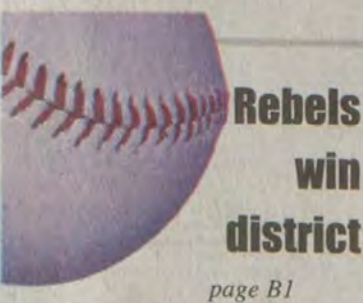


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In brief

Two hurt, one jailed in Johnson shooting

Times Staff Report

BOONSCAMP — Two people were hospitalized and another is in jail following a shooting Thursday night in Johnson County.

Kentucky State Police responded to report of a shooting in this community on the Johnson and Martin county line.

According to police, a physical altercation between John Buskirk, Jerry Hensley and Elijah Stacey escalated when Stacy allegedly pulled a gun and began shooting.

Buskirk was shot once in the foot and Hensley was shot once in the head. Both were airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., where they were both listed in stable condition Friday morning.

Stacy was arrested and charged with first-degree assault. He was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville.

The shooting remains under investigation by Trooper Josh Preece.

District sees good, bad in nonacademic results

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — The release of nonacademic data Wednesday gave local school officials several areas of concern, as well as some bright spots.

The nonacademic data — which includes graduation, attendance, dropout, retention and transition rates — is used alongside scores from the Kentucky Core Content Test to determine school and school district

accountability in the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System and is reported to the federal government under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Overall, Supt. Henry Webb reacted to the findings with guarded optimism, saying that while in many cases results are low compared with other districts in the state, he is pleased to see that Floyd County is beginning to move forward.

"We're making progress, actually significant progress, but we still have

work to do," Webb said.

Attendance

For Floyd County, Wednesday's release showed that the school system, despite having strengthening its focus on improving attendance rates in recent years, still has work to do in that regard.

As a district, Floyd County showed an attendance rate of 92.46 percent for the 2006-07 school year, which represented a dip of 0.14 percent from the

previous year and ranked the district 157th out of 175 districts statewide.

That result was one in which Webb could see the glass both as half-empty and half-full. While ranking 18th from the bottom statewide is unacceptable, he said, the result still shows evidence of progress because the county ranked dead last in attendance two years ago.

In the most recent results, only one school — the old Prestonsburg

(See **RESULTS**, page three)

DEADLY DAY



Authorities in Perry County shut down Route 28 in Grapevine following a shooting which resulted in the death of three people, including a Perry County magistrate.

photo by Tonya Amburgey/Hazard Herald

Three dead in Perry County murder-suicide

by TONYA AMBURGEY
HAZARD HERALD

GRAPEVINE — Witnesses say that a man shot two other men and then turned the gun on himself at Ben's Quick Stop on Route 28 just off Route 15 in Perry County just before noon Friday.

Trooper Tony Watts with the Kentucky State Police post in Hazard said that a preliminary investigation showed that there were three men shot and that everybody involved in the accident were at the scene. Watts would not release any names until the families had been notified.

However, witnesses and other news outlets are saying that the two victims were Perry County Magistrate Jimmy Darrel Neace, who was in his second term as magistrate, and county employee Lewallen Caudill.

Witnesses say that Jerry Fugate opened fire on Neace and Caudill before turning the gun on himself.

Quinton Combs and his wife were getting gas at the time of the shooting and said they saw the entire incident.

"I and my wife had just pulled here to pump some gas. He had stepped out of

the truck and I was going to pump it while she went in to pay for it when we heard a gunshot. When we turned around, we didn't see the first guy get shot, but when we turned around we witnessed the second guy being shot and then he turned the gun on himself and killed himself."

Tony Eversole, chief deputy with the Perry County Sheriff's Office, said that all three men were shot with a Remington 870 12-gauge in what appeared to be a murder-suicide.

Combs said that when he (See **SHOOTING**, page three)

Prestonsburg blood center closing down

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg donor center operated by Kentucky Blood Center will be closing its doors this month in a move that officials with the agency say will ultimately be more convenient for local donors.

The blood center that is currently located inside the Prestonsburg Municipal Building will cease operations on June 25. Instead, KBC will focus entirely on holding mobile blood drives in Floyd County.

"By having regular

blood drives in Prestonsburg with easy access, we will improve the experience for donors and collect more blood. We just were not seeing enough people at the donor center to make it an effective operation," said Catrina Ray, manager of the Pikeville and Prestonsburg donor centers. "We're looking for community partners who can help us have regularly scheduled blood drives at least once a month."

In a related move, the blood center in Pikeville

(See **CLOSING**, page three)

School system seeking public input

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Public Schools is soliciting the opinions of parents, students, staff members and the community at large.

Beginning last Thursday, the school system placed a link to anonymous surveys on the district's website. The link can be found by going to www.floyd.k12.ky.us and clicking on the "Floyd

County Schools Surveys" link in the center column on the page.

Information from the surveys will be used to help the district in formulating its district and school improvement plans.

"The purpose of the survey process is to provide an additional communication opportunity to students, parents, community, businesses and employees," an (See **SURVEYS**, page three)

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Tomorrow

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Free training offered on teen prescription drug abuse

PRESTONSBURG — A free training on curriculum designed to combat prescription drug abuse among teens will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, June 11. Know as "Generation Rx," the program training will be held at the Big Sandy Area Development District building, 110 Resource Drive in Prestonsburg, by Donna Hardin of Kentucky River Community Care's Regional Prevention Center.

The training is being hosted by Operation UNITE.

Teachers, counselors, youth service center workers and any other individual who

works with middle and high school aged youth in any setting are encouraged to attend.

Attendance for the training is limited to the first 40 people to pre-register by contacting UNITE Coalition Coordinator Alisha Baldrige at 606-889-0422 or by e-mail t

abaldrige@centertech.com. Those attending the training will have the option to purchase the Generation Rx book and training materials.

The first major component of Generation Rx is an interactive video software pro-

(See **TRAINING**, page six)



Resurfacing work on U.S. 23 in Prestonsburg, between Route 3 and Route 114, has slowed traffic on the highway. Work is expected to continue for two weeks.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Daniel Akers, 59, of Teaberry, died Monday, May 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Sue Blankenship Akers. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Edward Belville, 52, of Martin, died Thursday, May 15, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Tommy R. Bentley, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 24, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Brianna Leighayne Castle, 17, daughter of Brian and Lisa Robinson Castle, of Langley, died Sunday, May 25, in the St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, WV. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Dovie Collins, 86, of Drift, died Friday, May 16, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, May

18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Buford Conley, 58, of Banner, died Saturday, May 24, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Karla Hall Conley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ann Conn, 51, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, May 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Madelyn Boyd Cottrell, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 29, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Bonnie Beatrice (Turner) Dings, 97, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, a native of Langley, died Thursday, May 22, in Fort Walton Beach. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gwen Michelle Gartner,

33, of San Diego, Calif., the daughter of James and Ruth Manderscheid Gartner of Banner, died Tuesday, May 13, in San Diego. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, at St. Francis Catholic Church, Pikeville. Arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ JoAnn Powell Hall, 74, of Ivel, died Monday, May 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Sherman Hunt, 82, of Allen, died Friday, May 23, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, May 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jamie Lee Kilburn, 30, of Martin, died Tuesday, May 27, on Rt. 550 and 850, at Eastern. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Herschell Moore, 78, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, May 15, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 18, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Harold J. Tackett, 83, of Smyrna, Tennessee, a Weeksbury native, died Saturday, May 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Opal Mullins Tackett. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Hatmaker Funeral Home, Lake City, Tennessee.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Ruth Bartley, 80, of Escoc, died Wednesday, May 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ June Bevins, 87, of Meta, died Sunday, May 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Robert Burgess, 76, of Stanville, died Friday, May 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, May 26, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ John Perry Call, 91, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, May 27, at his home. Memorial services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Betty Sue Chaney, 62, of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, May 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Flora Justice Coleman, 75, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 24, at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Phelps. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sara "Princess" Elizabeth Colley, 12, daughter of David and Selena Colley of Shelby Gap, died Sunday, May 25, the result of injuries suffered in an ATV accident. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Lowell Davis, 72, of Ottawa, Ill., formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 24, in Ottawa. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 29, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Cecil Fleming, 83, of Leitchfield, a Pike County native, died in Lexington, at the home of his daughter. He is survived by his wife, Mellic Johnson Fleming. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Wallace Thacker, 54, of Regina, died Friday, May 23, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Anna Thacker. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 27, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

May 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Ann Daugherty Stanley, 71, of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. A memorial service was held Friday, May 30, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Clarence P. Bayes, 87, of Ravenna, a Johnson County native, died Monday, May 19, in Bowling Green. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 22, under the direction of Warren E. Toler Funeral Home, of Irvine.

■ Jeneva Mae Spradlin Blair, 46, of Leander, died Tuesday, May 27, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Carl Junior Blair. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Ashley Christopher Blanton, 33, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Paintsville, died Monday, May 19, in Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, in Bradenton, Florida. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wilma Fay Borders, 76, of River, died Wednesday, May 28, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mary Magdalene Hayes, 85, of Flatgap, died Thursday, May 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held

(See OBITUARIES, page three)

Obituaries

Willie (Bear) Little

Willie (Bear) Little, 79, of Melvin, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born November 14, 1928, in Melvin, he was the son of the late Andy and Sis Hall Little. He was a retired mechanic for the Floyd County Road Department and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Buchanan Little.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Patricia Ann (Steven) Miller of Richmond; and Helen Louise (Paul) Crider of Prestonsburg; a sister, Maggie Hamilton of Teaberry; and a grandchild, Lora Ann Crider.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers and one sister: Ott Little, Gomer Little, Wade Little, Arlet Little, Pete Little, Ercil Little, Bill Little, Johnny Little, and Virgie McCoart.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, June 1, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and Robert Hamilton officiating.

Burial will be in the Andy Little Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Daisy Mae Mitchell

Daisy Mae Mitchell, 82, of Beaver, died Friday, May 30, 2008, at the McDowell ARH.

Born February 10, 1926, in Teaberry, she was the daughter of the late Georgie and Mary Hamilton Tackett. She was a wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Mitchell.

Survivors include two sons: Terry Mitchell of Beaver; and Willie Michael Mitchell of Teaberry; a daughter, Shelia Akers of Dana; two sisters: Kelma Tackett of Grethel; and Wanda Hamilton of Teaberry; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Sandy Mitchell; brothers and sisters: Tramble Tackett, Arnold Tackett; an infant brother, Arizona Bradford, Hilda Bishop, Lucretia Spencer, and two infant sisters.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 2, at noon, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Mitchell Cemetery, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home; and moves to the church, Monday, at 10 a.m.

(Paid obituary)

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Carvel Ousley

Carvel Ousley, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg.

Born March 23, 1925, in Dock, he was the son of the late Elzie and Tillie Pitts Ousley. He was a retired coal miner; a member of U.M.W.A.; a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950; and a member of the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva Campbell Ousley.

Survivors include two daughters: Janavee Hoffman of Walton; and Maggie Tackett of Prestonsburg; a brother, Hermal Ousley of Lancer; a sister, Betty Combs of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Levi Ousley; a sister, Geneva O'Dell Spears; and a daughter, Wanda Ousley Justice.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, June 1, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation, at the funeral home, with Masonic services on Saturday evening, at 7 p.m.

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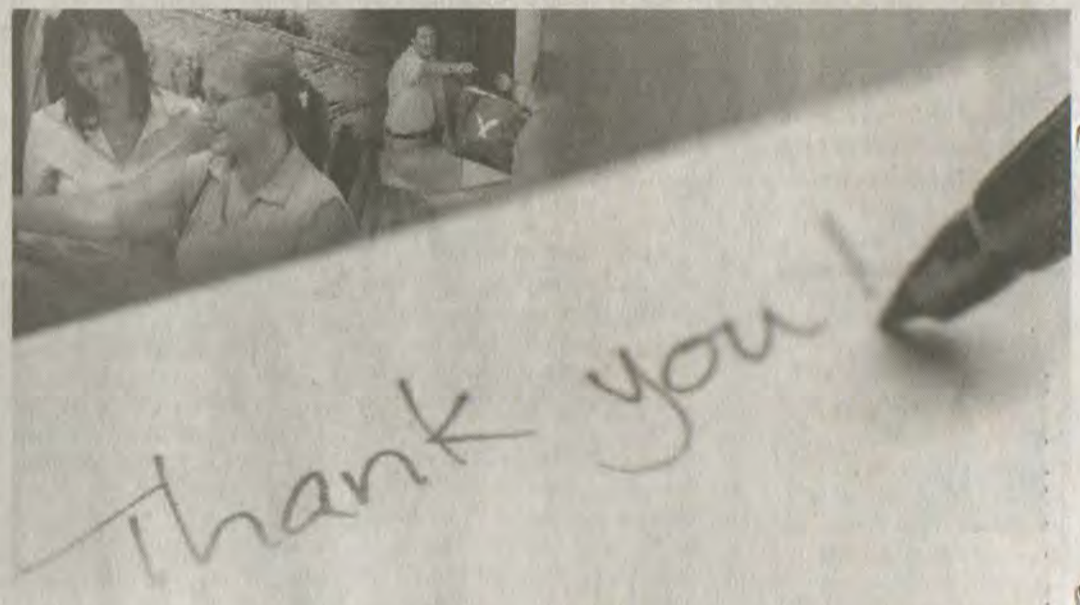
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Shooting

and his wife pulled into the gas station, the three men were standing in the parking lot and appeared to be talking.

"They were already there when we pulled in. They were all three standing there. We never heard no argument or anything like that. I don't know if they were arguing or what, but about the time that I got out of the truck, I heard the first gunshot. My wife ran in the store and told them to call 911," he said.

Ben Combs, the owner of the store, said that he didn't actually see the shooting, but he heard the shots and went outside to see what was going on and when he did he saw the three men, all of whom he recognized, lying on the ground.

"I heard three loud shots. Actually at first, I thought it was a vehicle had a tire go out or backfire, but after that somebody, I don't remember who it was, said, 'There's a killing out there,' and I ran out. When I got there it had already happened. When I got outside I saw three bodies lying there. I knew them all three well. They were all here all the

time," Ben Combs said.

Perry County Judge Executive Denny Ray Noble said that Neace and Caudill, along with some other men, had been working and had stopped at the store for lunch, which is something they did often.

"They were at Sam's Branch preparing a road to be blacktopped and they came down to Ben's to eat," Noble said.

The shooting has left everyone in shock and asking why. Friends and family members of the three men say they don't know why something like this would happen.

Noble said, "I don't know what his intentions were or why he did it. He was a good worker. I don't know why he did it. He was a truck driver for the county and he went off on compensation with his back. We had never had any problems out of him. Nobody's ever done anything to him to cause him to do this."

Earl Brashear, magistrate of District 3, said that he was friends with all three men and doesn't understand why the

shooting occurred.

"All three of them were good friends of mine and there is no reason for something like this to happen. This don't solve nothing," he said. "It's a sad day for Perry County when you can't come out here and work and get along without something like this happening. There's no reason for something like this to happen. If you got a problem you can always talk it out and work it out, you don't have to kill somebody over it. This don't help nothing."

Those who knew Caudill and Neace said they were "hard workers" and "fine men" and they have no idea why anyone would want to shoot them.

"I worked with Jim for six-and-a-half years. Jim was a fine man. He was a fine man. I liked him. We got along good. Jim's got a little son and that was his life. Anything that boy wanted, that was his life. He helped anybody that needed help. He was a hard worker. He'd just as soon dig a ditch than run a backhoe or whatever," Brashear said. "Lou was

the same way. He was a fine man. He was an operator and he was a good operator. He done his job. There's nothing hardly you can say in something like this. I knew Lou and all his family and they are good friends of mine and it is a tragic loss to lose a friend like this. Jerry was the same way. He was a good friend too."

Noble, who was in Clay County when he got the call about the incident, added, "He (Neace) stayed out every day working, every day of his life he was out there digging graves and working. I can't believe this happened. Jim did nothing but help people and Lou, that was all he did was work and help people. I can't understand why this would happen. The people in this area know what Jim done. They know how hard he worked and they know what he done for Perry County and it's a great loss. It just takes everything out of you. You try to do what's right, you try to help the people and it just takes everything away."

"It's a sad situation," Brashear said.

Surveys

announcement of the survey reads. "We hope to gain important feedback information from others about school culture, student preparedness for higher learning and workplace success, school safety, parent involvement and com-

munication." There are four surveys, with each geared toward students, parents, staff members or the community at large.

The surveys will be available on the district's website for the entire month of June.

Closing

will be moving by the end of the year. The center will move from its current downtown operation to a new office at 270 South Mayo Trail, near Captain D's restaurant.

Neither move will result any the loss of jobs. KBC currently employs 20-to-25 people in Eastern Kentucky.

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Results

Elementary at 94.44 percent — had an attendance rate higher than the statewide average of 94.18 percent, although the old Clark Elementary came close with a rate of 94.14 percent.

Compounding the problem for local officials were six schools, including all four high schools, along with McDowell Elementary and South Floyd Middle School, which ranked in the bottom 10 percent of 1,208 schools in the state. Attendance rates for those six schools ranged between 90.72 percent and 92.24 percent.

Graduation

On a more positive note, the district fared better in high school graduation rates, with two schools ranking in the top quarter.

Allen Central High School led the way in Floyd County with a graduation rate of 95.29 percent, which was good enough to rank the school 22nd among 223 high schools statewide. South Floyd High School ranked 49th in the state with a rate of 92 percent.

As a district, Floyd County's graduation rate of 85.1 percent exceeded the statewide average of 83.72 percent.

Webb said he believes the improved results in graduation rates are proof-positive that Floyd County's strategy of quickly identifying students who are having problems in school and intervening early to help them is paying off.

"We're doing a better job of meeting the needs of our

kids," Webb said.

Dropouts

Other results were an overall mixed bag. For example, in terms of dropout rate, two high schools — Allen Central and Prestonsburg — ranked in the top third in the state, while the other two — South Floyd and Betsy Layne — showed signs of struggling.

Allen Central ranked 44th out of 232 high schools in the state with a dropout rate of 0.71 percent, while Prestonsburg ranked 70th with a rate of 1.33 percent. Webb again credited the school system's early intervention strategy with helping to improve these numbers.

On the other side of the coin, South Floyd was 150th with a rate of 2.65 percent and Betsy Layne ranked 193rd with a rate of 3.56 percent.

Retention

In terms of retention rates — the percentage of students who are required to repeat a year of school — more than half of Floyd County schools were among state leaders, while all four high schools were having problems.

Ten schools in Floyd County were among 562 schools statewide that reported no retentions during the 2006-07 school year. Those schools include Betsy Layne Elementary, Clark Elementary, Duff Elementary, May Valley Elementary, McDowell Elementary, Osborne Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary, South Floyd Middle School and Stumbo

Elementary.

However, all four high schools ranked in the bottom 10 percent of 1,182 schools statewide. The worst of the problem was found at South Floyd High School, which ranked eighth from the bottom with a retention rate of nearly 14 percent. Still, despite the poor showing, South Floyd's retention rate was down 4.5 percent from the previous year.

"That is an area I have already had conversations about..." Webb said in reaction to the high retention numbers at South Floyd. "That is a school and an area we are going to be addressing."

Webb said he has not yet had time to fully go over all of the numbers at play in South Floyd's retention problems, but he said his experience as a school administrator have shown him that usually most students who fail a grade in high school are freshmen — further demonstrating the need for early intervention.

Transition

The final statistic released Wednesday was the successful transition to adult life rating, which measures the number of high school graduates who are employed in the workforce or military or who continue their education in college or vocational school in the year after high school. As district, Floyd County ranked 116th out of 172 school districts, with an overall successful transition rate of 93.51 percent.

Webb said that in the past, the school district has not had

much control over transition rates, other than checking with former students to find out what they are doing after high school. However, he said that moving forward the district would have a more active role in helping students make the transition.

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Obituaries

Saturday, May 31, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Sammie Reed, 85, of Hager Hill, died Sunday, May 25, in Prestonsburg Health Care. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Porter Reed. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Earl 'Skip' Ritz, 60, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, May 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Skeens Ritz. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Alex Spencer, 77, of Van Lear, a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, May 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Price Spencer. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 24, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Fred Staniford Jr., 40, of Boons Camp, died Wednesday, May 21, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Samantha Lynn Burchett Staniford. Graveside services were held Sunday, May 25, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lizzie B. Webb, 84, of

Oil Springs, a Magoffin County native, died Monday, May 19, at her residence.

■ Joyce Ann Savage, 54, of Louisa, died Tuesday, May 27, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Daniel Savage. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Charles Wells, 44, of Van Lear, died Saturday, May 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Marcella Allen, 78, of Salyersville, died Thursday, May 29. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Walter C. Wallen, 63, of Salyersville, died Friday, May 23. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Thomas Ray "Tom" McCoy, 76, of Louisa, died Friday, May 23, in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Mary Copley McCoy. Funeral services were held Monday, May 26, under the

direction of Young Funeral Home Chapel.

■ Joyce Ann Savage, 54, of Louisa, died Tuesday, May 27, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Daniel Savage. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

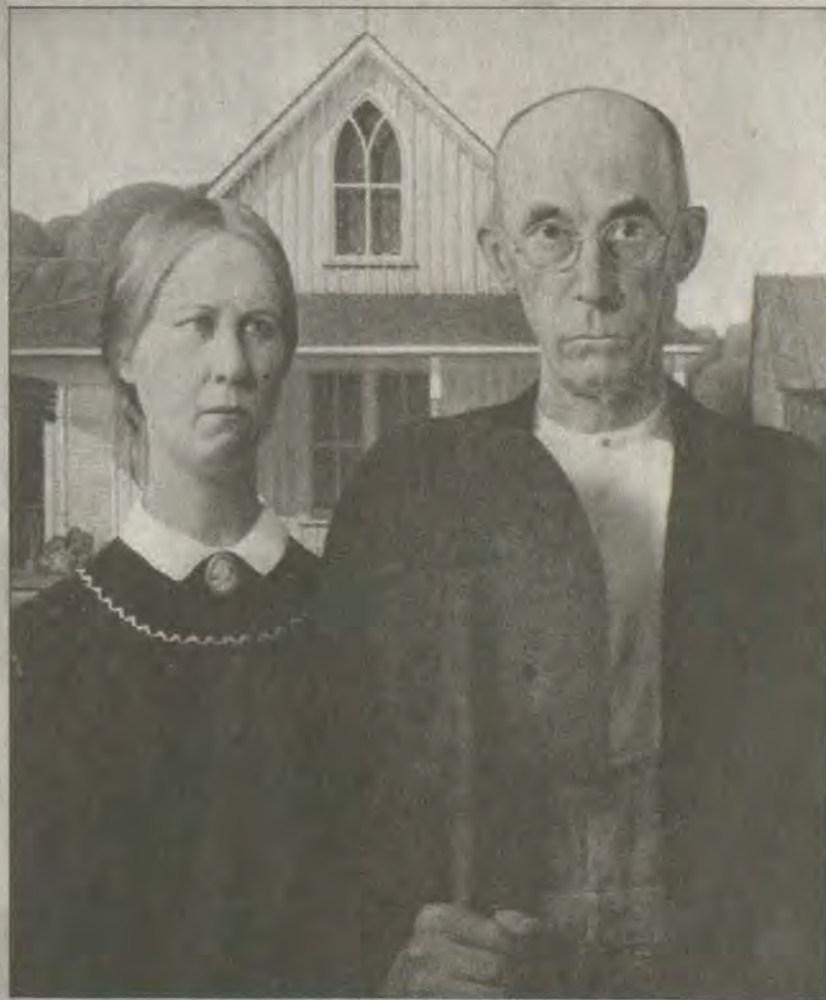
MARTIN COUNTY

■ Emma Balazs Constantine, 79, of Jacksonville, Florida, a Beauty native, died Tuesday, May 20. Memorial services were held Thursday, May 22, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville.

■ Churchel Newsome, 63, of Marrowbone Creek, died Friday, May 23. He is survived by his wife, Trula Newsome. Funeral services were held Monday, May 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ James William "Bill" Madden, 87, died Wednesday, May 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Johnson Madden. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.



Digging into buried gas lines is no laughing matter.

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.
— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

You get what you pay for

You want to know what “no new taxes” really means?

It means, for example, that some people who show up at the door of the local health department to get help will have to be turned away. It means in-home counseling and support from the state won't be there, for parents at risk of losing their children in abuse or neglect cases.

It means real people in real need will have to fend for themselves, or just take the hits that come their way. That's why protesters showed up outside the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Frankfort last week, objecting to cuts in funding for the poor, elderly and disabled.

It's a shame the General Assembly had left town, and wasn't available to answer for its cowardly failure to raise new revenue, either through an increase in the cigarette tax or with expanded gambling, or both. Make no mistake about it, these and all the other hurtful cutbacks in a long list of state-funded agencies are the fault of a legislature that values political comfort first and most.

Leading the way is the person who controls the Frankfort agenda, Senate President David Williams, who, when asked about new revenue, routinely shrugs off the question as being of “no interest” to his majority Republican caucus. His answer? Let's tighten our belts some more, even though the leather already cuts deep.

Who gave this “no new taxes” majority its marching orders? Sen. Mitch McConnell, whose jubilant instructions to GOP senators when they took control in Frankfort was to stay away from tax increases.

That's pleasant rhetoric, but it visits a harsh reality on everything from education to health care, social services to justice systems.

Just like Mr. Williams, even the intelligent and canny Senate majority leader, Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, finds “no interest” among his colleagues in a cigarette tax hike. (Never mind that the public overwhelmingly supports it.) He observes, icily, “There will always be more need than revenue.”

Tell that to the victims.

If Gov. Steve Beshear can't mobilize a hurting public over that kind of cool cynicism, shame on him.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



— Rich Lowry Column

How Hillary became a social conservative (sort of)

When Hillary Rodham gave the commencement address at Wellesley College in 1969, extolling the virtues of “human liberation” on behalf of a restless generation of left-wing youth, did she have any idea she'd one day be the champion of old, white, beer-drinking Democrats everywhere?

Oh, what tangled webs we weave. And what strange transformations are wrought by presidential primaries. Candidates are often driven by their constituencies and the logic of their campaigns into unexpected places.

It's only as compared with Barack Obama, of course, that Clinton looks like a curmudgeonly traditionalist. Only he could have given her such wide openings to defend small-town mores and (gingerly) chastise a black nationalist preacher. It's not policy differences on cultural issues that divide Obama and Clinton, but differing sensibilities.

A push-pull dynamic has redefined Hillary. As the mainstream media, the left-wing blogs and latte liberals have turned on her, she has held all the more tightly to her downscale constituency and reacted against her critics. She has lashed out against MoveOn.org, and husband Bill has dissed “upscale cultural liberals.” She has defied the precious

rules of liberal politics, referring to Osama bin Laden in a TV ad, threatening to “obliterate” Iran and — even worse — sitting down with Bill O'Reilly for a cordial interview. The same people who spent a decade defending her and her husband howl betrayal.

Every politician becomes a function of his constituency, a particular peril this year. Both Republican and Democratic primary races have been exercises in electoral tribalism: The evangelicals have voted for the evangelical, the Mormons for the Mormon, the Southerners for the Southerners, the blacks for the black, the youth for the young guy, the old white people for the old white people. The easiest way for Hillary to grow her support has been to get even more of her — older, poorer, less-educated — white voters.

Why should she get them? Both she and Obama went to Ivy League law schools. The difference is that Obama left Harvard Law School for community organizing in Chicago and then a political career on the South Side. It's as if Bill and Hillary Clinton had departed Yale Law School and headed straight to San Francisco to clamber up the slippery pole of progressive politics. That way lies Nancy Pelosi.

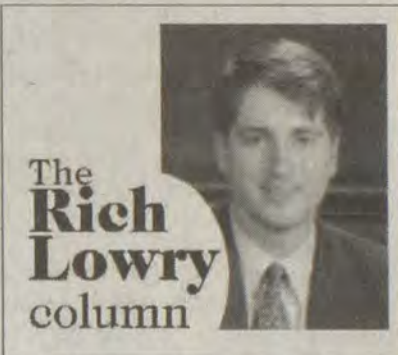
Instead, they went to Arkansas and

had to win over Bubba voters to survive. Democrats successful at the national level come from the South because it forces them into sympathy with parts of America not represented in the liberal, coastal bubble. Hillary obviously doesn't have the natural popular touch that Bill does, but she's sending him to every small town in America on her behalf.

Then, there's the matter of experience. Hillary's years in politics benefit her not because she's used to answering that proverbial red phone, but because they have roughed her up, making her — like the Velveteen Rabbit — more real for her voters.

All of this has made her a stronger candidate. Operating on the Bill Clinton model, a Democratic candidate needs a “Sister Souljah moment,” distancing him from the fringes of the party. Hillary Clinton's Sister Souljah moment has been running against Obama, pushing herself to the center in relation to him and forging a bond with voters Democrats need in a general election. Oddly, she may be a more electable candidate now when the odds are against her winning the nomination than when she seemed a lock. Tangled webs, indeed.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



— beyond the beltway

You know, maybe it's over

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Keith Olbermann, the liberally acerbic MSNBC quacker, has likened Hillary Clinton to Wiley E. Coyote, the Road Runner cartoon character who repeatedly runs off cliffs but never falls until he looks down and realizes his predicament.

The analogy fails because Hillary never looks down. Bowing to reality is not her thing.

She is much more the Black Knight of the sublime comedy, “Monty Python and the Holy Grail.” In it King Arthur, on his quest for the Grail, is challenged to a duel by a knight clad in black. In the fight that follows, Arthur cuts off the knight's left arm at the shoulder, but the knight continues to fight.

“Tis but a scratch,” he says.

Arthur cuts off his challenger's right arm at the shoulder. The knight begins to kick the king.

“You've got no arms left,” Arthur says.

“Yes, I have,” says the knight. “It's just a flesh wound. I'm invincible.”

Reluctantly, Arthur cuts off the fellow's legs — first one then the other — and stalks by what's left of the fallen knight, who shouts after him: “Come back here. I'll bite your legs off.”

That's Hillary. She begins where indomitable leaves off.

That's not an entirely unattractive attribute, particularly in a politician, but there reaches a point where it gets a little creepy. Sen. Clinton is at that

point right now. What part of “you lost” doesn't she understand? She has a perfect right to continue her run for president (just as I have a right to declare myself a pretender to the Romanian throne) but she has some responsibility to use arguments that make sense. None of hers do.

For example, she says that she's ahead in the popular vote. She's not; not by any fair count. She's ahead by the slimmest of margins if you don't count any of the caucus states AND you count the votes in Michigan and Florida.

But before the primaries began, she and the rest of the Democratic candidates agreed to ignore the Michigan and Florida votes because they'd moved up their primaries without permission.

Her campaign manager at the time said:

“We believe Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina play a unique and special role in the nominating process.”

That was then, when she was well in the lead and trying to suck up to early primary voters. Now things look different and she wants to change the rules she agreed to. In addition, she somehow neglected to have her name taken from the Michigan ballot so that she was the only candidate running there. She got 55 percent of the vote against nobody, now she wants those votes counted too.

She says she'll be the strongest candidate for the Democrats in the fall and says things like “As Kentucky goes, so goes the nation.”

If that's the case then the Democrats are in real trouble because Kentucky is going Republican in the fall.

She says she's the one who can carry the swing states and the super-delegates should take that into account when they finally vote on whom the nominee should be.

Sen. Clinton might very well be the strongest candidate but, given the cockamamie way Democrats choose their candidates, we'll never know. (Did you ever get the feeling that the Democrats' nominating process was designed by the Republican National Committee?)

In any case, Sen. Clinton has several liabilities as a national candidate.

For one thing, she's a woman. She may think all those hard-working white men who helped give her those huge margins in Appalachia were won over by her feminist charm but I think she'd find a lot of them were voting against the black guy and they'll switch to McCain in the fall. For another, she's a Clinton, a species that some Republicans view with an antipathy generally reserved for the anti-Christ. Republicans will leave deathbeds to vote against her.

And for a third thing — the race is over.

That's no flesh wound, Hillary — you lost.

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**This Town,
That World**

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being

**THE BURDEN
PRESSES DOWN**

It's not the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy alone that leaves one by turns, numb, sickened, infuriated—and not necessarily in that order—but it is the cumulative effect of all these insensate assaults on human life that, to put it mildly, leave one less proud of being an American.

Other Presidential candidates have been the targets of cranks, malcontents and plain madmen. Three Presidents were slain before President Kennedy. This latest attempt at the murder of a prominent figure is nothing new in a nation that may have been accurately described when we were termed "a violent people." It is the disregard for human life in a land where we hear so much of human rights, in a land that is contemptuous of the greatest right of all, to live, that makes us less than proud.

Where else in this troubled world of ours cannot a leader, with at least a fair degree of safety, make a public appearance? There was a time, when we of this country joked about the mortality rate among political figures in Latin America where, we cracked, the winner of the election was the fellow who got in the first shot. Now, we are the butt of the cruel joke.

Anarchy may be nearer to every one of us than we think. The attempts at settling issues by bullet, fire and mad force are, at any rate, long steps in that direction.

**LOST—THE BEST
DOG IN THE WORLD**

My granddaughter has lost her dog. I contend Blue was, or is, mostly beagle. She says he's fox-hound. I wouldn't give a whole lot for Blue, good, old dog that he was. But the granddaughter wouldn't give him for a dozen of this superb animal of mine, that I maintain is top dog in the dog kingdom...Anyway, I'd like to help the kid find her dog.

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My neighbors, the Howards, across the street, had a nice flower box going till somebody dug out the begonias and petunias, the other night. Strange to record an item like this, in a week when big and terrible things are happening to people and nations.

**WELCOME THE
LEAGUE OF SPORTSMEN**

Make the League of Kentucky Sportsmen welcome when members from all over Kentucky come here, this week-end. These are important people. They are interested in more than merely good hunting and fishing. These are the people who lead the fight for cleaner streams, for conservation

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Rev. Mark Walz, holding mic to the right of picture, looked on as parishioners lifted the lid on the church "memory box." The memory box serves as time capsule for the First United Methodist Church congregation and is opened and refreshed periodically throughout the church's history.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

**Memories old and new
First United Methodist celebrates
history with time capsule**

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Food, fun and fellowship marked the recent 125th anniversary celebration of the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, held Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18. Convening in the spacious church parking lot, parishioners and their guests enjoyed a cook-out dinner of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, a multitude of traditional side dishes such as cole slaw, potato salad and baked beans, along with a veritable smorgasbord of home baked desserts and sweets.

While dining, attendees were entertained by the music of local Christian rock band, the King's Warriors while they awaited the highlight of the afternoon, the opening of a time capsule, or church "memory box" as it is referred to by the members of First United Methodist.

As Rev. Mark Walz prepared to open the memory box, he called for seven members of the congregation to assist him: Nancy Webb, the eldest female church member in attendance; Print Ball, the eldest male church member in attendance; Reece Hamilton, youngest child in attendance; Lucas Stewart, member of the church youth group; Mark Walz Jr., youth group member; Clark Allison, lay leader; Robin Smith, chair, church administrative board; and Floyd D. Davis, chair, 125th celebration committee.

Once the seven screws holding the box top taut were removed, the lid was moved away revealing the contents that had been stored away in years past. Among the items were: Cassette tape recordings of sermons by Pastors William Pope, Ted Nicholas, Adrian Roberts, and Harold Dorsey, all presented in May, 1983; a history of First United Methodist Church written by Emma Wells May; formal invitation to the 100 year anniversary celebration, held May 29, 1983; a printed napkin from the 100 year celebration; a church bulletin from the May 29, 1983 celebration, over which

Bishop Paul Duffy presided; a formal letters of congratulations from Rep. Carl D. Perkins, and Gov. and Mrs. John Y. and Phyllis George Brown; bulletin from the Wesley Choir performance presented on May 21, 1983; bulletin from the Bell Choir Concert, presented May 22, 1983; bulletin from a mini organ/piano concert presented by Kathryn Frazier and David Leslie May on May 22, 1983; a copy of a special anniversary publication printed in honor of the 100 year celebration; a snapshot of the exterior

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Anna Faye Onskt appears more than happy to show off an old photo, circa 1932, from the church archives as fellow parishioner Dorothy Wells scrutinizes the crowd for familiar faces.

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Eyes of a
Stranger'**

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Warner Brothers finally trotted out some of their horror product with the "Twisted Terror Collection" which saw six of their releases finally rating a DVD release. This 1980s horror yarn was lucky to make the cut, but it does provide a modicum of suspense (thanks to director

Ken Wiederhorn) and some gruesome effects work, courtesy of Tom Savini.

The film opens with a quiet scene in which a photographer strolls around a mangrove swamp taking shots of the flora and fauna,

which includes, oddly enough, a decomposing corpse. Turns out this is the work of the "Miami Strangler," as he has been dubbed by the media.

We then meet anchorwoman Jane, who feels compelled to panic the populace by insisting that viewers report anything they deem as suspicious to their local police department. Meanwhile we also get a look at the killer, who stalks a vaguely European stripper and makes prank calls to her before entering her apartment. Luckily her boyfriend shows up but he is easily dispatched by the maniac, who manages to decapitate the poor dope and sink his head in a fish tank while the stripper is out of the room.

The stripper meets a similar fate and then the movie gets interesting as the maniac returns home and is spotted by Jane in the parking garage they share. Her spider sense is activated when she spies the killer changing out of a bloodied shirt before heading to his apartment.

The effect of this 16-ton clue is immediate and, before you know it, she is consumed with catching him, to the extent that civil liberties no longer have any meaning for her.

Before you know it she has learned his name, Stanley Herbert (which hangs two nerd handles on the guy) and is soon breaking into his apartment and stealing his clothes. Her behavior is almost justified by a subplot that finds her taking care of her kid sister, Tracy. Flashbacks reveal that Jane was supposed to be watching her sibling when the child was abducted by a stranger who traumatized her so badly that she has shut out the world by becoming deaf and blind.

Jane's campaign goes off the rails when she begins making harassing phone calls to Herbert, wherein she tries to get him to turn himself in. That idea backfires badly with Hebert, instead, deciding to find out who is on to him.

Pretty soon Jane's actions bring about the inevitable result of luring the killer to her doorstep, where, once again, her sister is placed in the line of

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He saw them all

by JOHN C. SPATOLA

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE FATHER & SON SOUL"

My love for baseball comes from my father. He took me to Yankees and Mets games. He taught me how to hit from both sides of the plate. I was a good hitter.

Dad signed me up for Gil Hodges Little League in 1970. In my first year, I held my own. By my

second year, I was trying so hard to make my father proud I would strike out every time he came to a game. My dad would always tell me to keep my head up and not give up. He also realized I was trying too hard to impress him. When he told me he had to work and couldn't come to any more games that year, I was really upset. But I managed to hit four home runs in the next five games. Dad never got to see them.

In the final game of the year I came up, with two outs in the last inning and the bases loaded, we were down 6-3. I looked in the stands and saw my dad pecking out from behind the concession stand. I was determined to hit one home run Dad would see. I took three balls, and I knew the pitcher could not walk me. He threw one, and I hit it over the 180-foot right-field fence. I looked for Dad, but he was gone.

After the game, he pulled up with the car, smiled and asked me how I did.

"Dad," I said, "I saw you in the stands behind the concessions."

"Wow, you did?" he said, "What a shot you hit! I think that was the longest home run you've hit yet."

And then I got it. He'd been there every time, watching — and hiding — giving me the best chance I could ever have to do my best. And I did.



Harebrained husband should drive truck, not push it

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
HELP! My husband faithfully reads and respects your column, so maybe if he hears it from you, he will stop an annoying habit. Recently, he decided that if you are just moving your car from the garage to the driveway, you just need to put it in Neutral and push. That's right — he thinks it's damaging to turn on the engine, so you should just push it. He thinks that if you start the engine and don't let it fully warm up, you could cause irreparable harm. I think he could cause irreparable harm to his back by being a 54-year-old pushing a Dodge Ram 2500 Quad Cab truck out of the garage. Plus, if he were to trip and lose his grip, it could roll out into the street. I think unless you are out of gas, pushing a large truck is a little over the top — what do you think? Please help — I think the neighbors are starting to talk! — Donna



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

TOM: Oh, geez, Donna. We feel your pain. I'm guessing your husband is an engineer of some kind.
RAY: Because this is an example of taking a legitimate solution to a legitimate problem and applying it to a hare-brained degree.
TOM: We have explained that frequent, short trips can be harmful to a car. When you start the engine, moisture is produced. And if the engine and exhaust system never get fully heated up, the moisture doesn't evaporate.
RAY: The same is true for excess unburned gasoline, which can work its way into the crankcase when the engine is cold. It also can't be purged unless the engine gets hot.
TOM: What we said was that if ALL of your driving is composed of very short trips, your engine and exhaust system won't last as long as they should.
RAY: And your husband, with unassailable, engineerlike logic, con-

cluded that he should NEVER take short trips. Instead, he should push his car when he's going only a short distance.
TOM: You can't fault him for his logic. He's absolutely correct that the best way to preserve an engine is to never use it. Right?
RAY: But while he's avoiding short trips in his truck, he may end up taking a long trip to the hospital for back surgery, or a long trip to court to explain how he accidentally tripped and pushed his truck into the middle of a passing Shriners parade.
TOM: So, what SHOULD he do? Well, there's a device built into his vehicle that's designed for exactly the purpose he requires. It's called the engine. He should use it. And then he should drive the truck normally later in the day, or later in the week.
RAY: There's no doubt that he's taking good care of his engine, but the question is, at what cost? If it's potentially at the cost of his health, or his being involuntarily committed for psychiatric care by his neighbors or his wife, that's a pretty high price compared with the slight possibility that he MAY have to buy an exhaust system a few months earlier than he otherwise would have. And if he drives normally the rest of the week, he

won't even have to do that.
TOM: But I fear he may be a lost cause, Donna. We know guys like this. Even we might not be able to persuade him to stop pushing the truck out of the garage.
RAY: So, here's an alternative solution: Get him to build himself a workshop. That way, he won't ever NEED to move his truck out of the garage. And he can move the home-made nuclear reactor made of balsa wood (the one he's building in the garage) out to the new workshop, and tinker with it there. Good luck, Donna.
Easter surprise won't damage car
Dear Tom and Ray:
During our Easter egg hunt this year, I tried hiding an egg in the tailpipe of my dad's car. We are not sure if it is blocking the pipe or if it went all the way in. We can't see it anymore. Should I tell my Dad about this, or will the car be OK? — Isabel
RAY: Wait 15 years or so, until you're home from medical school, Isabel. He'll be able to laugh about it by then.
TOM: Actually, there's nothing to worry about, Isabel. The car will be absolutely fine.
RAY: Had you used jumbo eggs,

maybe the egg would have been big enough to plug up the tailpipe. In that case, the car wouldn't have started. Then, the next morning while he was waiting for the tow truck, you would have had to walk to the back of the car and say: "Hey, Dad! I found the last egg!"
TOM: But since the car started up, the tailpipe was not blocked, and no harm was done. One of two things happened. Either the pressure from the exhaust blew the egg out when he started the car, where it was probably gobbled up by some grateful squirrels, who now have high cholesterol. Or, if the car was facing downhill, the egg could have rolled forward into the muffler, where it probably got vaporized during the morning commute.
RAY: People driving behind your dad that morning probably had unexplained urges to buy Egg McMuffins.
TOM: But the car will be absolutely fine, Isabel. If you want him to stay home with you the day after Easter next year, use a bigger egg.
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Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

Capsule

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of the church; a snapshot of S. Arnold Avenue, looking down pas the church toward Court Street; a snapshot of a quilt ("Window Pane" pattern) crafted by the Women's Sewing Circle; snapshot of First United Methodist "50-year" members, taken in 1983; a pocket-sized NIV New Testament & Psalms; a U.S. currency \$2 bill, printed in 1976; a U.S. currency \$1 bill, printed in 1981; a \$1 Susan B. Anthony coin, minted in 1980; various coins including a penny, quarter, nickel and dime; one piece of "Dubble Bubble" bubblegum; and an envelope containing a small Kentucky lapel pin and a Methodist men's lapel pin

placed by Lynon Frazier and Susan Carter.
Following the opening of the memory box, visitors perused old church records, photographs and memorabilia on display in the church Family Life Center and church music hall.
On Sunday, following the morning worship service, the memory box was refreshed as members placed new items alongside the old before once again sealing the contents. Afterwards, the congregation enjoyed cake and light refreshments in the Family Life Center.
Plans are to reopen the memory box in another 25 years.



Members of today's First United Methodist Church congregation that attended the anniversary celebration cook-out and memory box opening earlier this month convened on the church steps for a group photo.

photos by Kathy J. Prater



Visitors enjoyed perusing old photo albums and other such memorabilia to study the history of the church's music department in the church music hall.

Training

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gram developed by WILL Interactive, Inc., and a consortium of prevention specialists. The video was filmed in Eastern Kentucky to be culturally sensitive to Appalachia.
The program allows students to choose among three diverse characters in an interactive movie. Students become the characters and make the decisions that determine the storyline and the outcome.
This technology leads 12-18 year olds to understand and make smart choices about prescription drug use issues - including peer pressure, values, responsibility, effects of mixing pills with alcohol, leadership and social acceptance.
In Generation Rx, you become each of these characters and face the choices that they face and live the outcomes that they experience. Just like life, if you make bad choices, the consequences can be pretty disastrous. Put yourself in their shoes and see the world through their eyes. See where your decisions will take you.
Another major component is the traditional curriculum developed with a consortium of prevention specialists. This curriculum is divided into 13 sections.
In each section statistics and information is present-

ed about how serious the abuse of medications is in the United States today. A variety of scientific sources are used so that the best available information is compiled in one place.
There is also an explanation of how to use this curriculum as a supplement in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade classes. The materials are designed for a series of learning sessions to be covered in less than one week of 45-minute classes with actual classroom lessons.
The materials are designed to consider the developmental appropriateness of the learning activities for each grade and Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) standards.
"Using Medications Safely: Prevention for Generation Rx" curriculum can be obtained by contacting WILL Interactive at 10008 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854, telephone: 1-877-ALL-WILL. Training is available through Kentucky River Community Care's Regional Prevention Center at 79 Little Grapevine Creek Road, Hazard, KY, 41701, telephone: 606-436-4124.
For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org

Allen

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of forests and other resources. They will be needed for a long time, for this fight to preserve a little of what the

Creator gave us is no brief skirmish—it might be thought of as a war, and a test of who sticks longest to his guns.

Lagoon

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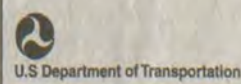
fire.
This one mostly works thanks to sustained tension, Hitchcockian plot elements and good performances. The one negative is leading actor Lauren Tewes. The ex-"Love Boat" star was coming off an addiction to cocaine (which cost her a berth on the that prime-time hit) at the time and her bug-eyed performance and shrill line readings are not indicative of her talent. Luckily she's clean and sober now but this film catches her at an awkward moment.
The rest of the cast is right on target, however, with Jennifer Jason Leigh impressing as sister Tracy while character actor John DiSanti makes

the most of his screen time as the killer who cleverly lurks behind an awkward social exterior.
All that and you get a slam bang ending that avoids 1980s staples (such as false scares and killers who never die) and pits Leigh against DiSanti. The final message, that a similar trauma can remove psychosomatic symptoms, may be preposterous, but who goes to a movie like this for the message?
Best line: "Roger, in a situation like this, with the possibility of a mad killer roaming our city, even the slightest suspicion should be reported to the police."
1981, rated R.



Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?
Whatever you have to.
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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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Pelphrey, Newsome headed into KHSAA Hall of Fame

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials, administrators and/or contributors make up the 22nd class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class will first be recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. The class of 2009 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled

for Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 367. The latest class includes Paintsville native John Pelphrey and Sheldon Clark High School product Robin Harmon Newsome. The 2009 class follows. Pat Doyle – Doyle was a two-time All-District and All-Region player at North Marshall. He helped the Jets to the 1959 Boys' State Basketball title while earning MVP honors. In addition, Doyle was named Mr. Basketball that same year. Nate Dusing – Dusing was a multiple state champion swimmer at Covington Catholic. His junior year he captured two championships and was a member of the 400 Free Relay championship team. His senior year, Dusing captured two more titles while setting two state records, including the National Record of 47.10 in the 100 butterfly – a record that still remains today. Betty Dwyer – Dwyer was involved in many facets

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photo courtesy of Gary Yandell/Arkansas
Paintsville native Johnson Pelphrey is among the newest inductees into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Pelphrey is the University of Arkansas men's basketball coach.

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Blackburn runs third at LPR

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

COEBURN, Va. – Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn returned to competition on Saturday, May 24 at Lonesome Pine Raceway in a Late Model feature race. Blackburn, a former NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region champion, registered a third-place finish in the LPR Late Model feature. A former LPR track champion, Blackburn finished third behind race winner Wayne Hale and second-place driver Nate Monteith.

Complete results from Saturday, May 24 follow.

Late Model: 1. 19 Wayne Hale; 2. 44 Nate Monteith; 3. 69 Steve Blackburn; 4. 40 Brian Blevins; 5. 55 Mardy Roberts; 6. 29 Josh Hale; 7. 21 Burton Martin.

Chargers: 1. 16 Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 2. 7 Caleb Roark; 3. 13 Nasty Jones; 4. 49 Mitch Gibson; 5. 48 Paul Shull.

Street Stock: 1. 11-Jeff Counts; 2. 25-Rob Austin; 3. 07-Tony Vance; 4. 21-Jeff Williams; 5. 4-David Brown; 6. 8-Jarod Bruner; 7. 15-Jeff Thompson; 8. 16-Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 9. 2-Steven Duty; 10. 9-Shane Higgins; 11. 65-Jamie "Moonshine" Mills; 12. 18-Doug Austin; 13. 3-Brian Blevins; 14. 22-Roger Neece; 34-Terry Stone (Failed to pass post race tech).

Mod-4: 1. 44-Jody Bostic; 2. 9-Hershel Robinette; 3. 13-David Brown; 4. 16-Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 5. 73-Richard Adkins; 6. 10-John Hickman; 7. 43-Blake Roark; 8. 37-T.J. O'Quinn; 9. 15-Colin Eades.

Pure-4: 1. 1-Linton Perry; 2. 88-Robert Darnell; 3. 37-Kenny Nix; 4. 17-Steve Skeen; 5. 4-Tony Casteel; 6. 3-Stacy Head; 7. 20-Marion Guy; 8. 33-Kevin Darnell; 9. 69-Mike Collins; 10. 22-Anthony Horne; 11. 29-Steve Addison; 12. 91 Tim Presley; 13. 9-Jeff Bobo; 14. 76-Kellie King.

15th Region Baseball Tournament Scoreboard

May 26
Belfry 7, Johnson Central 6
East Ridge 4, Prestonsburg 1
Lawrence County 14,
Pikeville 4
(5 innings)
Allen Central 18, Phelps 8
(5 innings)
May 27
Belfry 2, East Ridge 1
Lawrence County 9, Allen
Central 0
May 29
Lawrence County 10, Belfry 0
(10 innings)
(Championship Game)
15TH REGION BASEBALL

Team	Record
Lawrence County	28-7
Belfry	22-11
Paintsville	21-12
Pikeville	19-12
Prestonsburg	16-9
East Ridge	15-13
Johnson Central	14-17
Phelps	13-12
Sheldon Clark	13-19
Shelby Valley	12-15
Allen Central	10-16
Magoffin County	10-19
Pike County Central	6-16
Betsy Layne	4-20
South Floyd	0-13



photos by Jamie Howell

FLOYD COUNTY BASEBALL 2008 had Allen Central capturing the 58th District championship. Prestonsburg was the Floyd County Conference champion.

Allen Central and Prestonsburg were each led by first-year head coaches. Austin Shelton guided Allen Central to the district title. Marc Shepherd coached Prestonsburg to the conference championship.

Above: Allen Central players were all-in between innings of the district championship game. Right: The Rebels ran the bases well in the title contest.



Another Dirt Late Model Dream nears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio – As has become tradition, Eldora Speedway's Dirt Late Model Dream will kick off their aggressive major event campaign. Set for the weekend of June 6-7, the 14th annual edition of the Dream will again see a \$100,000 pay check up for grabs following the 100-lap chase around Eldora's famed one-half mile high-banked clay oval.

Young driving sensation Steve Casebolt of Richmond, Ind., upgraded his resume with a stunning and popular victory in last year's edition, when he powered the Dale Beitler owned Late Model to upset four-time Dream winner Scott Bloomquist. Both are expected to be in the chase again this year. Bloomquist will be behind the wheel of

his famed 'zero' machine, while Casebolt has part ways with Beitler to regroup his own team. Former World 100 winner Steve Francis has teamed up with Beitler in 2008.

Since its inception in 1994, 109 drivers have edged their way into a Dirt Late Model Dream lineup, with nine drivers etching the \$100,000 victories.

Bloomquist's four wins (1995, 2002, 2004, 2006) leads the way, while inaugural winner Freddy Smith (1994) is the only other double winner (2000). Single event wins have been earned by Donnie Moran (1996), Jimmy Mars (1997), Billy Boyer (1998), Rick Eckert (1999), Darrel Lanigan (2003), Matt Miller (2005) and Casebolt (2007).

The Dirt Model Dream will once again fall under

the sanctioning banner of the UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) DIRTcar organization, who will oversee adherence to the car specifications, including the recently announced tire rules. Per the UMP DIRTcar rulebook, each sanctioned track has the option to determine their tire rule of choice. Eldora Speedway has chosen to align themselves with Oakshade Raceway and the Sunoco sponsored American Late Model Series (ALMS) to allow the LM-30, LM-40 and LM-50 branded Hoosier Racing tire.

While UMP DIRTcar will oversee the tech, the racing procedures and lineup structure will be governed by Eldora. As in the past, Friday's agenda will include the practice laps, followed by the time trial

runs to set up Saturday's program of qualifying heats, C and B Mains and the 100-lap Dirt Late Model Dream.

Following the Dream chase, Eldora's major event calendar will include the 25th annual Kings Royal (Sprint Car) weekend July 11 and 12 and the World 100 (Late Models) over the weekend of September 5 and 6. Sprinkled in between will be other events rapidly gaining in prominence, including the Ollie's 360 Challenge July 8 and the Chevrolet American Revolution 4-Crown weekend of September 19-20.

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Deer fawns and other young wildlife best left alone

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Springtime brings people close to wildlife. Landowners find deer fawns bedded in high grass or under trees. People see baby birds not yet able to fly hopping around in backyards. Mowing may turn up baby rabbits, opossums, skunks and more. Urban development has led to increased contact with wildlife, but nature's rules remain the same. Humans are poor substitutes for wildlife parents.

This is particularly true for deer fawns. Deer have evolved to remain bedded down and hidden during their first weeks of life, as their mothers stay away to feed and deter predators. People who find a baby deer may believe the fawn is abandoned, but this is almost never the case.

"The mother comes back to nurse two or three times a day, and then leaves," said David Yancy, senior deer biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The fawn will bleat if it's in trouble. If you see the fawn and you aren't mowing or it's not in your way, just leave it alone. The mother will come back."

Landowners who find a fawn while mowing and need to move the fawn can simply pick it up and move it a short distance. The mother should be able to find the fawn when she returns to feed it.

"Move it somewhere nearby where you have already mowed. Try to find shade if you can," said Yancy. "I wouldn't worry about human scent and the mother abandoning it. The doe will most likely take it back."

People should not take the deer and attempt to make it a pet. "Often, you have killed that deer," said Yancy. "Once a deer has been in captivity, they are never the same. By being around people, they begin to associate people with food and at least somewhat lose their fear of people."

Young deer often die if taken from the wild. If they do survive, they often cannot be released again. Without a natural fear of humans, they may inadvertently hurt people, as they quickly grow from 6-8 pounds at birth to 100 pounds or more within a year. Not only is taking a deer from the wild a bad idea – it's also against the law. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife does not issue

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Johnson signs to play for UVA-Wise

VanHoose produces first college player as head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS – Proven outside shooter Kayla Johnson has signed to play for the UVA-Wise women's basketball team. The Phelps High School guard averaged over 12 points per game for her last two years combined and becomes the fifth Lady Cavs 2008-09 recruit.

Johnson will compliment the UVA-Wise women's basketball program. The Phelps standout has an opportunity to

make an immediate impact at the next level. UVA-Wise will return their top seven players to combine with the five newcomers for the 2008-09 season.

"Kayla is a welcomed addition," said UVA-Wise Assistant Coach Doug Carter. "She is a smart, well-rounded player who does not have to score to have an impact on her team's success. Kayla is a hardworker and gym rat exactly the traits we look for in prospective Cavaliers."

Johnson, a WYMT TV All-Mountain Team Honorable Mention selection, was a leader on the Phelps High squad and helped the team improve from five wins to 13 this past year. She averaged 13 points, six assists

and five rebounds while shooting 45 percent from the field as a junior. In the 2007-08 season, Johnson netted 266 points (11.1 ppg), hauled in 82 rebounds (3.4 rpg) and handed out 94 assists (3.9 apg) while making 46 percent (24 of 52) of her shots from three-point range. Johnson shot a solid 44 percent from the field (106 of 241) during her senior campaign.

"It is no surprise she plays the game with such a high basketball IQ, when you consider she has been coached by Phelps Head Coach J.R. VanHoose, former professional player and 1998's Mr. Basketball for the state of Kentucky and former UVA-Wise player Devin Layne," added Carter.



KAYLA JOHNSON

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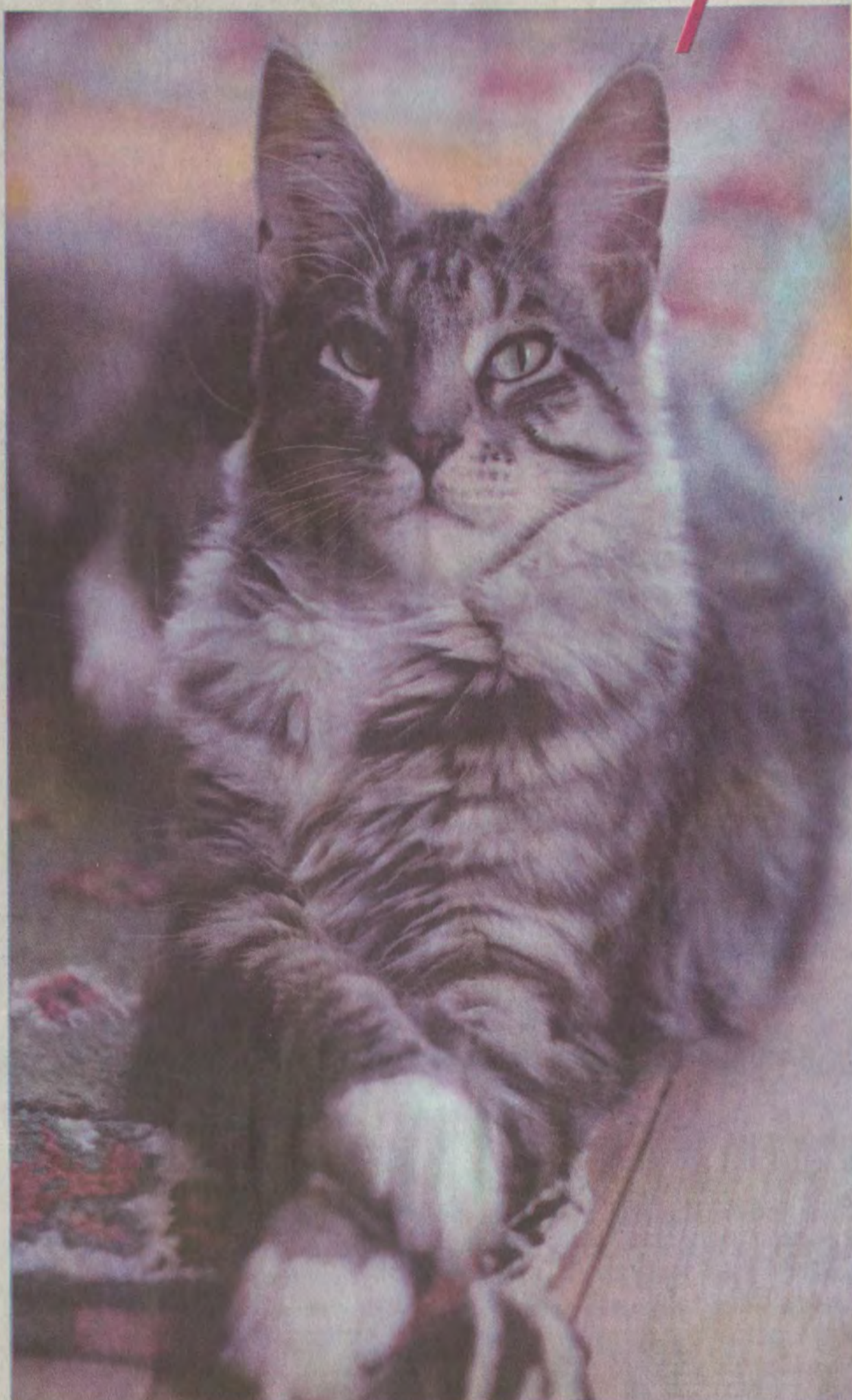
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Take Obi-Wan for example. At first glance, he looks like a cuddly tabby with big, bright eyes. However, when his owner, Dave, goes out of town, he goes on a hunger strike and refuses to be fed by other members of the family. This separation anxiety worries his owners because they just want Obi-Wan to be a happy, healthy kitty. Dr. Katrina and her team suggest minor changes to his feeding routine, like getting other family members involved in feeding time even when Dave is home, and separating his feeding dish from those of the other cats, so they can monitor his intake. Dr. Katrina also encourages lots of play and stimulation for Obi-Wan to foster a stronger bond with each family member. These solutions equip Obi-Wan's family with what they need to improve the quality of life they share together. The bottom line? Credible advice that will strengthen the bond between cats and owners across the country.



Dr. Katrina Warren, host of "Housecat Housecall"

The dog's have had their day; now it's the cats turn.

Canine-dominated television steps aside for feline-focused programming!

After years of canine-dominated reality TV, the cats are strutting in and demanding their rightful time slot. Starting on June 7, cat lovers can tune in to Animal Planet on Saturdays at 9 a.m. Eastern and Pacific and Sundays at 7 a.m. Eastern and Pacific to watch "Housecat Housecall," a groundbreaking new show presented by Purina Cat Chow dedicated entirely to the total well-being of our feline friends. Visit housecathousecall.com for more information on this new TV series.

Got kitty concerns? Ask a Mentor.

What about your own fuzzy buddy? If your cat situation is less than ideal, a visit to catchow.com for helpful advice from a Purina Cat Chow Mentor might be the answer. As cat care specialists, these Mentors can give you information you can put to practice in the comfort of your own home, and they are accessible any day of the week, at any time.

You know your cat better than anyone else, so catchow.com also gives you different choices for finding advice based on your individual feline situation. You can search the cat care library for frequently asked questions, send an e-mail to a Mentor about a specific question or create a personal home page for you and your cat.

Common feline faux-pas

Stealing food, overgrooming, excessive licking ... Do any of these behaviors ring true for your cat? Here's a sampling of common cat questions, along with some helpful suggestions from the Purina Cat Chow Mentors:

Question: My cat loves to chew on anything, like cardboard, paper, leather chairs. What do I do?

Mentor Advice from Dr. Janet Jackson: Some cats like the texture of certain materials. If your cat likes leather or paper, provide toys made of these materials, such as a toy mouse made of leather, or a ball of paper, and switch them out with different toys every few days so he doesn't get bored. Make sure the toys have been tested for cat safety. To help him learn the difference between his toys and things he shouldn't chew, use hot pepper sauce, bitter apple, or some other deterrent on the surfaces of these items. Be certain to test the surface, using an inconspicuous location, before applying the deterrent. A veterinarian may have other suggestions for a deterrent that would be both safe to use and unpleasant for the cat.

Question: I intend to adopt a kitten in the near future and I am trying to learn as much as I can about kittens. I don't think there's a room that I can spare specially for the kitten. Can I keep the kitten inside a cage and place a litter box and food bowl in it?

Mentor Advice from Dr. Debra Horwitz: A kitten needs a safe place to rest and relax and not get into danger while unsupervised. A cat cage with perches is one option, but should not be over used. A kitten needs opportunities to explore and to be handled and taught appropriate behavior. A cat cage should have room for a litter box, resting area, and food and water bowls, as well as room to play, sleep, etc. If it can be in an area where people are, it can be used as a safe place with the door open and then as a place to keep the kitten when no one is home. Once the cat becomes more reliable, greater access to the home should be allowed, but the cage can remain open as a safe haven.

Visit catchow.com to search the cat care library, or pose your own cat care questions to the Mentors.

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Legals

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Consolidated Health Systems, Inc., of Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a medical office building located in the floodplain approximately 0.37 mile southeast of intersection of KY Route 979 and U.S. Route 23 at latitude 37°31'57.4" N and longitude 82°37'33.1" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5536

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Indeva-Corp Energy, Inc. has applied for a permit for an underground & surface coal mining operation, which includes a closed-circuit coal wash plant system and refuse disposal area. The operation is located 1.1 miles southeast of New Allen in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 66.55 surface acres and underlie 784.00 acres, with the total area within the permit boundary being 850.55 acres.(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southeast from KY Rt. 1428's junction

with U.S. 23 and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 39". The longitude is 82° 41' 52".(3) The proposed operation is on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Yancey L. Clark. The operation will underlie land owned by Yancey L. Clark, Daniels Creek Development Corp & Browning Family Partnership, Jimmy Burchett, Dale Mullins, B.B. Burchett, Paul Aiken, Patricia & Susan McGary, Pauline Foley, Edward & Nannie Burchett, Vernon Powers, Able & Hester Goble, Phyllis Crace, Norma Stepp, Joe B. Garrett, Wornie Garrett, Raymond Lowe, and B.M.

Compton Estate. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road U.S. 23. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's

Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

ORDINANCE NO. 0801

An Ordinance relating to The Prohibition of Any Person from Operating or Using Skateboards on the Public Streets, Public Alleys, Public Passageways, Public Sidewalks, Public Parking Lots, Public Common Areas or Public Parks of the City of Allen.

Whereas, The City of Allen, Kentucky, by and through its City Commissioners have received numerous complaints pertaining to persons operating or using skateboards on the city's public streets, public alleys, public passageways, public sidewalks, public parking lots, public common areas or parks, which presents a safety concern for the public's use of the city property; and

Whereas, the City of Allen having discussed the issue of the safety of its citizens and persons using the city streets, public alleys, public passageways, public sidewalks, public parking lots, public common areas or parks, which presents a safety concern for the public's use of the city property; and

Be It Ordained By The City Of Allen that the operation or use of skateboards on the City of Allen's public streets, public alleys, public passageways, public sidewalks, public parking lots, public common areas or parks in the City of Allen is **Hereby Prohibited.**

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SECTION II: Any violation of this ordinance shall incur a fine in the amount of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation.

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A prescription for household harmony

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Take Obi-Wan for example. At first glance, he looks like a cuddly tabby with big, bright eyes. However, when his owner, Dave, goes out of town, he goes on a hunger strike and refuses to be fed by other members of the family. This separation anxiety worries his owners because they just want Obi-Wan to be a happy, healthy kitty. Dr. Katrina and her team suggest minor changes to his feeding routine, like getting other family members involved in feeding time even when Dave is home, and separating his feeding dish from those of the other cats, so they can monitor his intake. Dr. Katrina also encourages lots of play and stimulation for Obi-Wan to foster a stronger bond with each family member. These solutions equip Obi-Wan's family with what they need to improve the quality of life they share together. The bottom line? Credible advice that will strengthen the bond between cats and owners across the country.



Dr. Katrina Warren, host of "Housecat Housecall"

The dog's have had their day; now it's the cats turn.

Canine-dominated television steps aside for feline-focused programming!

After years of canine-dominated reality TV, the cats are strutting in and demanding their rightful time slot. Starting on June 7, cat lovers can tune in to Animal Planet on Saturdays at 9 a.m. Eastern and Pacific and Sundays at 7 a.m. Eastern and Pacific to watch "Housecat Housecall," a groundbreaking new show presented by Purina Cat Chow dedicated entirely to the total well-being of our feline friends. Visit housecathousecall.com for more information on this new TV series.

Got kitty concerns? Ask a Mentor.

What about your own fuzzy buddy? If your cat situation is less than ideal, a visit to catchow.com for helpful advice from a Purina Cat Chow Mentor might be the answer. As cat care specialists, these Mentors can give you information you can put to practice in the comfort of your own home, and they are accessible any day of the week, at any time.

You know your cat better than anyone else, so catchow.com also gives you different choices for finding advice based on your individual feline situation. You can search the cat care library for frequently asked questions, send an e-mail to a Mentor about a specific question or create a personal home page for you and your cat.

Common feline faux-pas

Stealing food, overgrooming, excessive licking ... Do any of these behaviors ring true for your cat? Here's a sampling of common cat questions, along with some helpful suggestions from the Purina Cat Chow Mentors:

Question: My cat loves to chew on anything, like cardboard, paper, leather chairs. What do I do?

Mentor Advice from Dr. Janet Jackson: Some cats like the texture of certain materials. If your cat likes leather or paper, provide toys made of these materials, such as a toy mouse made of leather, or a ball of paper, and switch them out with different toys every few days so he doesn't get bored. Make sure the toys have been tested for cat safety. To help him learn the difference between his toys and things he shouldn't chew, use hot pepper sauce, bitter apple, or some other deterrent on the surfaces of these items. Be certain to test the surface, using an inconspicuous location, before applying the deterrent. A veterinarian may have other suggestions for a deterrent that would be both safe to use and unpleasant for the cat.

Question: I intend to adopt a kitten in the near future and I am trying to learn as much as I can about kittens. I don't think there's a room that I can spare specially for the kitten. Can I keep the kitten inside a cage and place a litter box and food bowl in it?

Mentor Advice from Dr. Debra Horwitz: A kitten needs a safe place to rest and relax and not get into danger while unsupervised. A cat cage with perches is one option, but should not be over used. A kitten needs opportunities to explore and to be handled and taught appropriate behavior. A cat cage should have room for a litter box, resting area, and food and water bowls, as well as room to play, sleep, etc. If it can be in an area where people are, it can be used as a safe place with the door open and then as a place to keep the kitten when no one is home. Once the cat becomes more reliable, greater access to the home should be allowed, but the cage can remain open as a safe haven.

Visit catchow.com to search the cat care library, or pose your own cat care questions to the Mentors.