,

and included many Kentucky writers, some new writers, and noted authors Rebecca Bailey and Robert Morgan.

This edition of the literary review features works of poetry and short stories by 21 writers, both previously published and unpublished, from across the United States. The cover, a glossy black and white photograph of the Kentucky mountains in cloud cover, was submitted by Nathan Warnock of Wise, Va.

Copies of The Pikeville Review are available for \$4 and can be obtained by contacting Sydney England by e-mail at sengland@pc.edu or by calling (606) 218-5602.

Attorney general at odds with Fletcher over appointments

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Five Republican appointees to the state's two largest universities should be removed, Attorney General Greg Stumbo said Monday in a letter to Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Stumbo, a Democrat, contends in the letter that the appointments at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville violate a state law requiring "proportional representation of the two leading political parties" based on voter registration.

Fletcher spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker said the governor has done nothing wrong.

"Governor Fletcher is committed to appointing the best and brightest individuals to serve in these positions," Whitaker said in a written statement. "The governor has followed the law."

Stumbo threatened court action to remove trustees if they don't resign.

Since 2004, Fletcher has appointed seven Republicans and two Democrats as trustees

at UK and eight Republicans and two Democrats at UofL.

"By creating a Republican majority among the gubernatorial appointees to those boards, you have denied the people their guaranteed voice," Stumbo wrote in the letter.

Records from the State Board of Elections show Kentucky's political makeup as 56.9 percent Democrat, 36.6 percent Republican, and 6.5 percent other.

Stumbo, a Democrat, has been at odds with Fletcher in the past. Stumbo helped lead an investigation into the Fletcher administration's hiring practices. That investigation led to an indictment against the first-term governor on charges of political patronage.

The indictment was dismissed in a negotiated agreement with prosecutors.



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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 Dr. Jeff Potter, located at 374 University Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Dr. Dustin Devers will be holding an open house and tailgate party to help kickoff football season on Friday, September 7 from 3 PM to 7 PM at Hometown Family Care! Join us for free Bar-B-Que and low country boil, a Southern meal made with corn, fresh shrimp, sausage, and potatoes! Come by and meet Dr. Devers and take a tour of the Hometown Family Care Center.



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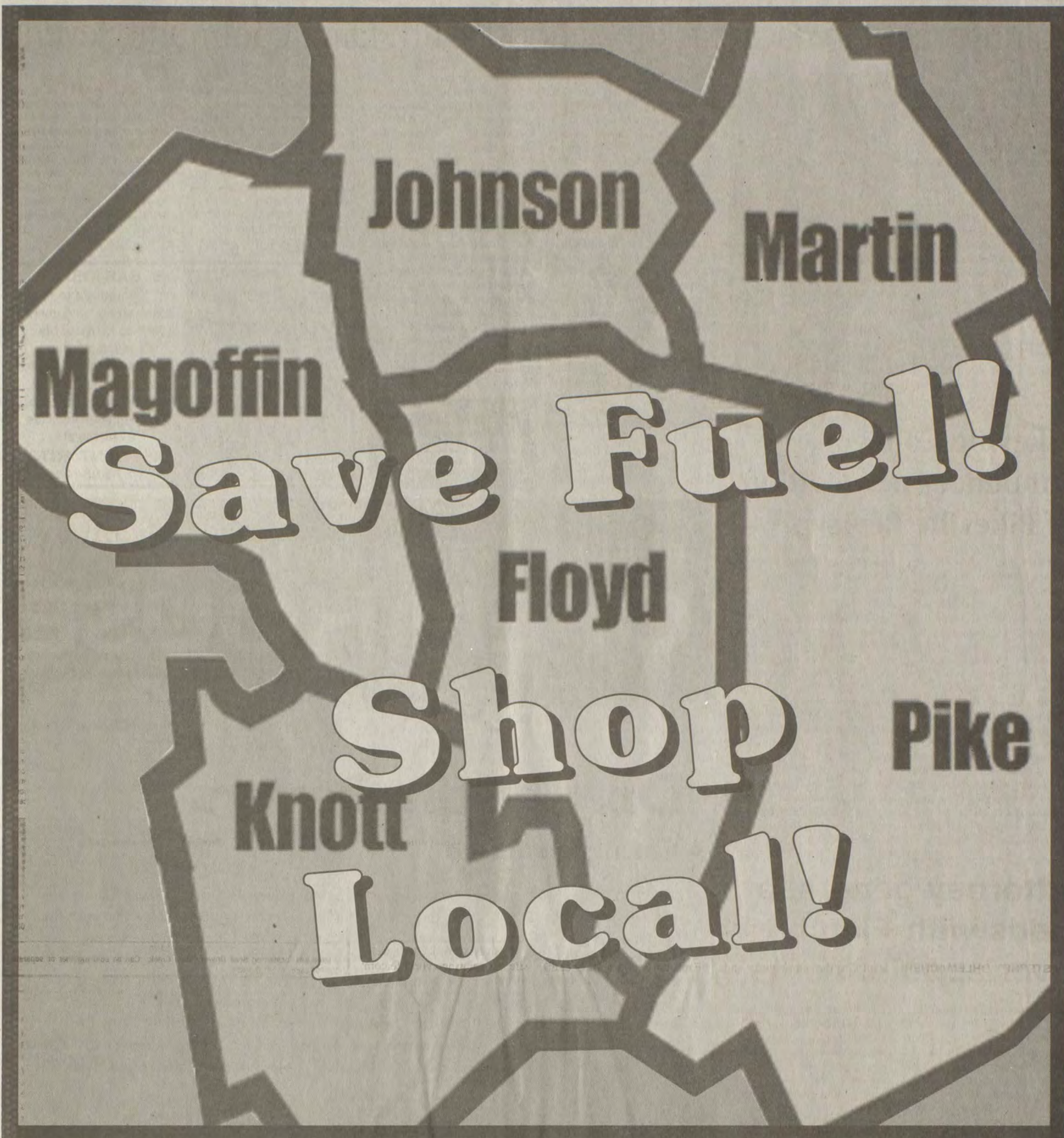
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New Chamber member: Country Treasures



Missy Williams, along with husband Paul, owns and operates new Prestonsburg business, Country Treasures.

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce welcomes new chamber member, *Country Treasures*. Located in the old Charter Communications building, in Lancer, located on South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg, *Country Treasures* opened its doors on April 19.

Country Treasures has many items that will add a touch of country to your home. Some of the products they carry include candles, tarts, tart burners, jams, furniture, lamps, primitive dolls, pictures, pillows and much more. At *Country Treasures* you will find they carry a lot of one-of-a-kind items along with many different wreaths and types of berry garlands. According to owners Paul and Missy Williams, the motto of *Country Treasures* is to help the customer step back just a

little in time. With new items arriving daily, Missy also notes that she travels in order to just find that one of a kind perfect item for her store. *Country Treasures* is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Reffett named to New York Life executive council

PRESTONSBURG — Dexter D. Reffett has been named a member of the 2007 executive council of New York Life Insurance Company, Sy Sternberg, New York Life's chairman and chief executive officer announced recently.

Members of the executive council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of approximately 10,000 licensed agents.

As a member of the executive council, Reffett is invited to attend the meeting to be held August 26-30 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, in Orlando, Fla.

Reffett has been a New York Life agent since 2004,



Dexter D. Reffett

and is associated with New York Life's Kentucky General Office in Louisville.

Reffett has worked in the financial community in

Kentucky for over 20 years. He graduated from Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg Community College with associate degrees in both arts and sciences, University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Morehead State University with a master of business administration degree, and Louisiana State University with a graduate degree in banking. He has completed the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma and is currently completing the program for designation as a life underwriter training council fellow.

Reffett has maintained a residence in Floyd County his entire life, being the son of the late Elmer and Ruby Jean Reffett. He has one son, Adam Keith Reffett, who will be attending Berea College beginning in the 2007 fall semester.

New York Life Insurance Company, a Fortune 100 company founded in 1845, is the largest mutual life insurance company in the United States and one of the largest life insurers in the world. Headquartered in New York City, New York Life's family of companies offers life insurance, annuities and long-term care insurance. New York Life Investment Management LLC provides institutional asset management and retirement plan services. Other New York Life affiliates provide an array of securities products and services, as well as institutional and retail mutual funds.

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Poverty rate registers first significant decline since 2000

by STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The nation's poverty rate dropped last year, the first significant decline since President Bush took office.

The Census Bureau reported Tuesday that 36.5 million Americans, or 12.3 percent — were living in poverty last year. That's down from 12.6 percent in 2005.

The median household income was \$48,200, a slight increase from the previous year. But the number of people without health insurance also increased, to 47 million.

The last significant decline in the poverty rate came in 2000, during the Clinton administration. In 2005, the poverty rate dipped from 12.7 percent to 12.6 percent, but Census officials said that change was statistically insignificant.

The poverty numbers are good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. However, the numbers released Tuesday represent economic conditions from a year ago.

The poverty level is the official measure used to decide eligibility for federal health, housing, nutrition and child care benefits. It differs by family size and makeup. For a family of four with two children, for example, the poverty level is \$20,444. The poverty rate — the percentage of people living below poverty — helps shape the debate on the health of the nation's economy.

The figures were released at a news conference by David Johnson, chief of the Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division.

The poverty report comes five years into an uneven economic recovery, and well into a presidential campaign that still has 14 months to go.

Poverty has not been a big

issue in the campaign, and political scientists said they doubted the new numbers would change that.

"The poor are politically mute," said Larry Jacobs, a political scientist at the University of Minnesota. "What rational politician would listen to the poor? They don't vote, they don't write checks, why care?"

Democrat John Edwards has made fighting poverty a centerpiece of his campaign. But, Jacobs noted, "He's struggling to raise money and he's lagging in the polls."

Evelyn Brodtkin, a political scientist at the University of Chicago, said she expects the rising number of people without insurance to get more attention in the campaign.

The share of Americans without health insurance hit 15.8 percent last year, up from 15.3 percent the previous year.

"It affects people in the middle, and it affects corporations," Brodtkin said.

"Especially those who compete globally, they are really hurting because they have to compete with companies that don't have huge health insurance bills for their labor force."

Lyndon Johnson was the last president to launch a major initiative aimed at eradicating poverty, said Sheldon Danziger, co-director of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan.

Danziger said low unemployment in 2006 helped lower the poverty rate. But, he noted, the rate was slow to drop despite five years of economic growth.

"For three decades we have had an economy where workers with a high school diploma or less have hardly kept up with inflation," Danziger said.

Low-wage workers have been hurt by the nation's declining manufacturing sector, which has lost more than 3 million jobs since Bush took office.

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Debate

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tion." Fletcher granted a blanket pardon to others who had been indicted and to anyone else who could have been charged in the probe.

The governor called the probe a political witchhunt.

Fletcher also said that Beshear, as attorney general, had signaled that such hiring probes should be handled by the state Personnel Board. "So there's a lot of hypocrisy there," the governor said.

Fletcher said he would not favor a constitutional amendment to limit a governor's pardoning powers, and defended his pardons as a means to curb what he said was prosecutorial abuses aimed at political gain.

"What I did ... it was part of the rule of law," he said.

Beshear said he would favor changing the constitution to limit a governor's power of pardon. He said the probe resulted in indictments of 29 people on nearly two dozen felony counts and dozens of misdemeanor counts. He said the governor cited his Fifth Amendment right when asked to testify before the grand jury.

"He said that he refused to answer questions on the grounds that it might incriminate him," Beshear said. "Now does that sound like a witch-hunt?"

Beshear said that Fletcher's actions did not reflect strong values and chided Fletcher for not making public the names of contributors to his legal defense fund.

Fletcher fired back that Beshear doesn't represent conservative values on a range of social issues. Fletcher noted Beshear's role years ago as attorney general in enforcing a U.S. Supreme Court ruling ordering the removal of the Ten Commandments from Kentucky public classrooms.

The governor also said it's Beshear's support of allowing limited casino gambling that does not reflect Kentucky values and would hurt families by driving up bankruptcies and crime. Fletcher said that Kentuckians would have to lose nearly \$1.5 billion at casinos to meet Beshear's revenue estimates.

"He's putting all of his promises to Kentucky on casino gambling," Fletcher said.

In touting his record as governor, Fletcher said he was able to increase spending for education and roads without

expanded gambling and while cutting taxes for most Kentuckians.

Beshear insisted he could carry out his agenda without casino money, saying his efforts to make state government more efficient and to create economic growth would raise additional tax money. But he said expanded gambling would supply more revenue to move faster on his proposals.

Beshear says that changing the state constitution to allow casino gambling at some race-tracks and a handful of free-standing facilities would raise about \$500 million a year in additional tax revenue. He would use the money for education, health care, economic development and other initiatives. He said Kentuckians already are spending huge amounts at casinos along the state's border in Indiana and Illinois.

"My position is, let's just bring it home and use it for our folks," Beshear said.

On health care, Fletcher said that Kentucky has made progress by revamping Medicare and assisting small businesses in obtaining health insurance.

Beshear said that health care premiums have skyrocketed during Fletcher's tenure. Beshear said he would expand a children's health insurance program and Medicaid to cover uninsured children and promised state assistance to help plug the coverage gap in the Medicare prescription drug program.

Both candidates said they would foster bipartisanship in Frankfort.

Fletcher claimed that 61 percent of his political appointees are Democrats.

"We've got more bipartisan effort here than the commonwealth has seen in years, if not ever," he said.

Beshear said Fletcher has been part of an environment of "extreme partisanship." Beshear promised that if elected, he would appoint the best people, regardless of political persuasion.

"I don't care whether they are Democrat, Republican or independent," he said.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

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BERLEX	1,537.80
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BIG SANDY NEWS	240.00
BIG SANDY FURNITURE	719.85
BIG SANDY TWO WAY, INC.	65.00
BLUEGRASS KESCO, INC.	600.00
BOB WHITE CONSTRUCTION	35,000.00
BOCOOK ENGINEERING	2,397.75
BONNIE LYNCH	419.96
BOSTON MARRIOTT-COPLEY PLACE	1,197.59
BP OIL	10,949.44
BRANDON SLOAN	30.00
BRENDA HUMPHREY	6,642.15
BRENDA MOORE	34.44
BRIAN HOLBROOK	2,031.45
BRIDGET SLOAN	215.81
BROCK MCVEY	119.04
BSCT COLLEGE BOOKSTORE	107.70
CAPP, INC.	80.14
CAROLYN BOND	4,373.02
CAROLYN LAMBERT	96.88
CBS SPORTS STORE	202.84
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	1,745.94
CHANDRA R. CHANDLER	993.81
CHANNING L. BETE CO., INC.	522.22
CHARLES ARNETT, MD	67,500.00
CHARLOTTE ROGERS	28,617.42
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	30.89
CHERYL YOUNCE	1,398.54
CHESA SHELTON	893.39
CHILDBIRTH GRAPHICS	135.39
CHRISTOPHER YOUNG	1,786.62
CITY OF PRESTONSBURG	7,123.13
CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT	190.50
CLARA MARTIN	155.49
CLARK CO. HEALTH DEPARTMENT	291.70
COALFIELDS TELEPHONE CO.	2,118.61
CODELL CONSTRUCTION	8,000.00
COLGATE ORAL PHARM., INC.	384.00
COLLAGE VIDEO	80.78
COMFORT SUITES	312.55
COMMONWEALTH CREDIT UNION	35,060.00
CONNIE HAMILTON	194.95
COOLEY APOTHECARY	1,792.69
CUSTOM DATA PROCESSING, INC.	2,046.94
CUSTOM MAID SERVICES	1,200.00
CYRACOM	74.90
DARLA MUSIC	90.00
DEBRA FLANNERY	2,776.65
DELL MARKETING I.P.	16,956.41
DIXON NUNNERY APPRAISAL	400.00
E-FILLIATE INCORPORATED	605.43
EASTERN KY IMAGING PSC	2,630.00
ELLIOTT SUPPLY & GLASS, INC.	165.12
ETR ASSOCIATES	109.95
FIRE PUMPS & EQUIPMENT	102.50
FISHER SCIENTIFIC	135.93
FITZPATRICK, OSBORNE, HEABERLIN	810.00
FLOYD CO. H.D. PETTY CASH	333.80
FLOYD CO. CLERK	120.00
FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE	500.00
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF	465.09
FLOYD CO TIMES	2,250.00
FOOD CITY #457	1,302.67
G. NEIL CO.	184.73
GAULT HOUSE	218.10
GMAC	4,510.50
GORDON E. STOWE & ASSOC.	311.50
GROGANS	8,856.56
HAMPTON INN - WINCHESTER	493.80
HEALTH EDCCO	295.25
HEALTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	71.75
HELEN CRIDER	454.47
HEMOCUE	5,742.00
HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MED. CTR.	5,616.00
HIGHLANDS SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	2,546.00
HILLYARD, INC.	2,895.90
HOLIDAY INN NORTH	805.20
HOPKINS MEDICAL PRODUCTS	4,135.72
HRM USA, INC.	225.00
ID & A, INC.	1,039.64
IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	4,347.73
IMPACT	2,895.65
INGENIX	131.27
ISA INFORMATION SERVICES	608.40
J & M MONITORING, INC.	40,766.68
J-O-M PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES	8,688.76
JRA ENGINEERING	13,279.34
JAMES R. PHIPPS	10.00
JEAN ROSENBERG	13,036.88
JEANNIE LAFFERTY	257.38
JENNA HUMPHREY	152.75
JENNIFER ISOM	75.00
JENNIFER WEST	655.88
JENNY WILEY FLORIST	567.10
JOANN MARSILETT	37.97
JOHN B. TACKETT, PSC	5,100.00
JOSH DARBY	1,150.00
JUDITH HACKWORTH	10.00
KACO ALL LINE FUNDS	54,055.98
KACO WORKERS COMP.	17,902.17

KAREN OSBORNE	408.33
KAREN RICE	53.88
KELLY DICKERSON	351.85
KENTUCKY STATE TREAS. (INS)	6,402.54
KENTUCKY STATE TREAS.	115,726.43
KENTUCKY STATE TREAS. (HEALTH INS)	198,679.03
KHDA	650.00
KIEFER	98.81
KINGS SUPPLY CO	395.35
KING'S DAUGHTER MEDICAL CTR	20,454.00
KY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION	2,500.00
KY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	143,551.48
KY RIVER DIST. HEALTH DEPT.	16,839.74
L J PRODUCTIONS	130.00
LANIER WORLDWIDE, INC.	4,464.45
LAYNE'S HARDWARE & PAINT	403.15
LINDA BROWN	45.00
LINDA GROGAN	377.92
LOUISVILLE METRO HEALTH DEPT.	167.20
LOWE'S	865.88
LYLE B. SNIDER PHD, PLLC	41,109.77
LYNETTE SCHINDLER, CPA	16,500.00
MADE FROM SCRATCH	4,030.33
MAGGARD'S FURNITURE	537.00
MCBEE SYSTEMS	870.76
MCI	829.78
MEDI HOME CARE	154.00
MERCK AND CO. INC.	3,816.26
MILLIE VARNADORE	99.00
MONTGOMERY HEALTH DEPT.	359.00
MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE & DATA	2,114.75
MOUNTAINEER FENCING	2,473.59
MUSIC CARTER HUGHES	3,131.92
NASCO	186.93
NCES INC.	57.90
NORLAB INC.	199.60
OCE IMAGISTICS, INC.	219.35
OFFICE DEPOT	4,600.42
OUR LADY OF THE WAY HOSPITAL	4,932.00
OVERHEAD DOOR	70.00
PATHOLOGY & CYTOLOGY LAB	4,456.00
PAULA SPARKMAN	79.03
PFIZER	843.78
PHYSICIAN SALES & SERVICE INC.	45.08
PHYSICIANS FOR WOMEN	341.00
PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	15,000.00
PIZZA HUT	278.61
PLAK SMACKER	310.55
PMC MEDICAL LEADER	200.00
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	575.52
POSTMASTER	7,438.00
PRESTONSBURG CITY UTILITIES	6,049.84
PROFESSIONAL PATHOLOGY	3,806.00
PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION	335.00
R & S NORTHEAST, LLC	4,097.64
RAMADA CONFERENCE CTR	477.19
RAMADA INN OF LEXINGTON	74.89
RANDI G JARRELL	186.00
RAY AND WANDA LINDON	39,399.29
RATLIFF'S MOVING	6,507.50
READMORE BOOKSTORE	56.63
REBECCA MOON DBA CUSTOM MAID SERV.	29,886.00
RICHIE PHARMACAL CO	642.13
RHONDA TACKETT	21.40
RICOH AMERICA'S GROUP	759.26
RITCHIES HALLMARK	398.00
RONDALL LESLIE MD, PSC	1,450.00
RUSSELL H WALLACE	750.78
S & S WORLDWIDE	621.63
SAFETY EMPORIUM	282.00
SANDY VALLEY WATER DIST.	70.00
SANOPI PASTEUR, INC.	31,900.89
SCOTT-GROSS CO. INC.	493.30
SERVICE OFFICE SUPPLY	138.84
SHIRT GALLERY	4,983.00
SHRED ALL DOCUMENTS	3,239.36
SIMPLY CHEAP VENTURES, INC.	130.38
SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY LLC	139.98
SPEEDWAY	400.00
STANBIO	494.00
STATE OF HEALTH PRODUCTS	210.75
STATEWIDE PRESS	19,381.78
STERICYCLE	2,432.73
STRAND THEATRE	1,200.00
SUCCESSORIES, LLC	488.96
SUDDENLINK	309.29
SUMMERS EQUIPMENT	6,729.76
SUPER 8 MOTEL	145.84
T & K SIGNS	2,254.86
TAMMY JUSTICE	726.39
TERMINEX	570.00
THELMA LAFFERTY	11.48
THOMPSON'S HEALTHCARE	59.95
THOROUGHbred BUSINESS SYSTEMS	402.58
THURSA SLOAN	540.25
TORA SLOAN	1,198.58
TREASURER, KY UNEMPLOYMENT INS	4,299.54
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	3,200.00
UMWA FUNDS HEALTH PLAN	19.06
V. FRANCIS DANIEL	113.72
VALLEY NATIONAL GASES	126.75
VERSAPHARM, INC.	181.60
W.VA. ELECTRIC	530.34
WAL-MART	400.00
WAL-MART COMMUNITY BRC	13,539.00
WANDA MARCUM	22.00
WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.	64.40
WASTE MANAGEMENT	112.70
WHAYNE SUPPLY CO.	498.13
WILDCARD ASSOCIATES	9,201.10
WMDJ	440.00
WRS GROUP INC.	824.07
YOUNCE SEPTIC SERVICE	240.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,045,427.08

BEGINNING OUTSTANDING CHECKS	159,262.83
ENDING OUTSTANDING CHECKS	418,498.51
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	2,786,191.40

CASH BALANCE	1,515,273.63
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This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2007, a balance of \$77,170.40 was credited to the checking account of the Floyd County Health Department.

Leann Hill
(Officer or Cashier of Bank)
Citizens National Bank
(Name of Bank)

This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2007, a balance of \$203,021.09 was credited to the certificate of deposit of the Floyd County Health Department.

Wanda Marcum
(Officer or Cashier of Bank)
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This is to certify that at the close of business on June 30, 2007, a balance of \$335,082.14 was credited to the certificate of deposit of the Floyd County Health Department.

Leann Hill
(Officer or Cashier of Bank)
Citizens National Bank
(Name of Bank)

Witness our hands this the 28 day of Aug, 2007.
Theresa Sloan
Public Officer
Floyd County
Health Department

Commonwealth of Kentucky
County of Ky.

Subscribed and sworn to by *Theresa Sloan*
before me on the 28 day of Aug, 2007.
Barbara Nelson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 2/6/11

Attention, All Wheelwright Classmates 1970-1979

70's Class Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007

NO ADMISSION FEE

Please bring soda and chips

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Dance to follow at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** September 28, 2007
Deadline to submit entries: Sept. 14, 2007

Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____

- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____

- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____

- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____
- Car Dealership _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____

BEST FOOD

- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____

- Teaches at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Videos _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____
- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Massage Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Physicians Asst. _____

- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Appliances _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Beauty Salon _____

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Wednesday, September 14, 2007 (mailed or delivered).
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted.
Winners to be published in the Friday, September 28th edition of the Floyd County Times.

Board

good for us, for our students," she said.

Hughes informed the board that in previous years "primarily only the top 10 percent" of graduating seniors took the ACT but that a greater number of students were now beginning to take the test and therefore cumulative scores would show a decrease.

Beginning this year, all Floyd County juniors will take the ACT. As such, a decrease in cumulative scores is anticipated.

To offset, area high schools plan to offer pre-test practice sessions and online study guides to students who will have the test administered to them.

Noting that "a lot of our kids have gone on (to college) on athletic scholarships," Stumbo said that he felt that perhaps more focus had gone

into school athletics rather than academics. "And look where we are now," he said.

"Bottom line is, teachers need to be able to teach," Stumbo continued. "We need to stop putting an extra burden on our teachers, asking them to devote 15 minutes of class time to other tasks ... we're doing it, the state's doing it, but we need to leave our teachers alone and let them teach."

"We all need to work together and fix this problem," he said. "We've got a board that's willing to work, others are working, so let's fix it."

The Floyd County Board of Education will meet in special session tonight, at 6 p.m., at May Valley Elementary School. Among the topics to be discussed is the issue of employee/visitor tobacco use on school properties.

Council

Mayor Jerry Fannin scheduled a special Prestonsburg City Council meeting with Prestonsburg Tourism for today at 6 p.m.

In other business, the council discussed Frank Fitzpatrick's request for the city's support in applying for a permit to place a permanent traffic signal at the property he's developing between the intersections at Wal-Mart and Archer Park.

According to attorney Jim Webb, the city doesn't have any say about the placement of the traffic signal since the highway is owned and maintained by the state. Council member Shag Branham said he didn't see why the city should endorse the project when they didn't have grounds to either permit or deny it, keeping in mind that not all council members were in favor of the traffic signal

In other business, councilman Gorman Collins questioned whether or not the City's Fridays Alive Concert Series was taking business away from the Mountain Arts Center. The program's coordinator, Brent Graden, says he arranged the concerts so they would only run from 6 to 8 p.m. so he wouldn't interfere with the MAC's operations. Mayor Jerry Fannin suggested they get in contact with directors at the Mountain Arts Center to further discuss the situation.

Graden also made a request for the city to put aside their recent ban on skateboarding for an upcoming Skatecore concert on Friday. The city agreed that skateboarding would be permitted in the municipal parking lot from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday night only.

Scam

information, to posing as an employee who needed to verify direct deposit information.

In one scam, Social Security recipients were told that their monthly benefit payments were being cut because they have inherited a house from a relative — an event the SSA says would not result in a reduction of Social Security benefits. To help make the fraud seem authentic, the caller then placed the person on hold and played the same on-hold recordings used by Social Security. When the caller got back on the line, the recipients were then told that proceeds from the sale of the house will be sent to them if they pay the back taxes.

The SSA advises everyone to take precautions when giving out their personal information. You should never provide your Social Security number over the telephone unless you initiated the contact, or are confident of the person to whom you are speaking.

If there is any doubt whether the call you received is valid, contact your local Social Security office by calling (800) 772-1213 to verify the legitimacy of the call, or call (800) 269-0271 to report a fraudulent experience with a scammer.

The SSA says they are working closely with the Inspector General to investigate all reports of suspicious activity.

Tourism

outdoor recreation standpoint," said Chris Doyle, spokesman for the Adventure Travel Trade Association, adding that Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the Carolinas in recent years have seen an uptick in businesses centered on rugged outdoor sports.

"They're looking to find new economic opportunities so they're not wholly dependent on one silo of economic revenue," he said.

If fully implemented, the Kentucky plan promises to bring the region 130,000 new visitors annually, up to \$100 million in annual economic impact and up to 1,500 new jobs.

The plan calls for tourism officials to create a unified brand and marketing strategy and ensure the infrastructure, especially roads, is adequate to make the region accessible to tourists.

Fletcher said he would direct parks, wildlife and tourism officials to work with local communities to come up with ways to market their natural attractions.

"We'd like to see some promotion," said Steve Ruth, a

whitewater paddler in Elkhorn City.

Every October, Ruth meets hundreds of other whitewater paddlers eager to take on the expert-level rapids at the Russell Fork River in eastern Kentucky, but the beauty and rugged terrain of the area are largely overlooked by tourists for the rest of the year.

The new focus on "adventure tourism" is giving Ruth hope. He stressed that Russell Fork area is ideal for rock climbing and mountain biking — not just its challenging, Class V rapids in the fall.

"I think if we were known as a year-round destination, ... we could support the adventure tourism business here," Ruth said.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Wheels/Misc

1999 Mercury Marquis for sale. Good Shape, perfect condition. 103,000 miles. \$5,000.00 Call 874-2647

HICKS AUTO SALES

DAVID ROAD
 Look here for a GREAT DEAL!!!!
'98 Cherokee Classic, \$3,795 4.0, automatic.
 '96 Toyota Avalon, 140,000 miles. Extra sharp. \$4,000
 2001 Ford Taurus SE 80,000 miles. \$4,495. Moonroof. 92 Pathfinder, automatic, \$1,650.
 '96 Buick Century \$1,100.
 886-2842
 886-3451.

1999 Toyota Tacoma 4X4 for sale. 88,000 miles \$6,995.00 Call 886-2685

2002 Yamaha Raptor 50. Blue, Ridden very little. Excellent condition. \$1,200 (606)205-5139 Anytime.

FOR SALE
 Submersible deep well Meyer pumps. Half 3 quarter and 1 horse power. Call 358-2000.

EMPLOYMENT

AVON
 Sign up for 10.00 and Receive Free gift. Earn pocket or career money, you decide. Call Jency at 886-2082

Seeking an experienced Rodman. Applicants must have up to date surface and underground training and a new employee drug test is required. Applicants must be willing to work underground. Applications can be pick up at Summit Engineering, INC. 131 Summit Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday.

Laborer positions, CDL drivers, class A or B needed in addition, looking for CDL drivers with backhoe experience. Contact Mary at Star Construction 874-1263. EEO

Job Opportunity: Need someone to work. Call 438-6104

Truck Drivers Needed. we provide Insurance, 401k. Drivers must have Class A or B, Hazmat, and tanker endorsements. Please call (606) 478-9501 to set up an appointment.

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

Heavy Equipment Steam Cleaning Company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine Emergency Tech. is a plus. Call Mon. Thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (606) 886-1759 If no answer leave message.

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

Services

Grigsby Contracting specializing in brick, block, stone laying and concrete. Call 889-0223

Will sit with elderly. I have experience! if interested please call 889-9335.

Plebotomy classes to begin in September in Ashland, Ky. Day or evening classes available. For more

IMMEDIATE OPENING:

Local industrial distributor requires the services of an experienced delivery truck driver for its Jenkins, KY location. Class B CDL required, as well as experience with forklifts. Clean driving record a must. Local delivery only. M-F. This is a full-time job with competitive pay and an excellent benefits package (including health/dental/life ins., 401(k) and bonuses).
 Send resumé and/or letter detailing experience to: Delivery Truck Driver, P.O. Box 100, Banner, KY 41603.
 EOE, M,F,D,V



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Last Request Prior to Hiring

- Batch Plant Personnel
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Apply in Person — Fax or Mail your resumé to:
 Wright Concrete & Construction, Inc.
 9430 US HWY 23 S
 Pikeville, KY 41501
 FAX: (606) 639-4482

(Office located South of Pikeville on US 23 on Caney Highway beside the Double Kwik)

info call 606-928-1530.

FOR LEASE: 2 large office spaces could accommodate physician, dentist or other, located at East Main St. Hazard, Kentucky. For more information please contact Rita @ 606-439-2662 ext.27 or e-mail HYPERLINK "mailto:rita@mmic1.com" rita@mmic1.com

The Nursing Home is not your only option! My company has trained experience people ready to help with all your needs in your own home, **stay where your heart is.** Call Joyce at 606-889-8529 or 606-226-6366. On call in home assistance can help you.

MERCHANDISE

BOOK FOR SALE
 Korners of inspiration (A collaboration of Kim's Korner). Priority mail \$13.30, shipping UPS \$20.00, allow 2-4 weeks for delivery. To order send check or money order to Kim Frausre 955 Abbott Mountain Road Prestonsburg Ky 41653, or email klfrausre@bell-south.net

Items For Sale:::
 Used furniture, old time kitchen cabinets, washer and dryer, sectional couch. Also, a 1990 Lincon Content car with sunroof. Call 886-2474

Animals

FOUND!!!
 Yellow/Orange striped cat! To claim call 886-8915

Furniture

For Sale: Both like new Metal Headboard and frame. Solid oak dinette set priced n bed \$174.00, dinette \$250.00. Call 874-1092 or 886-4530.

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY

Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

Yard Sale

Yard Sale 9-4 Friday Aug. 31 and Sat. Sept. 1. Top of the hill at Bucks Branch and Spurlock. Piano and Organ - very reasonable. Children & Adult Clothing. Tables, chairs, bed clothing & lots of other stuff cheap!

Moving Sale Sat. Sept. 1st. 9-? Small junior size clothing, matching kitchen furniture, refrigerator, assortment of housewares. One mile down Cracker Bottom, first tan trailer on left. Look for Signs!

Yard/Antique Sale: Sept. 1, 2, and 3. Furniture, collectables, glassware, high-back oak bed, iron beds, trunks, patio furniture, bedding, too much to list! Just off U.S. 23 at Highlands Regional Center exit. Follow the signs! (606)889-9819

5 Family Yard Sale: Aug. 31 & Sept. 1. 2 Guitars, dryer, household items plus much more. 4 1/2 miles past Mountain Arts Ctr. Route 114. Turn left at building site of Middle Creek Fire Dept. Watch for Signs!

New Hospital Bed for Sale. For information call 285-0988

REAL ESTATE

3 BR 2 bath for sale. \$40,000. Also, 2 BR 1 bath \$25,000 will sell together or separately. Located in Dwale across 1st railroad crossing + go straight. Call 606-634-8665 or 606-634-9111

Sale or Lease

FOR RENT
 Beauty shop equip with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1



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WRIGHT CONCRETE & CONSTRUCTION, INC. is accepting applications for the following immediate positions:

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Excellent Working Environment with Top Pay & Benefits: Health, Dental, Vision & 401K Retirement

Apply in Person — Fax or Mail your resumé to:
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 9430 US HWY 23 S, Pikeville, KY 41501
 FAX: (606) 639-4482
 (Office located South of Pikeville on US 23 on Caney Highway beside the Double Kwik)

COAL HAULERS



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

mile South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

FARM FOR SALE
 Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

1 BR furnished upstairs apt, well maintained. \$325 per month plus deposit. Call 886-6208.

3 BR 2 bath apt. for rent located in Martin. \$300 deposit plus \$500 per mo plus utilities. 285-1000

HOUSES FOR RENT



3 adjoining houses and LARGE lots in downtown Prestonsburg. Ideal for commercial or residential use. Located on corner of Rt. 1428 and S. Central Ave. Brick home with original hardwood interior plus Two rental houses. Close to schools, courthouse, and shopping. \$575,000 for appointment or more information call 886-9668 or 226-6871



For Sale By Owner
 Come relax on this large covered front porch or enjoy cooking out on the large deck of this 4 BR, 2 Bath, 2 story home. Only 10 min. from Shopping downtown also close to new Prestonsburg Elementary School. Located 3/10 mile rough and tough branch on chessee lane. for appointment call 886-6682.

Spacious 1 BR apt, newly decorated in town, paved off street parking private. \$375 per month plus deposit. Water, garbage, and cable furnished. Walking distance from downtown Prestonsburg. References required call 886-2444 between 9a-6p

Newly renovated Apartment for rent. 1 br, 1 bath. 300.00 a month plus 1 months rent security deposit. Located above Safelite Auto Glass. Call 478-8100

FURNISHED 1 bedroom Apt.

Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717. TFN all Highland Apart SH

Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT

Car Enthusiast/PART TIME

Wanted:

An enthusiastic car buff that is looking for part time work visiting car dealerships in the Prestonsburg/Pikeville, KY area. Spend 2-3 days per month documenting dealership inventories. Join a pool of 300 permanent part-time employees who desire a flexible schedule, opportunity to work outside, and extra income. If you are self-insured and have a functioning vehicle, drop us a line. You must be available for training September 4th through September 7th, 2007 in the daytime hours.

Contact James Holland anytime prior to 5:00pm on August 31st, 2007 at (800) 621-8070, ext. 7552. Email: jholland@cccis.com



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Jerry's RESTAURANT

Prestonsburg

HELP WANTED: Waitresses, dish washers/busboys, cooks. Paid vacation, health insurance available. Uniforms furnished.

No phone calls, please! Apply in person.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms

available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. in Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 55 AND OLDER

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

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

PHONE:

606-886-8318

or 1-800-686-4447

(TDD for speech & hearing impaired 711)

EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD 1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vac-

Nice 3 BR one bath house for rent in Eastern. Appliances included. NOT HUD APPROVED, NO PETS. Call 606-358-4515 after 6:00p only.

3BD,2 bath, Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck, big storage barn, acres of privacy. \$1,190.00 per month 850-222-2222 Leave message. See pix at www.YesFLA.com

Building for Rent 50x90 18" Ceilings, 12x12 Garage door, \$450.00 per month - Martin, Ky. Call 285-3368

1 Bedroom trailer for rent. Located on Cliff Rd. Call 886-3047 or 226-3047

Furnished trailer for rent just off Mountain Parkway on old 114. Call 886-8724.

3 BR MH for rent, 1 bath. Call 874-2802.

FOR RENT 2 MH for rent Banner area. 874-0267.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0339

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 423.30 acres, located 1.00 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County.

The proposed permit area is approximately 1.10 mile southeast from Ky. 122's junction with Ky. 2030, and located on Shop. The latitude is 37°31'36". The longitude is 82°44'04". The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, area and auger Highwall mining method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Black Diamond Mining Company, LLC, Tandy L.

Spurlock, James Irvine Halbert Heirs, John A. Salisbury, Bruce Salisbury, Gena Salisbury Moore, Salley Halbert and Talmadge Robinson Heirs, Denver Meade, Ruby Stone Halbert, Irvine Halbert, David May, Donald Ray Halbert, Merlene Dingus, Sherree and Jeanie Wright, Bonita Belle Terry, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Belva Jean Crews.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles northeast of Gunlock and is situated in both Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 570.41 surface acres and 22.53 acres of auger area of which 22.53 acres underlie proposed surface area, making a total permit area of

570.41 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River

The proposed operation is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Abe Shepherd Heirs, Abe Shepherd, Big

Branch Holding Company, LLC, Gladys Shepherd, Clyde Allen Estate, Rule Reagan, Ruth Ousley, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepherd and Clyde Allen Estate. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger/highwall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE The Governing

Body of Floyd County has proposed to adopt the Area's Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Update as per 401 KAR 49:011 Section 5 (2). The Plan, if approved, will serve

as the basis for handling solid waste in this area.

The following counties and cities are within the Solid Waste Management Area subject to this Plan: Floyd County, the City of

Prestonsburg, the City of Allen, the City of Martin, the City of Wayland, and the City of Wheelwright.

The Plan is available for public inspection and comment for the next 30

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Inc. Has an opening for a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse in a physician's office. Job Qualifications: Candidate must have valid Kentucky nursing license with prior experience in a physician office setting preferred; ACLS within one year of employment. Qualified candidates should apply at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Human Resources Department, P. O. Box 910, Martin, Kentucky 41649, fax: (606) 285-6409, email "mailto:dbentley@olwh.org" dbentley@olwh.org, call (606) 285-6420 or Teresa Bailey at (606) 285-6780. Deadline for applications: August 24, 2007

TO THE UNKNOWN PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE OF JEFF KIDD ON DECEMBER 7, 2006 As per a Warning Order Attorney issued by the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk's Office in that case styled Brenda Newsome vs. Jeff Kidd and Unknown Defendant, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, C.A. No. 07-CI-00797, I have been appointed to notify the unknown person who allegedly was driving the vehicle of Jeff Kidd on December 7, 2006, on Rt. 680 near Grethel, which struck the mobile home of Brenda Newsome, that the above styled case has been filed against you for the damages caused in that incident, and that you have 50 days from July 20, 2007, to appear and answer the complaint filed by the Plaintiff. If you have any questions, you may contact me, Gregory A. Isaac, attorney at law, at Combs and Isaac, 199 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-2391.

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT) COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements, must do so on or before September 28th, 2007, at 8:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	06-P-164	Preston Collins	Larry Collins	7-23-07
Final	06-P-27	Peggy Bates	Tammy Mullins/Janet Tufts	7-26-07
Final	05-P-189	Nathan Innis	Nathan Innis, Jr.	7-26-07
Final	05-P-223	Prentiss Crum	Freda Crum	7-27-07
Final	06-P-408	Rex L. Wilson	Elizabeth Wilson	7-27-07
Final	04-P-215	Kayla Tackett	Michael Tackett	8-1-07
Final	05-P-42	Ginny Spencer	Darvin Spencer	8-2-07
Final	05-P-225	Ashland Salisbury	Joyce Salisbury	8-3-07
Final	07-P-33	Bryan Samons	Randall Samons	8-6-07
Final	07-P-38	Cecilia Parks	Darrel Parks	8-6-07
Final	05-P-221	Viola Curry	Ellis Curry	8-8-07
Final	07-P-35	Freeman Newman	Melva Newman	8-8-07
Final	05-P-258	Martha Marsillett	Edward Marsillett	8-9-07
Final	06-P-439	Ethel Meade	Rita Ridgeway	8-13-07
Final	07-P-15	Eula Frazier	Glenn Frazier	8-15-07
Final	04-P-191	Dave Cooley	David Cooley	8-16-07
Final	05-P-202	Artie Salisbury	Arnold Salisbury	8-16-07
Final	05-P-242	Wayne Ratliff	Sonja Ratliff	8-16-07
Final	05-P-432	Marjorie Sammons	John Sammons	8-16-07
Final	06-P-299	Hatler Tackett	Myrtle Tackett	8-17-07
Final	05-P-405	Sola Williams	Edgar & Hank Williams	8-21-07

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
8-1-07	07-P-285	In Re: Georgia Maranville	Sam Hatcher—Guardian	Virginia Baird
8-1-07	07-P-286	In Re: Vincent Maranville	Sam Hatcher—Guardian	Virginia Baird
8-1-07	07-P-287	In Re: Anna Maranville	Sam Hatcher—Guardian	Virginia Baird
7-19-07	07-P-266	Denver Lafferty	Carl Lafferty	
7-20-07	07-P-268	Hilda Weedman	Katie Gray	
7-23-07	07-P-269	Bobby Messer	Kristi Messer	
7-24-07	07-P-271	David Chaffins	Donna Chaffins	
7-27-07	07-P-274	Arthur Haywood	Philip Haywood	Robert McCeland
7-27-07	07-P-275	Margaret Tackett	Carolyn Layne	
7-30-07	07-P-276	Burton Allen	Emma Allen	
8-6-07	07-P-280	Rosa McGuire	Linda Cox	Larry Brown
8-7-07	07-P-289	Lurlie Roberts	James Roberts/Jerry Roberts	Craig Davis
8-9-07	07-P-293	Paul Blevins	Edith Blevins	
8-10-07	07-P-294	Bernice Reynolds	Debbie Newsome	Jim Vanover
8-18-07	07-P-297	Clarence Johnson	Loretta Johnson	
8-16-07	07-P-301	James Cooley	Sara Butcher	
8-16-07	07-P-302	James Prater	Ruth Prater/Arnold Huff	
8-16-07	07-P-303	Jennie Wallen	Larry Wallen/Morman English & Jessie Wallen	
8-17-07	07-P-305	Loraine Halbert	Stephen Halbert/Susan Stewart	
8-22-07	07-P-118	Maxie Hite James	Russell James	William Kendrick
8-23-07	07-P-309	Joan Marie Turner	Darrell Turner	

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FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT JOHN K BLACKBURN, SHERIFF P.O. BOX 152, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 PHONE 886-6171 / 6711 TOLL FREE 1-800-834-5430 FAX # (606) 886-7973 TAX DEPARTMENT (606) 886-8965

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

ALL FLOYD COUNTY TAXPAYERS: As Sheriff of Floyd County, I am required by Kentucky State Law to advertise all delinquent tax claims to be offered for sale. The delinquent 2006 Unmined Coal Tax bills will be offered for sale at the Floyd County Sheriff's Office at the Courthouse in Prestonsburg, KY, on September 4th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. If not paid before this date, a tax lien will be attached to your property.

Sincerely, Sheriff John K Blackburn

BILL#	NAME	ADDRESS	TAX DUE
13170C	3JM COMPANY INC	C/O LYNN WEDDINGTON TUCKER	1068.83
13171C	3JM COMPANY INC	C/O LYNN WEDDINGTON TUCKER	145.00
13172C	3JM COMPANY INC	C/O LYNN WEDDINGTON TUCKER	878.89
13177C	ADAMS ANGIE ET AL	C/O WOODROW ADAMS	227.83
13178C	ADAMS ANGIE ET AL	C/O WOODROW ADAMS	163.09
13186C	ALLEN FLOYD AND PRISCILLA	GEN DEL	25.72
13192C	ALLEN RITA	478 NORTH CENTRAL AVE	29.01
13248C	BARKAN SANDRA	4625 HAGGEN DR	61.52
13253C	BILLIPS TERESA M	P O BOX 1167	33.74
13261C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	779.48
13262C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	108.93
13263C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	209.69
13264C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	30.93
13265C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	173.11
13267C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	259.18
13268C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	107.02
13270C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	435.41
13271C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	76.08
13273C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	311.30
13274C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	465.59
13276C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	1046.82
13277C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	32.86
13278C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	230.04
13280C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	647.41
13282C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	237.00
13283C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	3458.34
13284C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	1089.27
13285C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	595.97
13286C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	2411.92
13287C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	168.49
13290C	BROWNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	C/O JOHN LEATHERS B INGERSOLL	2001.26
13296C	BROWNING ILEY III	264 CAPE ARON DR	24.15
13299C	BROWNING WINDLOCK D	3415 GANNETT ST	24.15
13300C	BUELIS CECILIA DENNEY	P O BOX 176	43.43
13337C	CARTER JAKE		73.89
13344C	CLARK LANGLEY	645 KY RT 2030	59.21
13414C	COOLEY LIZZIE AND MANDY	923 BROADWAY APT 2	166.46
13415C	COREY SYLVIA N	PO BOX 1763	35.05
13418C	CRISP CLARENCE	P O BOX 454	24.71
13419C	CRISP COLUMBUS HRS	UNKNOWN	32.10
13420C	CRISP FRANCES	10688 KY RT 1428	24.71
13421C	CRISP FRANCES	10688 KY RT 1428	83.65
13428C	DARCO ENERGY MGT CORP	STE 814 N VIRGINIA	1313.36
13429C	DARCO ENERGY MGT CORP	STE 814 N VIRGINIA	3441.35
13449C	DILLING AGNES AND CARL	70-7 VIEW TERRACE DR	36.29
13452C	DURIE ROBERT	4408 BRAEBURN DR	142.53
13453C	DURIE SAMUEL P	4408 BRAEBURN DR	142.53
13473C	GROSS ANNA C	3209 HEATH BROOK CT	25.72
13475C	HALL BETTY KEATHLEY	P O BOX 486	106.50
13476C	HALL BETTY KEATHLEY	P O BOX 486	23.79
13477C	HALL JERRY HRS	GEN DEL	1342.8
13497C	HARKINS JERINA B	4807 MISSION BLVD	24.15
13609C	HURT BOBBY SUE HALL	P O BOX 623	73.89
13623C	JEFFERSON COAL CO	3101 RICHMOND RD	34962.74
13636C	JONES MARLENE	HC 77 BOX 630	49.11
13640C	KEATHLEY JACK D	MUSIC MANOR APTS	26.08
13641C	KEATHLEY ROBERT A	PO BOX 486	26.08
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Additional information about this Plan is available from the following contact person: Mr. Lon May, 606-886-0498.

Any person wishing to comment on the Plan may do so by contacting Lon May at the address or phone number below, no later than thirty (30) days from the date this public notice is

published to: Mr. Lon May, Floyd County Solid Waste Coordinator, 313 Westminster St., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653 or (606) 886-0498.

A public hearing has been scheduled for October 1st, 2007, at 313 Westminster St., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, at 10 a.m.

If no request for a public hearing is made within the thirty (30) day comment period, the public hearing may be canceled.

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Allen Central B-Team beats Herald Whitaker for tournament title

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Amber Shepherd knocked down the game's only two three-pointers and scored a game-high 18 points Saturday, leading Allen Central to a 43-27 win over Herald Whitaker in the Right Beaver Classic B-Team Tournament championship game.

Shepherd was one of three Allen Central players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Center Krista Parsons hit five field goals and added 11 points for the Lady Rebels. Caitlin Kidd

netted 10 points and Desha Elliott flipped in four.

Allen Central eased out of the first half ahead 12-10. The Lady Rebels were ahead 23-17 at halftime.

Allen Central played some of its best basketball in the fourth quarter, outscoring Herald Whitaker 15-5 in the final period.

Three players accounted for all of Herald Whitaker's scoring. Morgan Arnett paced the Lady Hornets with 11 points. Linzie Watson dumped in 10 points and Morgan Conley contributed six for Herald Whitaker.

Herald Whitaker hit just three-of-nine free throw attempts.

Shepherd shot 100-percent from the free throw line on her way to winning the tournament's free throw award. As a whole, Allen Central shot 80-percent, claiming the team free throw award.

The Allen Central B-Team is gearing up for a possible run at another Floyd County championship.

Editor's note: A story and photos from the Right Beaver Classic C-Team Tournament game will appear in Friday's edition.



Allen Central defeated Herald Whitaker in the championship game of the Right Beaver Classic B-Team Tournament. Three different Lady Rebels reached double figures scoring in the title game.

Evans claims 201 Speedway Late Model feature

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - Veteran West Virginia Dirt Late Model driver Rod Evans returned to 201 Speedway's Victory Lane on Saturday night, winning the 20-car Late Model feature.

In a blistering qualifying session, 13 different cars qualified in the 13-second range. Rick Williams was the fastest Late Model in qualifying, turning a lap in 13.31.

Terry Hicks finished second behind Evans in the Late Model feature. Rounding out the first five in the Late Model feature were Michael Paul Howard, Eric Wells and Paul Harris.

Other feature winners Saturday night were Shon Flanary (Open Wheel Modified), Don Risner (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Four Cylinder).

Complete results from Saturday's night 201 Speedway racenight follow.

First Late Model Heat: 10 Paul Harris; 12 Rick Williams; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 87 David Smith; 10 Raymond Nichols; 6H Tom Hall; 3 Scooter Lemaster.

Second Late Model Heat: R1 Rod Evans; 64 Terry Hicks; 24H Michael P. Howard; 81 Brandon Fouts; 6 Rodney Davis; 30 Josh Brunty; 57 Brittany McKinney.

Third Late Model Heat: 18 Eric Wells; 51 Randy Boggs; 28R Harold Redman Jr.; B17 Brandon Johnson; 51R Gary Rager; 3 Jacob Ross.

Late Model Feature: R1 Rod Evans; 64 Terry Hicks; 24H Michael P. Howard; 18 Eric Wells; 10 Paul Harris; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 87 David Smith; B17 Brandon Johnson; 51R Randy Boggs; 10 Raymond Nichols; 81 Brandon Fouts; 3 Jacob Ross; 57 Brittany McKinney; 3 Scooter Lemaster; 6 Rodney Davis; 6H Tom Hall; 30 Josh Brunty; R22 Randy Caudill; 12 Rick Williams; 28R Harold Redman Jr.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 98 Shon Flanary; 135 Clint Shutts; 74 Beadie Blackburn; 84 Walt Mayabb; 32 Jimmy Adams; J16 Leslie Johnson; 11 Clifford Jacobs

Second Open Wheel Modified

(See **EVANS**, page two)



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM: South Floyd defended its home gymfloor on Saturday, winning the Bluegrassrivals.com Spikefest. The South Floyd volleyball program is under the guidance of head coach Keith Smallwood.

photos by Tony McGuire

Lady Raiders take Spikefest title

by **TONY McGUIRE**
HAZARD HERALD

HI HAT - On Saturday, the South Floyd Lady Raiders hosted the Bluegrassrivals.com Spikefest. The tournament took on a different flavor as the teams competed in a 15-minute per game format, with the team with the most points taking the match. The championship game was played under regular rules.

The Keith Smallwood-coached Lady Raiders opened the tournament with the Buckhorn Lady Wildcats. South Floyd made quick work of Buckhorn, dropping a tournament-high 30 points on them.

South Floyd then sat out three games and cooled off while the other whittled down the pools.

The Lady Raiders came out cold for their game with Shelby Valley, but soon found their rhythm. South Floyd went on to win their second match 25-14 over the Lady Wildcats.

As the only undefeated team, the Lady Raiders had to sit out another four games before they would take to the court again. Again, the rest did not affect their play, and they quickly disposed of the Lady Royals of Rose Hill 28-14. The win put them in the championship round against the Paintsville Lady Tigers.

The Lady Raiders looked like a team on a mission when the title round began. South Floyd soon disposed of the Lady Tigers 25-7 in the opening game. However, Paintsville was not ready to concede defeat at that point. The Lady Tigers came out strong in the second game, and jumped out to a sizable lead. South Floyd had to rally in order to pull out the win, taking the second game 25-18, and winning the match and title.



South Floyd's Trista Damron dropped the ball over the net for a point during the championship game of Spikefest held at Raider Arena this past weekend. South Floyd won the event, defeating longtime rival Paintsville 25-7 and 25-18.

Rebs, Raiders drop football season-openers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Allen Central and South Floyd each dropped non-district games Friday night. On the sweetening opening night of the high school football season, Allen Central and South Floyd both played well offensively early on. However, neither the Rebels nor the Raiders could get in the win column. Jenkins defeated Allen Central 56-6 and Magoffin County beat South Floyd 40-22. Allen Central and South Floyd both played host in their respective season-openers.

In other games played last week it was Belfry 21, Corbin (Pike County Bowl); East Ridge 27, Phelps 0 (Pike County Bowl); Shelby Valley 34, Pike Central 12 (Pike County Bowl); Pikeville 28, Louisville Holy Cross 18 (Pike County Bowl); East Carter 7, Boyd County 0; Coal Grove, Ohio 28, Lawrence County 0; Hazard 43, Letcher County Central 22; Sheldon Clark 53, Perry County Central 34; Johnson Central 34, South Point, Ohio 0.

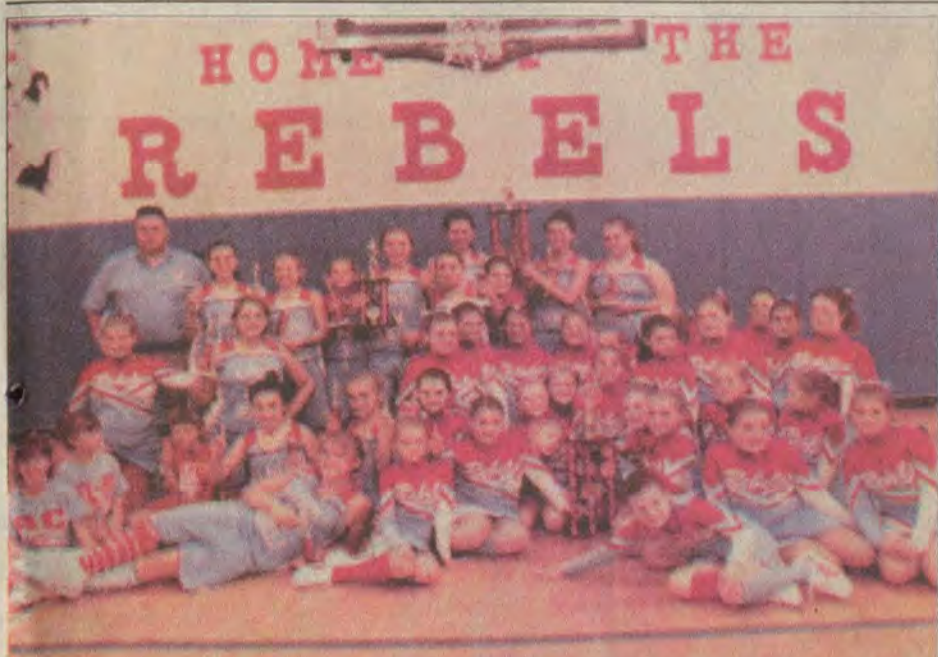
Diamond Girls Dance Team auditions held

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG Auditions for the Diamond Girls, the official dance squad of the East Kentucky Miners, an expansion team in the Continent Basketball Association (CBA) were conducted over the weekend at Dance Etc. Studio of Dance in Prestonsburg. A pre-audition clinic for the Diamond Girls Dance Team was held on Saturday, August 25. Auditions for the exclusive dance team followed the pre-audition clinic one day later on Sunday, August 26. Both the pre-audition clinic and auditions were under the direction of Diamond Girls Dance Team Coordinator/Choreographer Jillean Brown Vickery, who began her professional career as an XFL Cheerleader. An Eastern Kentucky native, Vickery was also a New Jersey Storm Dancer.

Members of the Miners organization, including Demetrius Foster (CEO of Trinity Sports

(See **DANCE**, page two)



The Allen Central Middle School girls' basketball program captured all three championships (A, B and C) during the Right Beaver Classic. The ACMS A-Team and cheerleaders are pictured above. More on the ACMS C-Team and its Right Beaver Classic championship run will appear in Friday's edition.

A-TEAM: Host Lady Rebels hold off Letcher County for Right Beaver Classic championship

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Amber Shepherd scored 16 points and pulled down six rebounds to lead host Allen Central past Letcher County Saturday in the A-Team championship game of the Right Beaver Classic.

In a balanced scoring attack, Jones pushed in 11 points and dished out a team-high four assists.

Logan Cline had nine points and eight rebounds for the Lady Rebels. Defensively, Cline aided Allen Central with a game-high five steals.

every quarter. The Lady Rebels owned a 10-6 advantage at the end of the opening quarter and led 21-13 when the intermission period rolled around.

Allen Central finished strong, outscoring Letcher County 14-11 in the fourth quarter.

Caitlin Kidd added four points and three rebounds for the victorious Lady Rebels.

Desha Elliott chipped in with two points and five rebounds. Breanna Huff also had eight rebounds for the Lady Rebels.

Erica Meade paced Letcher County with a game-high 17 points. Janetta Dixon netted seven

in Letcher County's bid for the championship.

The Lady Cougars struggled from the free throw line, hitting just five-of-20 attempts.

Allen Central hit 83-percent (10-of-12) of its free throw attempts and claimed the team free throw trophy. Jones shot 100-percent from the charity stripe and claimed the individual free throw award.

The Allen Central A-Team cheerleaders claimed the first place title in the tournament cheerleading competition.

Amazing Manning lifts Colts to 37-10 win

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy wanted Saturday night's preseason game to be a tuneup for the defending Super Bowl champions.

Peyton Manning was thinking more about cleaning up.

The Super Bowl MVP threw three first-half touchdowns and was nearly perfect as the Indianapolis Colts routed Detroit 37-10 for Indy's second win in 13 preseason games.

"Detroit was pretty active in their blitzes, and when they're doing that, it's going to give you some chances to throw the ball," Manning said. "Our execution in the passing game was pretty good."

Manning made it look easy.

When he last faced the Lions on Thanksgiving in 2004, Manning threw six TDs, a number he might have matched Saturday had he not been replaced at halftime of a mean-

ingless game.

But in what was likely to be the final preseason appearance for most of Indy's starters, Manning appeared to be in midseason form. He completed 23-of-27 for 233 yards and three TDs and made the unlikely seem routine by converting six first downs of 10 yards or longer.

Manning is now 31-of-40 for 331 yards with no interceptions in three weeks, and the offense played well enough against Detroit that coach Tony Dungy uncharacteristically changed the script by pulling his starters at halftime. Dungy had intended to use them into the third quarter.

"We were shooting for 35 to 40 plays but we ran 45 in the first half, so we decided to pull them out," Dungy said. "We did see some good things tonight, and that's what we wanted."

Besides, why risk injury when virtually everything worked?

Marvin Harrison beat single coverage on a slant route for a 13-yard touchdown to give Indy a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter. There was a lobbed dump pass in the end zone that the lunging Dallas Clark scooped off the turf for a 5-yard score to make it 14-3. Then came the nifty 1-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne with 5 seconds left in the half, a ball Manning whizzed past the head of an unknowing Stanley Wilson, for a 21-3 halftime lead.

Consider, too, Manning did all that with an improvised cast of running backs since Dungy wanted to see backups DeDe Dorsey and Kenton Keith play with the starters.

Without Manning, Jim Sorgi threw two more touchdown passes in the second half, one to Aaron Moorehead, the other to Craphonso Thorpe.

For Detroit, it was nothing short of a nightmare.

Not only did the Lions look over-

matched, they also lost three starters to injuries. Running back Tatum Bell, acquired in a March trade with Denver, left in the first quarter after hurting what appeared to be his right leg. Linebacker Boss Bailey left with a slight concussion, and safety Daniel Bullocks will have an MRI on his injured knee Sunday. None of the three returned.

"I think we need to learn what we can't do versus a good team like this," Bailey said. "We were playing hard, playing fast. We've just got to make the plays."

Worse yet, the offense that led the league in yardage this preseason was stuck in neutral.

Detroit started J.T. O'Sullivan at quarterback because Jon Kitna had a twinge in his back, and the result was a mess. The Lions ran only seven plays in the first quarter and managed six first downs the entire half — compared with the Colts' 17.

Detroit's only scores came on a

51-yard field goal from Jason Hanson in the second quarter and a 9-yard TD pass from O'Sullivan to former Colts receiver Troy Walters with 40 seconds left.

O'Sullivan finished 24-of-34 for 232 yards with one TD and two interceptions. Calvin Johnson, the second overall pick in April's draft, had three catches for 25 yards.

It wasn't anywhere near what coach Rod Marinelli wanted.

The Colts also had two potentially significant injuries.

Clark, Indy's top tight end, emerged from the locker room after halftime with an ice pack wrapped around his right thigh.

NEXT GAME:
Fridat, Aug. 31
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Evans

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Dennis Deboard; 38 Marty Meade.

First Bomber Heat: 73 Charlie Mullett; 3 Shannon Richmond; P12 Dean Pennington; P20 Ervin Vance; H3 Harley Hall; J11 Marvin Tackett; 57 (Driver name unavailable).

Second Bomber Heat: 3 Scott Lemaster; 37H Greg Hensley; R17 Don Risner; 20 Bo Howard; J17 J.J. Terry; B4 Jarred Blair; 44 Ryan Jarrell; 7 Ryan Crabtree.

Mr Metal Bomber Feature: R17 Don Risner; 37H Greg Hensley; J17 J.J. Terry; P20 Ervin Vance; 45 Tim Mason; 73 Charlie Mullett; P12 Dean Pennington; 20 Bo Howard; 3 Shannon Richmond; J11 Marvin Tackett; 57 (Driver name unavailable); 44 Ryan Jarrell; B4 Jarred Blair; 7 Ryan

Crabtree; J15 James Workman; 3 Scott Lemaster.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 26 Stacy Hall; 37 Alan Osborne; RA47 Robert Hall; 71 Ryan Litteral; 18K DI Henson; 12 Chad Hall; A17 Alan Salisbury; B70 Jason Blair

Second Four Cylinder Heat:

3D Jamie Hamilton; 18S Shawn Ousley; D6 Darren Rogers; 99 Pat Morris; 63T Shirlye Tackett; B2 Michael Blair; M77 McCaye Sexton.

Four Cylinder Feature: 37 Alan Osborne; 3D Jamie Hamilton; RA47 Robert Hall; 99 Pat Morris; 26 Stacy Hall

D6 Darren Rogers; 12 Chad Hall; A17 Alan Salisbury; M77 Mcaye Sexton; 71 Ryan Litteral; 18S Shawn Ousley; B2 Michael Blair; 63T Shirlye Tackett; 18K DI Henson; B70 Jason Blair.

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Wildcats turn focus to game week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — With preseason camp over and classes having resumed, the University of Kentucky football team has turned full attention to the season-opening game versus Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The Wildcats had a two-hour practice Saturday morning, capped by a 30-minute situational scrimmage. They started the game-week schedule, with film study and a light workout on Sunday, then mandatory day off on Monday. Practice followed on Tuesday. Kentucky will practice again today and Thursday leading up to the opener.

"Execution, focus, and doing game-week preparation," Brooks said of his current expectations for the squad. "I thought the contact was good today, the focus was pretty good, and there weren't as many mistakes as there has been."

"We scrimmaged against some of Eastern's stuff (today). We've been working on Eastern for the last three or four days, a period here and a period there, and now it will all be Eastern."

Brooks noted that two players recovering from injury, linebacker Braxton Kelley and defensive tackle Ventrell Jenkins, are gradually increasing their levels of participation and might begin contact work during the coming week.

Brooks also had words of praise for senior offensive guard Jason Leger, the quiet strongman from Brodhead. The 6-1, 287-pound Leger was a defensive tackle during his first two and one-half years at Kentucky before switching to the offensive line midway in the 2006 season. Leger, who says he developed his natural strength while doing chores on his family farm, is slated to start at right guard.

"He's a tough guy," Brooks said of Leger. "He plays with great pad level. Smart guy, knows his assignments, and brings a real defensive attitude to the offensive line. He's not the biggest guy, but he plays big."

Kentucky's 2007 Football Schedule: Sep. 1 — Eastern Kentucky, 6 p.m.; Sept. 8 — Kent State, 6 p.m.; Sept. 15 — Louisville, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 22 — at Arkansas, TBA; Sept. 29 — Florida Atlantic, 1 p.m.; Oct. 4 — at South Carolina, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 13 — Louisiana State, 7 p.m.; Oct. 20 — Florida, 7 p.m.; Oct. 27 — Mississippi State, 7 p.m.; Nov. 10 — at Vanderbilt, TBA; Nov. 17 — at Georgia, TBA; Nov. 24 — Tennessee, 1 p.m. (All time Eastern).

Edwards wins Sharpie 500

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Carl Edwards earned his first win at Bristol Motor Speedway Saturday night in the Sharpie 500 after dominating the latter stages of the race.

It was also Edwards' first career short track win and the second victory of the 2007 season.

"This is the biggest win of my career," said Edwards, who performed his usual celebratory backflip in front of the crowd of nearly 160,000 fans. "This is awesome. To win the night race at Bristol is huge and I can't thank (crew chief) Bob Osborne enough for making the right calls."

"Man, those restarts were just wearing my nerves out. That took about three or four years off of my life, I think. I'm just very excited to win the race to say the least. I'm very, very grateful to be here, to win this race. I don't know if it's sunk in yet."

Edwards took the lead for the final time on lap 371 and

led the rest of the way.

As a first-time Bristol winner, Edwards feels more drivers may find themselves in Victory Lane now that the track has been resurfaced and that the ones who have dominated in the past may not do so any longer.

"I think in the big picture this is a transition race," he said. "You've gone from an older style car at the track that's been the way it's been for however many years to a new style race track. It looks a lot the same, but sure isn't the same, so you've got a new race track and new cars."

"I believe it's gonna take a while to shake the field out and see which teams excel at this specific type of track with these cars. So it is a change. It may look the same, but it's not. It's a very different race track. I think the thing I'm excited about is what I heard one of the Goodyear engineers say, that they may bring back a tire with a little more grip, which I think will make it an even more spectacular race."

Kasey Kahne, winner of the Food City 250 Busch Series race on Friday night at BMS, led a total of 305 laps after starting on the pole but ended up in the runner-up slot.

"They beat us at the end," said Kahne. "We dominated the first half. The car was really good. The car felt good at the end. We ran second. It was a great weekend for everybody at Gillette/Evenham."

Everybody stepped up. It's nice to get a Dodge Avenger up front."

Clint Bowyer finished third, recording his best finish ever at the World's Fastest Half-Mile.

"This is one of my favorite tracks," said Bowyer. "It's always busy here and there are two tracks I want to win at, here and Daytona. Tonight was fun and exciting."

Tony Stewart finished fourth, followed by Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Kurt Busch, Ryan Newman, Bobby Labonte, Kyle Busch and Greg Biffle.



photo by Tony McQuire
SOUTH FLOYD'S BRITTANY LITTLE delivered a kill to the corner during Saturday's Spikefest at Raider Arena. South Floyd won the one-day tournament.



Members of the Miners organization evaluated talent during the Diamond Girls Dance Team auditions held Sunday at Dance Etc. Studio of Dance in Prestonsburg.

Dance

Entertainment Group, owner of the Miners), Rob Blackwell (Miners General Manager) and Kevin Keathley (Miners Head Coach), attended the auditions. Thirteen dancers, many of whom had experience dancing at various levels, including professionally, performed for a spot on the Diamond Girls Dance Team. The audition participants hailed from numerous Eastern Kentucky counties.

WYMT-TV (Hazard), a CBS affiliate, filmed during the pre-audition clinic, shooting segments for upcoming broadcasts.

The Diamond Girls Dance

Team will be active in communities throughout Eastern Kentucky, performing in front of crowds prior to the start of the upcoming 2007-08 CBA season. One of the top goals of the Miners organization is to remain involved in Eastern Kentucky communities.

East Kentucky will open its debut season on Friday, Nov. 16 on the road in Pittsburgh versus the Xplosion. The Miners will host Pittsburgh in a home opener on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The Diamond Girls Dance Team will perform at all 24 Miner home games. Those

interested in having the Diamond Girls Dance Team attend their charity event or corporate function can call the Miners office at 606/437-9715. Vickery may be contacted via phone at 606/226-9270. The East Kentucky dance team coordinator/choreographer's email address is jbvickery@ekminers.com.

Names of dancers who have earned a spot on the East Kentucky dance squad will be announced at a later date.

For the latest information on the Diamond Girls Dance Team, visit www.ekminers.com.

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Allen, Kentucky

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Everyone Welcome!

Paintsville to host NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville High School football program will host the 2007 NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition on Saturday, Sept. 1 at Memorial Field. This year's punt, pass and kick competition is scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m.

Participants must be between the ages of 8 -15. In addition, all participants must provide a valid birth certificate.

Division age is determined as of December 31 of the current year.

The program includes four age divisions — 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15.

Boys and girls compete separately and there is no entry fee.

For more information, contact Paintsville Coach Jim Tom Allen (phone: 606/789-2656, email: james.allen@paintsville.kyschools.us.).

Louisville's Douglas, Urrutia are dressed for success

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The jeans are nearly gone from Harry Douglas' wardrobe. Ditto the sneakers, T-shirts and baseball caps that cram the closets (and floors) of your average college football players' apartment.

Most days you'll find the Louisville wide receiver nattily clad in a shirt and tie, a fashion makeover Douglas began over the summer while working as an intern at a local law firm.

"I'm getting a little older, I wanted to take a more business approach," said Douglas, who graduated in May with a degree in political science and is mulling a future in corporate law.

Douglas will leave the jeans to teammate Mario Urrutia, the laid back yin to Douglas' fiery yang.

On the surface, they are the 10th-ranked Cardinals' odd couple. On the field, they are arguably the best receiving tandem in the country.

Urrutia is the 6-foot-6, 228-pound prototype wide receiver with the frame, the size and the speed that already has NFL scouts predicting he'll be a surefire first-round pick whenever he leaves his hometown school.

Big and strong on the field, he is quiet off it. Urrutia speaks in short, measured sentences, his deep voice almost a whisper at times.

"Sometimes he may express something, sometimes he may not," Douglas said. "But it doesn't affect the way he plays on the field. He's a great player."

One that suffered in silence last year. Urrutia developed a painful case of shin splints early in the season that cut into his practice time and

made each step painful.

"I couldn't do all the things I wanted to, but I just had the mindset of going out there and fighting through it," said Urrutia, who finished with 58 receptions for 973 yards and six touchdowns. "It was one of those things that wasn't going to heal right away, so you have to just keep going."

Urrutia's goal this season is to help the Cardinals finish what they started last year, and prove there's no better one-two punch in the nation in the process.

"Hands down I think we are (the best tandem)," he said. "We just want it so bad, we feel like we're the total package."

A package that can't be judged by the wrapping. The two almost play against type. It's Urrutia, not Douglas, that is more prone to going deep and leaping over any defender

who tries to get in his way.

Douglas prefers recklessly flinging his 5-11, 175-pound body over the middle. Most of his school-record 1,265 receiving yards came on crossing patterns as Douglas darted in front of linebackers and safeties, almost daring them to hit him.

The unquestioned emotional leader of the receiving corps, Douglas admits he plays with a grudge. Considered a long shot to be an impact player coming out of high school, Douglas plays with the physical confidence of someone 50 pounds heavier, a condition Urrutia jokingly calls "Little Man Syndrome."

"I like aggression," Douglas said with a laugh. "That's why I play football and not basketball. I like the physical part of the game. Big hits get me started. I love those."

It's that kind of attitude that's made Douglas universally respected by his teammates. When Douglas missed several practices at the beginning of training camp with a minor hamstring injury, there was a palpable lack of electricity in the huddle.

"You can tell when he's not out there because he brings the fire," said quarterback Brian Brohm. "When he's in there, he just brings so much energy and everybody just feeds off it."

It's an energy that even rubs off on the normally reserved Urrutia. One of the most memorable images from Louisville's 12-1 season a year ago is the site of Urrutia flexing after scoring a go-ahead touchdown against Miami.

"It was just an adrenaline rush," Urrutia said. "You've got a big-time team, you're Louisville and you haven't got all the respect you want or think you need or think you deserve. It was just an adrenaline rush (to flex). A spur of the moment thing."

Urrutia and Douglas hope there are more moments to come. The 10th-ranked Cardinals are expected to challenge for the Big East title again. Neither player feels there'll be a significant dropoff in offensive fireworks under new coach Steve Kragthorpe.

"He said he's not going to slow anything down," Urrutia

said of Kragthorpe. "He's going to put it up and if he puts it up, I'm going to go get it."

And if he doesn't, Douglas will. Both players realize at most other schools, one of them would be the clear-cut No. 1 receiver. At Louisville they share the load, and even as the NFL beckons, they say they couldn't care less about their individual numbers. They don't do jealousy. That's just not their style.

"If one of us has a bad game, we pick the other one up because it's the team that's important," Douglas said. "We encourage each other and we know that if we just do what we can, we're going to be alright."

A LOOK AHEAD

Louisville's 2007 Football Schedule: Aug. 30 - Murray State, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 6 - Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.; Sept. 15 - at Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 22 - Syracuse, TBA; Sept. 29 - at N.C. State, TBA; Oct. 5 - Utah, 8 p.m.; Oct. 13 - at Cincinnati, TBA; Oct. 19 - at Connecticut, 8 p.m.; Oct. 27 - Pittsburgh, TBA; Nov. 8 - at West Virginia, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 17 - at South Florida, TBA; Nov. 29 - Rutgers, 7:30 p.m. (All times Eastern).

Reds retire former great Davey Concepcion's No. 13 during pregame ceremonies

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Shortstop Dave Concepcion had his No. 13 retired Saturday by the Cincinnati Reds, joining three Hall of Fame teammates and his Big Red Machine manager in the franchise's ultimate tribute.

Concepcion was honored on the field and his number was unveiled on an upper-deck facade — appropriately, toward the left side of the infield — before a game against the Florida Marlins.

Hall of Famers Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Tony Perez were on the field for the tribute, along with manager Sparky Anderson. Their numbers already had been retired by the ballclub.

Former teammates Ken Griffey Sr. and George Foster also were part of the ceremony.

The crowd chanted, "Davey! Davey!" as the 59-year-old Concepcion walked to a microphone on the field, prompting him to turn away and dab his eyes with a towel. He sniffled and repeatedly stopped in mid-sentence — choked with emotion — as he thanked his family and former teammates.

"Coming to the microphone — this is the hardest part of baseball for me," he said.

He got a standing ovation after telling the crowd: "I love Cincinnati. I love you all." Concepcion, who once pitched in relief against the Dodgers, then went in front of the mound and made a ceremonial toss to Bench.

The ball made it there on the fly, unlike the skip throw to first base that he perfected on

Riverfront Stadium's artificial turf during his 19-year career with the Reds.

Although No. 13 is considered unlikely by most athletes, the Venezuelan chose it to honor his mother, Ernestina, who was born in 1913. He won five Gold Gloves, was a nine-time All-Star, was chosen MVP of the 1982 All-Star game and was honored as team captain in 1983.

Concepcion's number was the eighth retired by the Reds, joining those of manager Fred Hutchinson (1), Bench (5), Morgan (8), Anderson (10), Ted Kluszewski (18), Frank Robinson (20) and Perez (24). Jackie Robinson's No. 42 has been retired by Major League Baseball.

One of the hallmarks of the Big Red Machine was the constant clubhouse teasing. Concepcion was reminded at a luncheon and news conference Saturday how much his teammates loved to have fun at his expense.

"You guys got on me for 19 years when I was playing, and I've been retired for 19 years and you're still getting on me," he told his former teammates at a group news conference.

Morgan, the other half of the Big Red Machine's double-play combination, was delighted to see Concepcion get his due.

"Unfortunately, I think we've overshadowed his accomplishments," Morgan said. "Sparky and Johnny and myself, we're in the Hall of Fame, and I think we tend to overlook what he did on a daily basis. Guys like Davey and Foster and (Lee) May and Griffey don't get their just due."

RIGHT BEAVER CLASSIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Allen Central's Caitlin Kidd, Amber Shepherd and Hannah Macelhose were all smiles following a B-team championship game victory.



The Letcher County A-Team (above) and the Herald Whitaker B-Team (below) each claimed Right Beaver Classic runner-up finishes over the weekend.



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Dr. Elesber received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, in 1999. He completed an internship there in 2000. Dr. Elesber went on to complete a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minn., in 2003. He also completed fellowships there in cardiology (2006) and interventional cardiology (2007). Dr. Elesber is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Elesber performs many invasive cardiology procedures, including the Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) closure system, which can seal openings in the heart wall.

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POISON OAK

Experiencing late summer

I've said many times over the years that while tattoos may be the ideal way for some people to express themselves, I didn't think I'd like getting one. I didn't think I'd ever sit still while someone put a permanent design on my skin with a needle. Of course, when I was making such statements I was much younger.

Fast forward about 20 years, and here sits some strange-looking person writing a column under my name. He looks familiar, but surely this old codger is not me.

One thing's for sure, age sure does change a feller. For instance, my perspective has changed as I've added mileage to my personal odometer; as I've come to realize that if I'm not living in the autumn of my life, I'm certainly experiencing late summer.

Here I've ranted and raved all these years about tattoos, and low and behold, while I wasn't looking, Mother Nature has plastered them (at least it was painless) all over my body. She slapped a couple on my face, and a whole bunch on top of my hands. I don't quite recognize what they're supposed to be, though. I guess they're sort of like the Rorschach Ink Blot Test. What you see is what they are. All I know is, they come in a variety of shapes and sizes and are all brown. And

worst of all, they won't wash off. They sort of remind me of freckles, in a way, except they're much larger.

Of course, I realize the little brown spots that have suddenly appeared are mere symbols of something much

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KIM'S KORNER

Successful Seeds

Shared by Jeanette K. Kearley

A successful Christian business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his directors or his children, he decided to do something different.

He called all the young executives in his company together. He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you."

The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a SEED today - one very special SEED. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed.

"Every day, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After

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Ribbon-cutting held at the new Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music

The celebration of the first day of classes at the new Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music was observed August 20 with the introduction of the new faculty members and a ribbon cutting at the school's entrance with the 15 students enrolled at the facility in Hyden.

Speakers at the event included Hyden Citizens Bank President William Fred Brashear, who also served as chair of the Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) Board of Director. Dr. Allen

Goben, new HCTC president, spoke of his enthusiasm for the school as did Ray Wilson, Chair of the Regional Advisory Council. Dr. Tim Lake, a performer and instructor at the University of Kentucky School of Music addressed the crowd along with Dean Osborne, director of the new school, who introduced faculty members Curtis Burch, J.P. Mathes, and Bobby Osborne.

Classes at the school will lead to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

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Prestonsburg native pens book, wins literary award

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Eastern Kentucky has not only given rise to multi-talented musicians and artists, but to notable crafters of the written word as well and, again, we have the opportunity to herald the release of yet another book by a former Floyd Countian.

Jeff Weddle, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and the son of former professors of Prestonsburg Community College, Leo and Laura Weddle, is now assistant professor of library and information studies at the University of Alabama. He is the author of the recently released "Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press."

In 1960 Jon and Louise Webb founded the Loujon Press in New Orleans. The small press quickly became a giant in the crowded, exploding field of independent publishing. The "Outsider," Loujon's literary review, was heralded as one of the best of its day and included work by some of the influential American writers of the 1950s such as Allen Ginsberg, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Robert Creeley, Denise Levertov, and Walter Lowenfels. Loujon also published books by Henry Miller and two early poetry collections by Charles Bukowski.

In Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press, Weddle traces the development of the press and examines its place in literary history. The book uses the day-to-day operations of a small press to assist the reader in gaining an understanding of the budding underground publishing industry.

The evolution of the small press

industry is traced to the invention, and later, affordability, of the mimeograph machine.

The "Mimeograph Revolution" of the 1960s made publishing affordable and accessible to ambitious editors. This gave way to a proliferation of cheaply produced journals that emphasized literary merit over sound production values. However, Loujon's high editorial standards set them apart from their peers, garnering national attention and launching several literary legacies in the process.

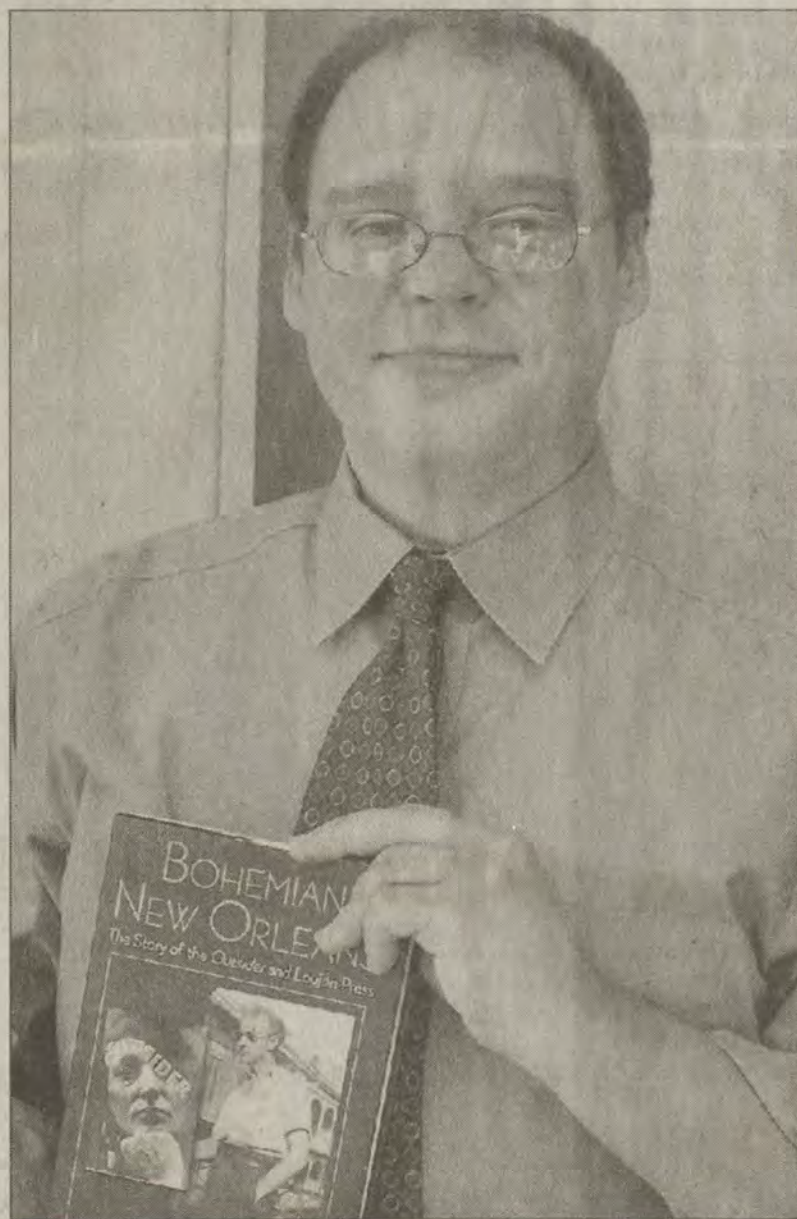
Weddle's book shows how the Webbs participated in, and sometimes broke from, the small press movement. In his research, Weddle combed through back issues of the Outsider, contemporary reviews, promotional materials, correspondence, and interviews in order to produce this engaging portrait of the Webbs, New Orleans beat culture, and the underground publishing industry. Throughout, Bohemian New Orleans reveals the messy, complex, and enriching spirit of the age.

Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press (ISBN 1-57806-974-2) is available for purchase through the University Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6492; telephone 601-432-6205; or www.upress.state.ms.us.

As an added note of interest to Floyd County readers, those still remaining in the area as well as those who have now settled elsewhere, Weddle says that his years spent growing up in Prestonsburg have left him with fond memories as well as having served as the foundation for his career as a writer.

"I spent a great year or two, ever

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Jeff Weddle, formerly of Prestonsburg, is the author of the recently released "Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press."

CRITTER CORNER

Protect your pet from heartworms — see your vet

by KATHY J. PRATER

Heartworm disease is a devastating, debilitating disease found in every corner of the US. Despite the fact that it is easily preventable, millions of dogs and cats are found to be heartworm-positive each year.

Pet owners often don't realize that heartworm can actually take the lives of their pets and that preventative measures are of the utmost importance.

Though heartworm can be treated, treatment is costly, as well as dangerous. Prevention is the best step to take when tackling this formidable foe.

Heartworm, which unfortunately has no presenting symptoms in its early stages, is transmitted to animals through a bite from a mosquito containing the infected larval form

of the heartworm. When an animal is infected, the heartworm larva can grow and develop into worms. These worms live inside blood vessels within and surrounding the heart and lungs. Adult worms mate inside the blood vessels, and their offspring, called microfilaria, circulate in the bloodstream. The microfilaria can be picked up by another biting mosquito, and then passed to another animal.

The disease can be easily prevented, but it does require a trip to the veterinarian. Dogs must be tested to ensure they don't have heartworm before putting them on preventative medicine. By federal law, heartworm preventative medicine is only available through a prescription. Pet owners

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This is "Spot." Spot is a black and white, three month old Pit Bull owned by Carly Bingham and Josh Stepp. He's a cutie, Carly! Thanks for letting us spotlight him!

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Sept. 12 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council, regular meeting, 4 p.m., in YSC office. All members encouraged to attend. Public is invited.

•Sign-ups now going on for 6th grade girls Respect Society. Space is limited. Contact YSC for more info.

•YSC will be sending home calendars and newsletters with school events and other information on the last day of each month. Please watch for your student to bring home these items.

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services.

•Parents, guardians, and community members interested in volunteering at the school may contact the YSC to schedule a time for Confidentiality Training/Crime Check. Training must be completed each year in order to remain on the approved volunteer list. Call 886-1297.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

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

Allen Central Middle School

•Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regard-

less of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

• Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call

the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

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

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

•School Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

•August 31 - Deadline to accept nominations for PTA officers and Parent Representative to SBDM Council.

•Sept. 6 - Volunteer orientation session; 5 p.m., in school auditorium.

•Sept. 11 - Election for PTA officers and SBDM parent representative. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Family Resource Center office, and at 6 p.m., in school cafeteria.

•Sept. 11 - PTA monthly meeting; School Council election for parents. In case of tie, parents will be notified on Wed., Sept. 12; tie-breaking election will be held on Friday, Sept. 14.

•Oct. 11 - School pictures.
•The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

•Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Sept. 10 & 12, 1997)

More than \$1 million in marijuana was destroyed, Monday, by members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Between 1,000 and 1,200 plants were discovered on a hillside in Mud Creek. The crop was destroyed on site, because it was found in such a remote area.

In what may be a last ditch effort to avoid their own ousters, a split Floyd County Board of Education, voted, Tuesday evening, to replace chairman Ursal Ray Wilcox, and to invite a state management assistance team to take administrative control of the embattled system.

Mack Denzil Kidd Jr., formerly of Floyd County, was one of two area residents killed in a three-car accident, Tuesday afternoon, on the Mountain Parkway, west of Salyersville. Josh Whitaker, 16, of Magoffin County, was fatally injured in Tuesday's mishap.

Prestonsburg Elementary students got an unexpected vacation today (Wednesday), after the school's fire alarm system shorted out Tuesday afternoon. Prestonsburg fire marshal Gary Adams said that the alarm system for the school's main building was not operable, and it was determined to be unsafe for children to be in the school.

Coordinators for the city and county E-911 systems say they can "see light at the end of the tunnel," as data collectors hit the streets, Saturday, going door-to-door obtaining information for the system. Gary Dotson, Prestonsburg's E-911 coordinator, said Network Design Engineering (NDE) representatives began collecting data from businesses and residences, Saturday, in Prestonsburg and the surrounding area.

When the owner of a Floyd County bar caught an alleged perpetrator breaking into his bar, going to jail, himself, was probably the last thing on his mind. However, three days after the alleged burglary, James Hall, 27, of Grethel, the owner of Eight Ball Bar was arrested, for allegedly assaulting the accused thief, Charles K. Hatfield, 28, of Harold.

Toby M. Akers, 21, of Martin, was arrested after he allegedly waived a gun around at the BP Station in Martin on Saturday. He was charged with six counts of second degree wanton endangerment, menacing, and disorderly conduct.

Teddy Douglas Blankenship, 49, of Prestonsburg, was arrested on a governor's warrant from the state of Virginia. According to court records, he wrote a \$600 bad check in January. He is being detained at the jail for Virginia authorities.

Floyd County School Board members waived a nepotism clause in the board policy, Tuesday, which will allow Pamela Frasure, the niece of Allen Central High School principal Patricia Maynard, to remain as assistant principal at the school.

The first school of Osteopathic Medicine in Kentucky began classes, Monday, on the Pikeville College campus.

Although sex-related charges against two area residents were dismissed without prejudice, Wednesday, authorities anticipate the cases will be reviewed by a grand jury. A rape charge against Kenneth Collins, 22, of Pinetop, and numerous sexual offenses against James David Howell, 27, of Harold, were dismissed during preliminary hearings in Floyd District Court.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who served as special prosecutor in the abuse trial of Steve Maynard, appeared, Thursday, on the Montel Williams show. Maynard received 20 years in prison for the torture of his stepson.

Henry Lyon, 55, a former Prestonsburg grocer, pleaded guilty, Wednesday, to one count of tax evasion in U.S. District Court in Frankfort. He admitted that he falsified his 1992 federal income taxes by \$216,000.

Floyd County School Board members appear to be following a script proposed by the Kentucky School Boards Association in an effort to avoid being ousted from office, which could lead to a state takeover of the system.

There died: Anna Jessica Gillespie, known as Jessie Tussey, 74, of Martin, Friday, September 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Thelma Dobson Wallen, 79, of North Wales, Pennsylvania, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, September 6, at Gwynedd Square Nursing Center, Lansdale, Pennsylvania; David N. Pelfrey, 57, of Albion, Michigan, Saturday, September 6, at his residence; Ernest Bee Burke, 48, of Weeksville, September 7, at his residence; Essie Schrader Nickles, 84, of Auxier, Monday, September 8, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, in Prestonsburg; Elberta Holt, 84, of Grethel, Friday, September 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Lum Gayheart, 85, of McDowell, Saturday, September 6, at South Williamson ARH; Noma Jean Allen Patton, 61, of Prestonsburg, September 6, at her residence; Mack Denzil Kidd Jr., 34, of Salyersville, formerly of Honaker, Tuesday, September 9, following an auto accident on the Mountain Parkway in Salyersville.

Twenty Years Ago

(September 9, 1987)

The Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheatre is gearing up for the 22nd annual Highlands Folk Festival, which was slated to begin Friday.

About 50 concerned parents attended the latest board of education meeting to voice concerns about a leaky roof and general disrepair of a building at Allen Central High School.

State Police took Wiley Keith Pennington, into custody, after a car chase, following a month-long search. Pennington was accused of robbery and parole violation.

The May Lodge was the site for the second annual Student Writer's Workshop.

A Minnie man and Floyd County school bus driver, Jerry Kidd, was arrested for DUI.

State Representative Greg Stumbo voiced his opposition for school consolidation, building renovation being his recommendation as the consideration of the Mitchell property for the Wheelwright High/McDowell High School consolidation.

District Judge Harold Stumbo began handing out essay assignments for first-time DUI offenders.

There died: Nathan Carroll, 79, of Grethel, Saturday, at his home; James Floyd Cornett, 79, of Spradlin Branch, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg; Linda Ann Slone Blair, 30, of Blue River, was found dead, Monday, at her home; Billie Bowling, 70, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Bill Francis Sr., 98, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Gerlene Darby Hunt, 69, of Cow Creek, Wednesday, at Highland Regional Medical Center; Jim DeRossett, 82, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at his residence; George E. Bradley, 41, of Martin, died Tuesday, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Huntington; Melissa Francis deLafosse, 37, of Chesterfield, Missouri, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, at her home in Chesterfield; Tony Pitts Sr., 69, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at the home of his niece in Winchester; Rebekah Pace, stillborn at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elizabeth (Beth) Clifton, 24, of Bristol, Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, in Bristol, following a car accident; Mrs. Myrtle Childers, 85, of Ashland, formerly of Hueysville, Monday, at the Carriage by the Lake Nursing Home in Bellbrook, Ohio; Vadia Savage, 63, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Harold, Sunday, at the University Park Nursing Center in Ft. Wayne; Bobby Joe Martin, 54, of Clyde, Ohio, formerly of Harold, August 31, at the St. Francis Rehabilitation Center in Green Springs, Ohio.

Thirty Years Ago

(September 7, 1977)

A third act of sabotage against property of the Chessie System in this county, last week, brought an investigation by the FBI and Kentucky State Police.

The grand jury adjourned at 10 o'clock this morning, not to reconvene until October 3. Commonwealth's Attorney James R. Allen and Judge Hollie Conley agreed to the adjournment after two women jurors had insisted that the heat in the grand jury room was unbearable. The air-conditioning system at the courthouse has been out of commission for the past two weeks.

As of last Friday, the enrollment at Prestonsburg Community College had reached 681.

Labor Day, which some say marks the end of summer, may also have marked the end of a worrisome coal strike.

For the 12th straight year, local musicians along with a host of other talented singers, banjo pickers, fiddlers, guitar, mandolin, and dulcimer players from a wide area, gathered last weekend at Jenny Wiley State Park to reaffirm the vitality of local Appalachian tradition in the Kentucky Highlands Folk Festival.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter Tackett, their first child, a daughter, Carter Elizabeth, September 4, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

There died: Bill D. Shepherd, 52, of Martin, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Harrison Ousley, 59, of Peru, Ind., formerly of Risner, September 2, in Peru; Lionel Victor Chaffins, 32, Tuesday, at his home at Garrett; Lacy DeLong, 86, of East Point, August 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Grant U. Rickman, 63, of Tram, August 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Thomas E. Mullett, 59, of Lincoln Park, Mich., native of Weeksville, August 1, at a Lincoln Park hospital; Mrs. Lula Prater, 69, of Hueysville, Tuesday morning, at her home.

Forty Years Ago

(September 7, 1967)

Bids were asked, this week, on construction of water lines, reservoirs, and reservoir foundations for the Sandy Valley Water District.

Constuction of the U. S. Shoe Company plant, near the mouth of Bull Creek, awaits only the connection of the site with the city water.

(See YESTERDAYS, page six)

School

Professional Studio Artist degree.

The School will provide students with the opportunity to transfer to a four-year institution, and students will have the option to take individual classes and workshops in order to hone specific skills. The School's three options will consist of the following: a focus on music (performance, studio, vocal, instrumental,

music composition); the second on business training (marketing, copyright laws, contracts); the third on all areas of technology related to the music business (recording and production technology, music writing with computer technology, sound system, recording studio operations). An important aspect of the School will be the preservation of traditional music, but it will also

Author

working at the Floyd County Times," Weddle said. "I learned a lot about writing from Norman Allen, Barbara Allen and Ron Marstin. It wasn't always the easiest or most relaxed place to be, but I wouldn't trade that time for anything."

Weddle now lives in Tuscaloosa with wife, Jill, who works as electronic resources librarian for the university, and the couple's four-year-old son,

Gus. "Though we couldn't be happier in Tuscaloosa," Weddle said, "of course, I miss Prestonsburg and dream of someday moving back home."

Jeff says that he would be thrilled to hear from old friends and that they may contact him online at jweddle@slis.us.edu.

"Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujoun Press" has been named the recipient of the Eudora Welty Prize in literature.

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BIRTHDAY



Ethan is 1!

The friends and family of Ethan Paul Baker gathered at the home of his parents, Paul and Amanda Baker, in Prestonsburg, on Saturday, August 17, 2007, to celebrate his first birthday. Ethan turned one year old on August 15. The birthday party theme and cake were "Winnie the Pooh." Attending were all of Ethan's aunts, uncles and cousins; his grandparents, Ron and Carolyn Baker, of Carlisle; and Don and Ruth Laferty, of Grethel, were also present. Ethan's great-grandmother, Carrie Lewey, came from Berea to be with Ethan and take part in the special celebration.

Yesterdays

system, it was said this week

Mrs. Dora Stephens, of Radio Station WPRT here, and Graham Burchett, of Emma, were named to the Floyd County Hall of Fame at the eighth annual meeting of the organization, last Friday

It was announced, this week, that the Bosco School has been closed, and its pupils enrolled at Garrett Consolidated School

Married: Miss Pauline Shepherd, of Water Gap, and Mr. Alan Reid Salyer, of Morehead, Sept. 1, at the home of the bride

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Francis, of Catlettsburg, twins, a boy and a girl, Jean Michelle and James Michael, Aug. 31, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland

There died: Airman I-C David E. Gayhart, 21, formerly of Hueysville, Tuesday, in a hospital, as the result of injuries suffered in an accident 10 days earlier; Dial Salisbury, 70, former Floyd County sheriff, Sunday, at his home at Lucasville, Ohio; John A. Conley, 62, of Martin, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital there; Ishmael Lee Adkins, 24, formerly of Printer, Monday, in an auto wreck at Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Nelse Hall, 57, Tuesday, at his home at Honaker.

Fifty Years Ago

(September 5, 1957)

Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill called on the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court to crack down on election fraud and bootlegging, as he instructed the jurors as to their duties, Tuesday morning

Post offices closed in the last two years, in Floyd County, included Alphoretta, Sloan and Woods

The move to legalize the sale of intoxicating liquors in Prestonsburg was lost, last week, as County Judge Henry Stumbo entered an order in county court dismissing the petition filed by the Wets, calling for an election

Doug Hays, veteran State Senator from this district, and Democratic stalwart in eastern Kentucky politics, died at the age of 80 of a

heart attack, Saturday night, at his home at McDowell

Married: Miss Georgia Lee Archer, and Mr. Carroll Wade Moore, both of Prestonsburg, Sept. 1, at David; Miss Toy Anne Sammons, and Mr. Chester Shepherd, August 18; Miss Patricia Jean Coburn, of Dayton, O., formerly of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Wavel B. Lewis, of Dayton, last week, at Richmond, Indiana

Born: to Pfc. and Mrs. Edsel Moore, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Deborah Dianne, August 21, at Chevelry, Maryland

There died: Perdue Morgan, 73, of the Abbott Road, Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Hobert Goines, 72, formerly of Drift, Saturday, at Huntington, W.Va.; Elder E. Hawk Moore, 69, of Wayland, last Thursday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Virgie Harvell Burchett, 51, of Cow Creek, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(September 4, 1947)

Schools operated as scheduled, Tuesday morning, but with crippled staffs, after several teachers quit to go to Ohio for higher salaries, Supt. Palmer L. Hall reported

The Rev. W. B. Gariott last week ended the longest pastorate ever held here by a Methodist minister. He has been transferred to Covington

A page one photograph shows seven-month-old Rickey Greiser, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Newsome, of Teaberry, lifting a chair which weighed 15 pounds

Mrs. Osa F. Ligon, this week, began construction of two business buildings between the Court Street and Mayo Trail intersection, and the Harkins property on Second. Alex H. Spradlin is nearing completion of work on a 25x70-foot building on the Trail, near Friend Street, and John D. Collins has begun construction of a 35x92-foot structure on the Mayo Trail here

Six hundred veterans had, by Wednesday morning, cashed \$120,000 worth of terminal leave bonds at Floyd County banks. The total

encourage individual artistic innovation.

Hyden and Leslie County are well-known as the home of bluegrass legends, the

Osborne Brothers, and for the region's contributions to bluegrass and heritage music. The Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music will

provide experiences for local musicians and school children through the collaboration with Hazard Community & Technical College and area

schools and colleges.

For information about enrolling, call 606-487-3499 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73499.

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Korner

about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing.

By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by—still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing.

Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil...he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot but she asked him to be honest about what happened.

Jim felt sick at his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful—in all shapes and sizes.

Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him. When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young

executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed and Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Behold your next Chief Executive! His name is Jim!"

Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. How could he be the new CEO the others said to one another.

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead - it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees, plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the

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New Chief Executive Officer!"

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.

If you plant hard work, you will reap success.

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.

If you plant faith in Christ, you will reap a harvest.

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

Two thousand years ago Paul wrote to the church at Galatia the same story but with fewer words, "What you sow, so shall you reap". (Gal. 6:7)

We are grass that will wither and die but the incorruptible seed of God's Word will live forever - sow it daily into the life of your family! (1 Peter 1: 23 - 25)

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7, NIV).

'Til next week - keep mind of what you sow!

Critter

should consult with a vet to discuss their pet's individual needs.

Vets may tailor medication depending on the type of pet. Although cats can be infected, heartworm is typically more serious in dogs.

Geography plays a role in heartworm with the disease being more common in some parts of the country than in others. Although it is found in all fifty states, it is much more prevalent around the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts due to the temperature and humidity in these regions that aid in

supporting mosquito populations.

Once infected, animals with heartworm can be treated if the disease is caught in time, but there are several drawbacks. The treatment, though effective, tends to be painful, expensive and can have side effects. If the disease goes untreated, however, the results can be fatal.

In dogs, the adult worms live in the cardiovascular system and cause a great deal of physical damage. Severely affected dogs develop heart failure because the

physical presence of a large number of these worms can actually obstruct blood flow through the heart. Untreated heartworm disease causes serious cardiovascular complications which can lead to death of the animal.

Pet owners can start making heartworm prevention a priority by scheduling an appointment with a veterinarian in their area.

Information for this article from the Humane Society of the United States website, www.hsus.org.

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Oak

larger; symbols of a time in the not-too-distant future when I'll be able to remember clearly what was playing at the Royal Theatre on a particular Saturday morning in 1950, but won't be able to tell you what I had for breakfast this morning.

Strange thing is though, although I do think of it from time to time, it doesn't seem to bother me. Matter of fact, I've

always sort of enjoyed late summer, and even autumn. Of course, as I've mentioned many times in this column over the years, Mr. Winter and I have never been able to get along.

I've decided that people my age are simply more mature; sort of like the giant sycamore that towered over our place of summer play when we were kids and proudly claimed its

share of the sky. Maybe it was wind or lightning, or even somebody's chain saw that felled our old friend, but I'll bet it never spent one second worrying about its impending demise. Nor did it stoop or bend as birds built nests in its tall branches before its leaves fell to earth during its own personal late summer and autumn.

Nope, if that old sycamore

stood tall and enjoyed its late-summer existence; and it autumn and a little change of color here and there sent no sign of dread through its weakening branches, why they should I be afraid. We're both designed by the good Lord above to do exactly what we do. Personally, I plan to keep doing it, at least until my own personal winter gets here. Then, we'll see.

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issued Floyd Countians is around \$750,000

Frank H. Layne has sold his interest in Willy's Motor Sales here to Ben Stansifer

The Rev. Everett L. Branham, last Sunday, resigned the pastorate of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, here

Married: Miss Mildred I. Conley, and Mr. John C. Fairchild, August 31, at Salyersville

There died: Mrs. Daisy Margaret Potter, 51, Saturday, at Praise, Pike County; Joseph M. Bayes, 83, native of Abbott Creek, August 23, at Packerton, Ind.; Willie Brown, 46, of McDowell, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Susan May, 75, Tuesday, at her home near Langley; Theodore F. Spurlock, 41, Tuesday, of last week, at West Prestonsburg; Delmer Baldrige, 24, of Hueysville, Saturday, at Veterans Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Kit Mulkey Meade, 39, Sunday, at Harold.

Seventy Years Ago

(September 3, 1937)

Earth was being moved this week, preparatory to construction of a two-story addition to the courthouse

Work is ready to begin on Prestonsburg's new grade school building. Congressman A. J. May said this week

Eleven murder cases are on the docket of the Floyd Circuit Court, which will convene next Monday

Deputy Constable Gus Johnson, 32, and Ray Reed, 30, miner, were killed in a gunfight at Wheelwright, last Thursday night

G. K. Addington, 32, was killed by a slatefall, Wednesday, while he and other miners were demonstrating a new coal-loading machine

The Mary Rose Shop is scheduled to open here next week

Kit Stumbo was in great form at Pikeville, last Sunday, as he pitched a five-hitter for the Drift team, which whitewashed Greenough, 8-0. Haskell Vincent had a home run, and Roy Milton, Henry, and George Stumbo, had doubles

Married: Sola Cole, 68, and Henry Smith, 74, last week, at Brainard

There died: Sidney Hays, 57, brother of Doug Hays, of McDowell, at Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Ned Johnson, 18, of Halo, last Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; Billa, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Click, of Langley, at a Martin hospital, last week, a victim of burns suffered July 31.

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WEDDINGS



Conley-Lafferty

Stanley and Teresa Conley, of Swamp Branch, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Conley, to Edward Lafferty, the son of Ironton Lee and Carol Lafferty, of Martin. Ashley is the granddaughter of Lovella Baldwin and the late Raymond Baldwin, and Ruby Conley and the late James Conley. She is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is employed by the Johnson County Board of Education. Edward is the grandson of Pollie Lafferty and the late Ironton Lafferty, and the late Bonnie Tyson. He is a graduate of Allen Central High School and Pikeville College. He holds an MBA from Sullivan University. He is employed by American General Finance Company. An open church ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2007, at half past one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Riceville New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.



Hall-Shepherd

Earl and Norma Hall, of Ivel, are pleased to announce the union of their daughter, Amber Hall, to Roy Shepherd, the son of Barb Mullins, of Magoffin County, and the late Paul Shepherd. The couple were joined in marriage on August 6, 2007, on North Myrtle Beach, in South Carolina, at the sunset hour.



Napier-Tackett

Larry and Vanessa Napier, of McRoberts, celebrate the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Misty Dawn Napier, to Jordan Harvey Tackett, the son of Harvey and Jan Tackett, of Jenkins, and the grandson of Julius and Juanita Mullins, of Melvin. The couple will exchange vows at the Neon Church of God on Sept. 1, 2007 at half past one o'clock in the afternoon. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the open church wedding.

BIRTHS



Birth Announcement

Gabrielle Skye Howard would like to introduce her new baby sister, Chloe Grace Howard. Chloe was born on July 26, 2007, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington, to proud parents Wesley and Samantha Howard, of Hueysville. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. Tommie and Pat Hall, of Topmost, and John and Delisa Howard, of Hueysville, are the proud grandparents of these two beautiful little girls. Hargus and Ada Martin, of Hueysville, and Eugene and Clettis Howard, also of Hueysville, are the children's great-grandparents. The girls have one uncle, Nick Hall, and one aunt, Kandice Hall. Gabrielle says that being a big sister is great and that she loves her new baby sister very much.



It's a Boy!

Rodney and Brittany Ramey, of Pikeville, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Garrett Ramey, who was born on July 17, 2007, at 7:52 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Ashton weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. He is the grandson of Shella and Billy Stanley, of Prestonsburg, and Janice Ramey, of Mouthcard.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR
COMMUNITY

Jody Johnson, D.O.
Surgical Specialist



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

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



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