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briefs

Outages get quick response

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A recent report by the Kentucky Public Service Commission found that the lights are coming back quicker for Kentucky electric customers than in the past.

According to the PSC, while the frequency of outages has not changed over the years, utilities companies have improved significantly in restoring power quickly.

The study found that Kentucky customers can expect to have power 99.97 percent of the time.

"This report marks the first step in establishing a record of how well Kentucky's electric utilities are doing in providing reliable service to their customers," said PSC Chairman David Armstrong.

"Although reliability appears to be high, annual reporting will enable the PSC to identify any emerging problems," said Armstrong. "We can then move to address those issues."

Other findings from the PSC report include:

- Most customers can expect between 1.1 and 1.7 power interruptions per year from routine causes such as equipment failures, animals getting into equipment, falling limbs or vehicle accidents.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 91 • Low: 68

Tomorrow



High: 95 • Low: 70

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS IN STORE



Map created by Brian Music

An aerial view of the construction and detours that will begin tomorrow. Red lines show the new routes for southbound traffic, while green lines show the detour for northbound traffic. Blue lines are local traffic to the affected areas. The purple shaded area is where construction will actually take place and will be closed to all traffic.

City braces for lengthy detours

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Starting tomorrow, local residents and visitors will be treated to at least six weeks of detours, as traffic is rerouted around the sewer construction taking place on the city's main thoroughfare.

According to officials with Highway Department District 12, all of Lake Drive between Graham Street and the Route 114 intersection will be closed except for local access.

David M. Ellis, superintendent of Prestonsburg Utilities, has said that the city must separate its storm sewer from its sanitary sewer. Currently both lines

North, South Lake Drive to be closed at least six weeks

run together.

"Local businesses have been contacted," Ellis said in a released statement through the Highway Department. "We want to make this as painless as possible for everyone, but the work will take at least six weeks and some people are predicting three months or more."

But a polling of several local busi-

ness owners Monday found that not one had been contacted by anyone from Prestonsburg City Utilities or the Highway Department about the construction and its rerouting of traffic.

"No one here was contacted," said Judy and Mike Ward, owners of Jenny Wiley Florist on North Lake Drive. The Wards' comments were echoed by the owners of other downtown busi-

ness. Though some admitted hearing about the construction from secondary sources, none were officially contacted or presented with any information regarding the rerouting of traffic.

Ellis, who is reportedly out of town this week, could not be reached for comment.

Opinions on how the construction will affect downtown business were largely divided.

"It will be a bit of an inconvenience," said Mike Castle, of Earl Castle's Jewelry. "Business shouldn't be affected that much."

"Women will drive through rain."

(See **DETOURS**, page seven)

Lawsuit claims school didn't stop bullying

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The family of a 13-year-old former Allen Central Middle School student who shot and killed himself in November has filed suit against the school's principal and former county superintendent.

Sheila Patton, the mother of Stephen Lawrence Patton, along with his father, Lawrence, and grandmother, Ann Shepherd, met with Louisville attorneys Vanessa B. Cantley and Jasper D. Ward IV at the Floyd County Justice Center on Monday afternoon, when the family filed suit against Davida Bickford, Allen Central Middle School principal, and Paul W. Fanning, former superintendent of Floyd County Schools.

The basis of the suit,

according to the attorneys, is that both Bickford and Fanning had prior knowledge that Stephen Patton was being subjected to bullying and harassment on a regular basis at his school, behavior that his family believes led him to commit suicide, and did nothing to intervene on the boy's behalf.

According to the suit, Stephen Patton, noted as "well-liked by the majority of his classmates," was "repeatedly, continually, systematically and intentionally assaulted, abused, harassed, menaced, taunted, hazed, threatened, teased and bullied" by some other students at his school.

Following Stephen Patton's death, classmates reported to his family that certain students at the school, among other

(See **BULLYING**, page eight)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The family of Stephen Patton, the 13-year-old Allen Central Middle School student who took his life last November, filed suit against the school's principal and former county superintendent Monday afternoon at the Floyd County Justice Center. Pictured, left to right, are the boy's grandmother, Ann Shepherd, his mother, Sheila Patton, father, Lawrence Patton, and Louisville attorneys Jasper Ward and Vanessa Cantley.

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Obituaries

Lora Branham Childers

Lora Branham Childers, age 92, a resident of Riverview Nursing Home, Hopewell, Virginia, passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

She was born in Wheelwright, the daughter of the late William and Margaret Hall Branham. She was a former member of the Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Childers.

She is survived by her son, Charles K. Childers and his wife, Gail; a grandson, Sean F. Childers and his wife, Rhonda; and two great-grandchildren: Bryan and Ashley, all of Midlothian, Virginia.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 11 siblings.

A private ceremony was held on her behalf on Sunday, June 1, in Chester, Virginia.

A private interment of her remains was held on Tuesday, June 3, in the Rosehill Burial Park, in Ashland.

Condolences to the family may be registered at: www.jtmorris.com (Paid obituary)

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Angie Hunt Hall

Angie Hunt Hall, age 78, of Banner, widow of the late Earl Hall, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2008.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 3, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Nathan Lafferty and Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial was in the Jones Family Cemetery, in Banner.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Brett Davis, Barry Davis, Arco Hunt, Jr., Joey Reynolds, Darrell Jervis, Craig Davis and Gene Davis. (Paid obituary)

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Brother Johnnie Jay Patton

Brother Johnnie Jay Patton, 76, of Weeksbury, died Sunday, June 1, 2008, at his residence.

Born September 14, 1931, in Martin, he was the son of the late William Marion and Hermie Wells Patton. He was a retired coal miner; and pastor of the Free Pentecostal Church of God at Weeksbury, for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene Johnson Patton.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Johnnie (Connie) Patton of Lomansville; Glendil (Rita) Patton of Winchester; Jimmy Patton, Gregory Patton, and Douglas (Mary Sue) Patton, all of Weeksbury; William (Athlene) Patton of Versailles; a stepson, Michael (Candy) Wells of Weeksbury; his daughters and sons-in-law: Marlene (Kenny) Johnson of Weeksbury; and Wanda (Woodrow) Smith of DeCoy; a sister, Patricia Haner of Centerburg, Ohio; 21 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and a sister: Samuel Patton and Tinie Patton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 5, at 1 p.m., at the Free Pentecostal Church of God, in Weeksbury, with Brothers of the church officiating.

Burial will be in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Charles "Jeff" Wells

Charles "Jeff" Wells, 86, a resident of Grayson, formerly of Auxier, was called home to be with Jesus on Saturday, May 31, 2008, following a sudden illness.

He was born May 12, 1922, in Floyd County, a son of the late James and Bess Stephens Wells.

For more than half of his life, Jeff was known for using his beautiful voice to praise the Lord, traveling the eastern half of the country, with his wife and children, as The Singing Wells Family. After moving to Grayson, he attended Lake Road Freewill Baptist Church, where he continued to sing God's praises.

Jeff was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as Sergeant of Company B, 1st Armored Regiment during World War II, earning a citation of bravery and a Purple Heart.

Survivors include Jenny Wells, his wife of 22,717 days; two sons: Larry (Hazel) Wells of Richmond, and Jeffrey (Jeanie) Wells of Banner; and a daughter, Terri (George) Waggoner of Grayson; a brother, Jim Doug (Doris) Wells of Aberdeen, Ohio; five grandchildren: Christopher Cool, Robin Daniel, Erin Waggoner, Kelly Crouse, and Himella Wells; and five great-

grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Frost Wells.

Phelps and Son Funeral Home in Paintsville is in charge of the arrangements.

Visitation was Tuesday, June 3, from 5-9 p.m., and will be held Wednesday, June 4, prior to services at 1 p.m.

Burial will be at the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, in Auxier.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Community Hospice Care Center, 2330 Pollard Road, Ashland, Ky. 41101, or Lake Road Freewill Baptist Church Building Fund, 2138 S. State Highway 7, Grayson, KY 41143. (Paid obituary)

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Madelyn Boyd Cottrell

Madelyn Boyd Cottrell, 83, of Prestonsburg, went to meet the Lord, Thurs-day, May 29, 2008, in High-lands Regional

Medical Center.

Born July 7, 1924, in Dana, she was the daughter of the late William Bradley Boyd and Ottava Akers Boyd.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick (Fred) Richmond Cottrell Sr., who died March 12, 1999.

Survivors include a son, Fred R. Cottrell Jr., of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Carolyn Cottrell Delbello, and Betsy C. Schoolcraft (Raymond), all of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Madge Holcomb of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Bernice Miller of Prestonsburg; a brother, Gene Boyd of Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren: Cindy Greer Harmon, Kristen Fister, Richie Schoolcraft, Lee Schoolcraft, Madelyn Faith Allen, Justin Cottrell, and Neil Cottrell; and five great-grandchildren: Chris Schoolcraft, Ashleigh Harmon, Oliver Fister, Max Fister, and Brady Allen.

Funeral services were held

Saturday, May 31, at 11 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

Interment was at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Richie Schoolcraft, Lee Schoolcraft, Chris Schoolcraft, Justin

Cottrell, Zack Fister, Bryan Allen, and Neil Cottrell.

Honorary: Fred Cottrell Jr., Gene Boyd, Eugene Holcomb, Lloyd Miller, Don Childers, and Charles Bradley.

Contributions in lieu of flowers requested to First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. (Paid obituary)

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The family of Ova Mae Warrens would like 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 flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to Bro. Clinton Moore and Bro. James Swiger for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF OVA MAE WARRENS

Card of Thanks

The family of William "Billy" R. Little would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Bro. Bruce Coleman and Richard Bowers for their comforting words; and our Church of Christ Family; to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM "BILLY" R. LITTLE

Card of Thanks

The family of Myrtle E. Burchett Canterbury would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to the ministers, Manford Fannin, Virgil Hunt and Dave Garrett, for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. The many prayers and expressions of love will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF MYRTLE CANTERBURY

Card of Thanks

The family of Volney Allen would like to thank all of those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, prayers, or words of kindness. We are especially grateful to Rev. Bob Varney for his comforting words; the Maytown First Baptist Church for all their love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services. Words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude we will always feel for each of you.

THE FAMILY OF VOLNEY ALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Clova Fuller would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to Hall Funeral Home; and everyone in the surroundings areas of Hueysville, Martin, and Prestonsburg. Also a special thanks to Hospice, and to family and friends.

THE FAMILY OF CLOVA FULLER

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Gospel benefit

The 12th annual Sarah Renee Lafferty Memorial Gospel Benefit for the National Children's Cancer Society will be held at Stumbo Park in Allen on Saturday, June 7, at 6 p.m.

Acts will include Celestial City of Columbus, Ohio, *From the Heart*, Randy and Crystal Rose, and other talents.

Entertaining are bringing a lawn and lawn chairs will be provided.

Admission will be lifted. For more information, call 259-1259. Free will be welcome.

Floyd County Retired Teachers to hold Memorial service

The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having their annual Memorial Service on Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m., at the Josie Harkins School House at Jenny Wiley Campgrounds.

Church of Christ to hold Vacation Bible School

The Church of Christ on Arkansas Creek will be having Vacation Bible School June 16 thru June 20.

Support Group

For more information, call 259-1259.

Do you have a friend or loved one who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or any other dementia? We can help! We will meet at a new location: Thursday, June 12, at 5 p.m., UMW Health & Retirement Funds Office Uniplex Center, Suite 304, 126 Trivette Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501. For more information, contact the Fund's office at 606-432-1072, ext. 12 or 13. Refreshments will be served.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Poker Run

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association Poker Run Annual Fund Raiser is set for Sunday, June 8, at the Paintsville Lake Mountain Home Place Shelter. First bike out at noon. Last bike out at 2 p.m. Ride will begin and end at Paintsville Lake. Cost: \$10 per hand. Meal will be provided. 50/50 drawing. On bike games, off bike games, door prizes and fun! Come and join in for a fun filled day!! For more information, contact one of the following: Charles and Teresa Conn: 606-587-3060, Greg and Freeda Kidd: 606-478-2710; Buddy and Jeannie McKenzie: 606-297-3568.

Prestonsburg High School Third Annual Cancer Walk-a-thon, set for June 4

The Prestonsburg High School Third Annual Cancer Walk-a-thon will be on June 4, at the Prestonsburg High School walking track. Please come out and help support a worthy cause—cancer awareness. All donations of pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters or more will go to help research for a cure for this dreaded disease. See you at the walking track on June 4.

Food City presents Annual Relay For Life

Food City will be having a Annual Relay for Life Car Show 2008, on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m., on University Drive, Prestonsburg, across from Big Sandy College.

Trophies will be given away for Best of Show, Best Chevy, Best Ford, Best Custom, Best Mopar, Best Truck, Best Muscle Car, and Best Street

Rod. Top 20 trophies awarded according to the highest score. Rain date will be June 21. Registration fee: \$15. For questions, contact: FC Pharmacy Dept. No. 471, (Elly Reed). (606) 889-9572.

Spring into good health fair

A health fair will be held on Tuesday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the Pikeville City Park.

Refreshments, door prizes, free giveaways, good health tips, health screenings, music and entertainment, corn hole game sponsored by Coca Cola, and fun, fun, fun.

Sponsored by UMW Health and Retirement Funds and Big Sandy Area Development District. Call 606-432-1072 for any questions

Thelma Training Center plans graduation program

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center, in Thelma, will be conducting its commencement program on Friday, June 13, beginning at 1 p.m. The graduation program is held at this time each year to honor and recognize the students who have completed their individual training programs over the past year. A reception will be held in honor of the graduates, their families and guests, immediately following the graduation ceremony. The staff and students of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center would like to invite all interested citizens and program supporters to attend. For more information, call 788-7080 or 1-800-443-2187.

Jervis-Jarvis Family reunion

The Jervis-Jarvis family reunion will be held at the Cow Creek Baptist Church, Annex B, on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

Angel Food Ministries

Prater Creek Baptist Church will be taking Angel Food orders at the church on June 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Orders are accepted by mail, e-mail or phone (606-285-9447) thru June 14. You may

visit: www.pcbaptist.org for more info.

Orders may also be placed with the following churches: Faith Fellowship, Allen; First Baptist, Harold; First Church of God, Prestonsburg; and Graceway United Methodist, Langley. Email to prbarnette@bellsouth.net for further information.

Pratt Family Reunion

To be held June 21, in the Old Maytown School Lunchroom. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. The lunchroom is reserved for the entire day. Meats, bread, drinks and dinnerware will be provided; please bring a side dish, dessert or specialty. Also, if desired, please bring an item for the silent auction that will be held to raise money for next year's reunion. Access to playground, horseshoes, volleyball and gym. For more info., please contact: Loretta Pratt Hackworth at 886-3928, Elbert Pratt at 358-2315, Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083, or Julia Pratt Jones at 285-3179 or fernjo@bellsouth.net.

East Kentucky Fair to hold mud bog event, Sat. June 14

The East Kentucky Fair will hold its 2nd qualifying mud bog event—Saturday, June 14, at 3 p.m., at ThunderRidge. All 4-wheelers welcome. Giving away \$500 at the fair on August 2. Must run to qualify. Sign up on the day of the event, or call Terry Trimble at 886-2374.

FCHD to hold Community Revival

To be held at Prater Creek Baptist Church, located at

Banner. Four incredible meetings scheduled:

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East Kentucky Fair

accepting applications for vendors and exhibitors. The East Kentucky Fair is now accepting applications for vendors and exhibitors for the 2008 fair to be held July 31-August 2. Please download a form from www.eastkyfair.com or call Terry Trimble, at 886-2374.

Floyd County Relay for Life

Event to be held Friday, August 1, at Archer Park. Opening ceremony, 6:30 p.m. To register a team or to find out more, call Susan Shepherd at (606) 377-1096. You may also visit www.events.cancer.org/rflfloydky. Help the American Cancer Society help save lives!

South Floyd High School 10-year reunion planned

A 10-year reunion for the South Floyd High School Class of 1998 will be held July 28, 2008. We are currently gathering addresses and phone numbers of the alumni. If you are an alumnus, please contact Danielle Tackett Harvel by phone or email—(606) 277-7770 or danielleharvel@yahoo.com. More details will be announced

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Cinema 2—Starts Friday, June 6
KUNG FU PANDA (PG). Mon.-Sat. 7:00-9:00; Sun. (1:30) 7:00-9:00.
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INDIANA JONES (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:45-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:20) 6:45-9:20.
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Cinema 5—Held Over
BABY MAMA (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 6—Starts Friday, June 6
KUNG FU PANDA (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 7—Held Over
THE STRANGER (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, June 6
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 9—Held Over
SEX IN THE CITY (R). Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (4:50) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:50) 8:00.
Cinema 10—Held Over
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG). Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (5:00) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00) 8:00.

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— H.L. Mencken

Our View

Schools will improve with parents' help

Anytime the state releases local education statistics lately, we generally greet the news with a degree of ambivalence. While it is never good to see the Floyd County school district lagging behind the rest of the state in so many measurable quantities, it is refreshing to see the district showing signs of improvement and beginning to make up the ground that it lost for so many years.

Note, in this case, ambivalence is a marked improvement over how we used to view Floyd County's performance. Just a few years ago, the reaction would have been something between disgust and horror, as the county seemed to fall further behind the pack with each succession of statistics.

So when nonacademic data was released last week, that annual assessment of how county schools stand in terms of attendance, graduation, dropouts, retention and transition to adult life, we felt that newly familiar ambivalence once again. It is good to see the county making gains, but somewhat disheartening to see how much work remains.

But now a new pattern is emerging, and it is a troubling one that hints at what may be the limits of the school system to continue improving.

Despite a redoubled effort to increase attendance in recent years that has shown signs of making a dent in the problem, the county still lags woefully behind the rest of the state. And in this instance, we cannot point a finger of blame at the school system.

Parents share the responsibility of educating their children, and there is perhaps no other area where they have a greater impact than attendance. So if attendance rates continue to trail the state despite the best efforts of schools to remedy the problem, we can only look at parents when searching for a cause.

We are not saying that all parents are to blame, because the problem is not that widespread. In fact, if each classroom had just one less absence each day, Floyd County would rise from among the state's laggards to one of the state's leaders overnight.

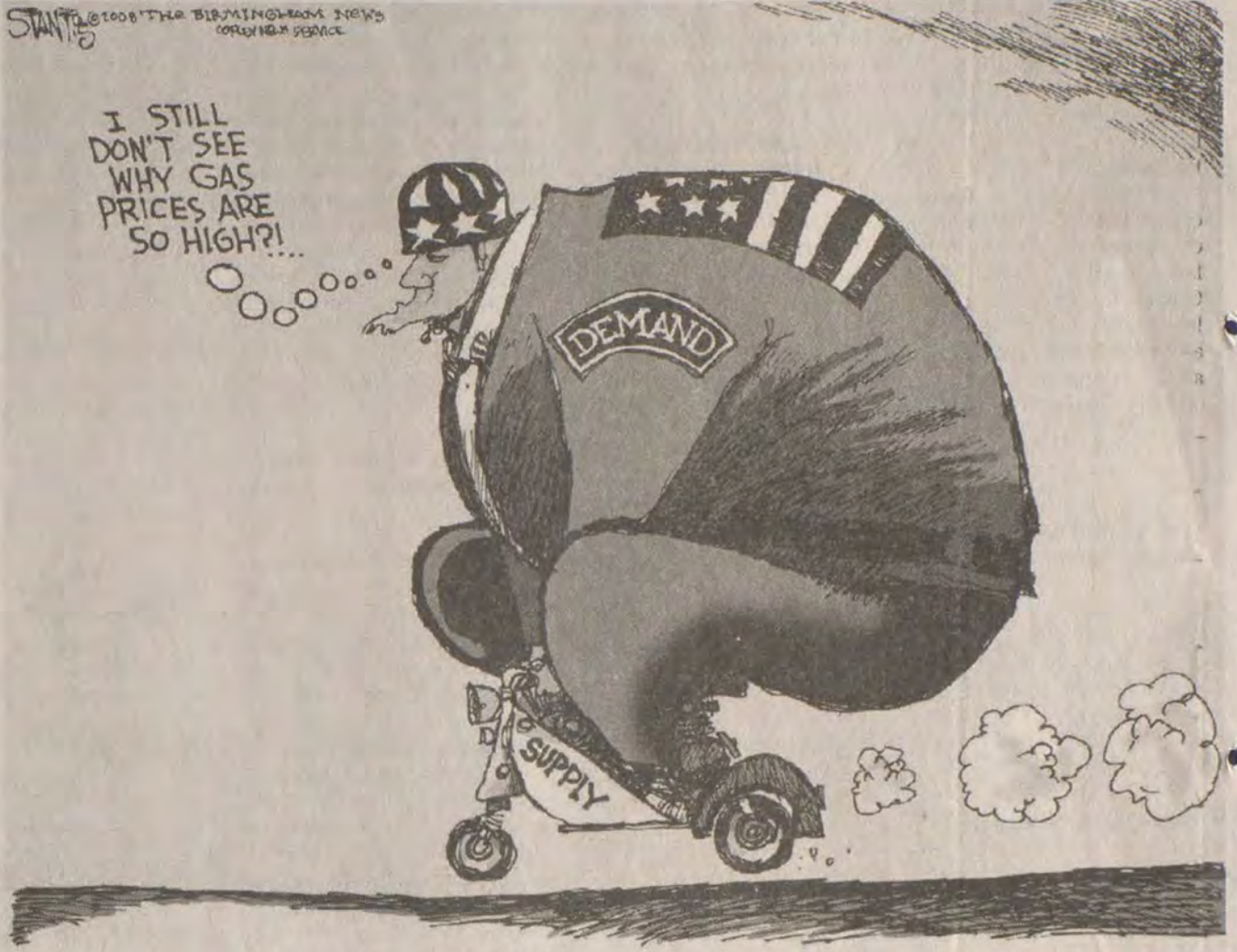
But it remains true that there is a small group of parents who seem to regard their children's education as optional, and the county must continue to deal with truant parents harshly.

However, that will not entirely address the problem, and it is up to all parents to ask themselves if they have been a bit too casual regarding their children's attendance. Many, we are certain, will determine that they haven't. At the same time, we are equally certain that some will discover that they could have just as easily scheduled an out-of-town trip or a routine doctor's appointment while school was not in session.

It should be seen as a victory of sorts that the time for big, sweeping changes in Floyd County schools is nearly over, and that the job ahead requires small changes. We are dealing with movements of inches now, not miles.

But no matter what changes are made in local education, there are no improvements that will enable schools to teach empty desks. Parents must fulfill their end of the bargain and help fill the seats.

— The Floyd County Times



Letters

Seeking information

I am writing this letter in an attempt to find out information. I live downtown Prestonsburg near the courthouse. I have several cats. Last week, to our sadness, we found one of our cats severely injured and unable to walk. She was bleeding from an area in her back.

She was taken to the vet and it was found that she had been shot with a pellet gun. Further testing revealed that the pellet had severed her spinal cord.

Today, Thursday, she was put to sleep due to the severity of her injury. If anyone has information on who shot this cat, my family would love to know. Our cat had a litter of kittens somewhere and had been nursing them. We were never able to find her kittens.

I know there are "bad people" in this world. However, to shoot an innocent animal with intention to kill it is beyond my belief. I believe there is a special place in eternity for people who intentionally harm animals.

If anyone has info please call 886-

2429 or email mconn@suddenlink.net.

And to all of my friends and neighbors, cherish your pets and protect them because this mean person is still out there somewhere!

Debbie Conn
Prestonsburg

Agency on Aging thanks donors

The Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging staff would like to thank the following donors for their generosity. These businesses and individuals contributed door prizes, food and drinks, and supplies to help host the Grandparents Appreciation Day event held at Pin Zone Bowling Alley on April 26. Without them, this event would not have been made possible.

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■ Pike County Cooperative Extension Office, Crystal Raines, family and consumer sciences program assistant.

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Combs re-elected chief judge of Court of Appeals

FRANKFORT — Sara Walter Combs of Stanton has been re-elected to serve as chief judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals for a second four-year term.

Court of Appeals judges, who vote to elect their chief judge, re-elected Judge Combs during their regular court meeting May 7. Her second term will begin June 1. The chief judge, who provides administrative oversight to the Court of Appeals, serves for a four-year term under the Kentucky Constitution.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Court of Appeals as its chief judge for another term," Judge Combs said. "I thank my colleagues for their confidence and will endeavor to earn it in all my efforts on their behalf."

Judge Combs is the first

woman and the first judge from Eastern Kentucky's 7th Appellate District to be elected chief judge of the Court of Appeals. She was first elected to the position in 2004.

Judge Combs began her service with appellate courts in 1993, when she became the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court of Kentucky. After she narrowly lost her election to retain that seat on the Supreme Court, then-Gov. Brereton Jones appointed her to a vacant seat on the Court of Appeals in 1994. She was elected to the court the following November and re-elected in 2000.

Judge Combs ranked second in her class at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, where she subsequently earned a Distinguished

Alumni Award. She was valedictorian at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville and U of L, where she obtained an undergraduate degree in French. She also earned her master's degree in French from U of L, having been recognized as a Woodrow Wilson Designate.

Judge Combs has taught at the high school and university levels in addition to gaining broad experience in the practice of law. She began her career as an associate with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs in Louisville before serving as corporate counsel to an advertising company. She also practiced law with her late husband, former Gov. Bert T. Combs; established a solo practice in Stanton; and became a regional affiliate with the Louisville law firm of Mapother & Mapother.

She is affiliated with numerous professional organi-

zations and institutions of higher learning. She served for seven years on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission and is active as a volunteer speaker for many civic and youth organizations.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, along with the Supreme Court of Kentucky, was formed after the 1975 enactment of the Judicial Article that created Kentucky's unified court system. Fourteen judges, two elected from each of the seven appellate districts, serve on the Court of Appeals for terms of eight years. With a few exceptions, most cases appealed from Circuit Court go to the Court of Appeals. The case is not retried at the appeals level. Instead, the original trial record is reviewed, with attorneys presenting the legal issues to the court for a decision.

Court of Appeals judges are

divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority deciding the outcome. The panels do not sit permanently in one location, but move throughout the state to hear appeals. When the Court of Appeals publishes its rulings on cases, those rulings become the governing case law for all such similar cases in the trial courts of Kentucky.



Judge Sara Walter Combs



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Prestonsburg to host annual 4th of July Best BBQ Cook Off

The City of Prestonsburg will be just a little hotter this coming July Fourth ... barbecue style!

"If you love barbecue ... I mean really good barbecue ... the type that just falls off the bone or sticks to the inside of your ribs, then you have to be here this Fourth of July in Downtown Prestonsburg" says Brent Graden, director of economic development. Prestonsburg Renaissance, the local Main Street board for Historic Downtown Prestonsburg will be overseeing the event.

"We will offer the public a great family day of live entertainment, lip-smacking barbecue, blue ribbon pies, a great carnival with games of chance, and a fireworks display set to music," said Brian Allen, president of Prestonsburg Renaissance. "We want people to see that downtown Prestonsburg is a great place to explore as well as a great place to live and do business here."

The Prestonsburg Best BBQ Cook Off will consist of four categories — BBQ Chicken, Pork Ribs, BBQ Pork, and Chef's Choice which can include Buffalo, Beef Brisket, etc...

The categories will be individually judged based on a blind taste test. The title of Grand Champion can be achieved if the Head Chef enters into 3 of the 4 categories.

There are categories for Best Campsite and People's Choice too. The top score-sheets have a chance to win a share of a \$2,300 cash prize purse, with the Grand Champion awarded a \$1,000 cash prize and trophy.

"With these prizes, we are sure to bring in great competition from across the states" Graden said.

Besides the BBQ competition, there is also a Blue

Ribbon Pie Social. Contestants will be asked to enter two pies per category. The categories are: berry, fruit, nut and cream. Top prize is \$150 plus trophy. "And who wouldn't want the title of best pie-maker in Floyd County?" asks Allen.

The competition is open to all entries. There is a \$50 entry fee for the BBQ competition and there is no entry fee for the Pie competition. All entries are allowed to set up by City Stage in downtown Prestonsburg on July Fourth by 10 a.m. til about 9 p.m. Each site is encouraged to sell food, drink and sides to the public. All BBQ should be ready by noon.

A crowd of 700 is expected to attend the annual event. "We also hope that this event will eventually draw thousands of people each year" adds Graden. "Anytime you can get that many encounters into the downtown, that's a good thing for business."

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital. The title event sponsor is Citizens National Bank.

"We are extremely proud to host the event and are very happy to help children in need. This is a great partnership that benefits our community" said Mark Wite Chief Operating Officer for Citizens National Bank.

For more information, call Brent Graden at City Hall at 606-886-2335. Entry forms and information are available at City Hall, by mail, or visit the new website at www.bestbbqcookoff.com.

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Congratulations, Gabe!



Gabe Garrett, of Prestonsburg, was one of the recent recipients of the Character Education Award from Prestonsburg Elementary. Gabe is in Mrs. Barrows kindergarten class. He is the son of Kevin and Veronica Garrett.

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Night Science

Spend a night under the stars without pesky critters around! Grab your sleeping bag and come to the East Kentucky Science Center for the Night Science programs for ages 8 and up. The programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will include planetarium shows, laser shows and other activities. For more information, contact Shannon at 889-0303, ext. 15. Cost \$15-20/person.

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The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

- Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
 - Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
 - Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
 - Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
 - Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
- For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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 con-

tributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

UNITE

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

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929;

Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

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Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
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School Library.
Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
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Lawmakers meet on pension plan; reach no deal

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's legislative leaders met Monday on a plan aimed at shoring up the state's financially troubled pension system, but they wrapped up talks without a deal in place.

House and Senate leaders met in private at the Capitol throughout the day. Leaders on both sides offered few details, but said their work had mostly focused on highlighting their differences.

An agreement did not seem imminent.

"On some issues we're far apart and on some issues we're close," House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, told reporters as negotiations broke for the day.

Plans call for the negotiators to meet again next Monday in hopes of inching closer toward an agreement. A plan to overhaul the state's retirement system for public employees stalled amid the close of the legislative session earlier this year.

The state's retirement systems, which cover benefits for more than 445,000 people, face an unfunded liability of more than \$26 billion. Without action, lawmakers have said, the system is facing an eventual financial collapse.

Gov. Steve Beshear has called on lawmakers to pass legislation this summer to tweak the system. He says the plan could save potentially hundreds of millions of dollars and preserve the state's bond rating.

Beshear says he's willing to

call a special session in late June if lawmakers can agree in principle before then. Beshear also set up a panel to study the pension issue and said other areas in which lawmakers have more fervent disagreements — such as moving to a 401(k)-type retirement benefit for future employees — could be dealt with later.

Beshear, a Democrat, said he met Monday with some legislative leaders.

"From what I can tell so far, things are going well," Beshear said.

But Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he felt the governor's proposal did not go far enough in addressing the pension system's financial problems. Williams said he disputed Beshear's claims that the governor's proposed changes could save about \$500 million right away.

Williams has maintained that the state cannot afford to continue offering future

employees the same benefits current state workers enjoy. He said, however, that some organizations representing public employees "don't want anything done" to the system.

"They just think we ought to continue to pay retirement benefits that are beyond the financial ability of the citizens of the commonwealth to pay for and are out of line with what anyone's getting in the private sector," Williams said.

Detours

leet, snow, hail, or even Graham Street to have their roots done," said Panache owner, Ashleigh Dotson.

Other business owners weren't as optimistic.

Anna Mae Goble of Little Rascals said that the small amount of preliminary construction over the last few weeks on Court Street has hurt her business.

Sandy Smith, owner of Sandy's Restaurant and Catering, said that it was particularly hard for new business to establish themselves with all the construction. "It's gonna hurt the downtown business."

The affect on business aside, all agreed

that the work was necessary and will hopefully improve the smell of downtown.

"It needs to be done," said Castle. The reason given for the length of the project is the lack of "as-built" plans of what is under city streets. "We have to be very careful because there are other utilities, such as gas lines, that also run under the street," said Ellis.

Ellis doesn't foresee any problems other than a temporary inconvenience for people.

"Highway District 12 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will provide our detour and traffic control," said Ellis. "We

have met with them and worked out a detour plan that should accommodate everyone as well as possible."

Pedestrian traffic will not be affected. Most traffic will be detoured through Central Avenue and Arnold Avenue.

"We want to thank everyone in advance for their understanding and patience," said Ellis. "The health and safety of our citizens will be improved once this work is completed, and we know that people are willing to adjust to some disruption of their routine if it means a cleaner, healthier, safer Prestonsburg in the long run."

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Stonecrest to hold free golf clinic for kids

PRESTONSBURG — Stonecrest Golf Course is offering a free Junior Golf Clinic for boys and girls, ages 8 to 17.

The clinic will be held July

14, 15 and 16, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with a free lunch.

Those taking part in the clinic will be given instruction on the rules of golf, golf etiq-

quette, driving range hitting, chipping and putting.

All golf equipment will be furnished. Participants will need to wear sneaker type shoes and follow the Stonecrest dress code, which includes Bermuda length shorts and collared shirts. No short shorts or tank tops will be permitted.

The clinic is limited to the first 100 youths who sign up. Applications are available at Stonecrest Golf Course pro shop.

For more information, contact head golf professional Wes Jenkins at 886-1006 or Paul Hughes, clinic coordinator, at 886-6471 or 226-3016.

Coke plant may locate in Pike County

Williamson Daily News

PIKEVILLE — A huge boost to Pike County's economy could be on its way.

Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford announced that Sun Coke Energy has entered into discussions with Pike County to look into the possibility of building a coal/coke plant in eastern Kentucky.

Rutherford recently made a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., where he met with Sun Coke officials.

Pike officials say its mountains are full of metallurgical coal, a more pure, harder type

of coal with higher BTU levels, making it more efficient than other types in the process of making steel. The coke plant would be a step in that process.

Officials say they're finishing a coal-to-liquid fuel plant study with hopes of bringing a new plant to the area soon.

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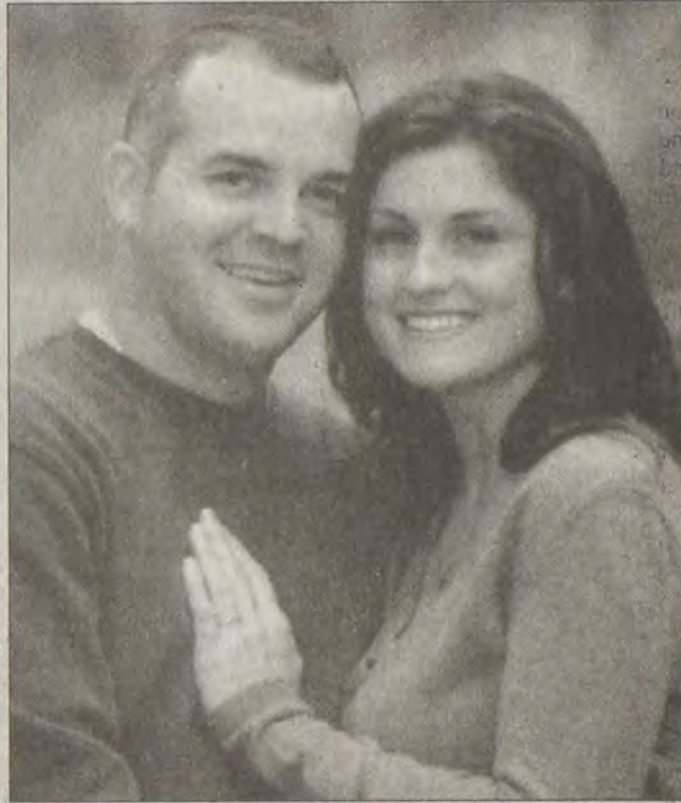
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Jessica is a 1999 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she received a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is currently employed by her family's business, Four J Development, Inc.

John is a 1995 graduate of Allen Central High School, a 1997 graduate of the North American Institute of Aviation, and a 2004 graduate of Alice Lloyd College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He is currently employed by Thoroughbred Development, Inc.

The wedding ceremony and reception will take place on June 7, 2008, at the East Kentucky Expo Center, in Pikeville.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



This week's celebrity is Sabrina Mullins. Ms. Mullins is a recent graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She now attends Big Sandy Community College and plans to transfer to Appalachian State University in the fall. She is shown here with Patches, a 10-week-old female Calico Van.

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BSCTC
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6:00-9:00
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8:00-12:00

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BSCTC
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Mud Creek Clinic
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Highlands Reg. Hospital
Martin Comm. Center
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Federal lawsuit filed over alleged police beating

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A complaint was filed last week in U.S. District Court in Pikeville against a former Kentucky State Police trooper after the trooper allegedly beat a man in custody last summer.

Jared Alfrey, 28, of Marysville, Ohio, formerly a trooper assigned to KSP Post 9 in Pikeville, is charged in the complaint with assault and battery, false imprisonment and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Randall McCoy, 28, of Williamson, W.Va., spent eight days in Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center from the injuries he suffered to his head, legs, back and neck, while he was allegedly in the custody of a KSP trooper.

In an article which appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader shortly after the incident, McCoy said, "This was the worst ordeal of my

life. This was a nightmare I was praying I could wake up from so it could be over. The main thing for me is that this does not happen to anybody else."

According to the complaint, McCoy, who is an eight-year veteran of the West Virginia National Guard, had been at the home of Benita Damron when the two became embroiled in an argument. McCoy left the residence and flagged down KSP Trooper Alfrey to assist him in retrieving some of his personal belongings from Damron's residence.

While at the residence, Alfrey allegedly handcuffed both Damron and McCoy for no reason, and placed both in the back of his cruiser.

The lawsuit alleges that when McCoy asked why they were being arrested, he was reportedly told to "keep his mouth shut."

According to the complaint, Alfrey then drove the

two to an isolated mine shaft off of Turkey Creek Road, where he allegedly pulled McCoy from the cruiser and hit him numerous times in the face.

Alfrey allegedly then returned McCoy to the cruiser and left the site, only to turn his vehicle around shortly down Route 292 and return to the mine shaft and further assault McCoy as Damron looked on in horror from the back seat.

During the assault, Alfrey allegedly hit McCoy with his fists, bit him, hit him with his police-issued baton, pepper sprayed him, and held McCoy at gunpoint with his service revolver.

McCoy said when Alfrey was finished, he was bleeding and bruised "head to toe."

After the beating, the complaint states that Alfrey drove McCoy to the hospital, and the couple was released to the Pike County Sheriffs Department.

McCoy was charged with both third-degree assault and fourth-degree assault (domestic violence). Damron was also charged with fourth-degree assault.

According to Alfrey's police report, McCoy was charged with domestic violence because he pushed allegedly Damron into a door frame.

Damron's domestic violence charge stems from McCoy telling Alfrey that she threw a ceramic vase at him, it was said in the report.

McCoy denied both allegations.

"We told him that neither of us did anything," McCoy said.

According to the complaint, "As a result of the concerted unlawful physical abuse of plaintiff McCoy, defendant Alfrey, intentionally or with deliberate indifference and callous disregard to plaintiff McCoy's rights, deprived plaintiff of his right to equal protection of the laws and

impeded the due course of justice in violation of the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States."

Alfrey was suspended with pay and later resigned from KSP following the incident.

Both Alfrey, and then Commander of Post 9, Jim Booth, who has since retired, are charged in the complaint.

According to the complaint, "Defendant Booth, knowingly, recklessly, or with deliberate indifference and callous disregard of the plain-

tiff's rights, failed to instruct, supervise, control and discipline on a continuing basis defendant Alfrey."

A Pike County grand jury returned an indictment against Alfrey, charging him with one count of second-degree assault. Alfrey was arraigned in April and is scheduled for a pretrial hearing in August.



Bullying

harassing behaviors, would take the boy's lunch away from him on a daily basis. Sheila Patton said that her husband packed lunch for his son each morning "because Stephen was kind of funny about what he would eat ... His dad tried to pack his favorite things for him."

Also, according to his family, Stephen Patton suffered from migraine headaches that the family now believes were induced by the stressful situations he faced in regard to the bullying he endured at his school.

Sheila Patton, who has worked in the field of social services for the past 20 years, said that she received frequent phone calls from her son at her workplace in which he would report to her that he was suffering from a headache.

"In looking back," she said, "I now realize that the majority of those calls came at around 11:30, right about the time Stephen would be going to lunch ... I can't even begin to express the grief I feel, knowing that while I sat at lunch laughing and cutting up with my coworkers, my child was sitting at school doing without."

While cleaning out their son's locker at his school following his death, the Pattons found a bag containing various snack items that they now believe their son kept there in order to stave off hunger during the school day.

The attorneys representing the Pattons allege that the problem of bullying within the school system was one that was "well known" and as such Bickford and Fanning, both of whom held positions of authority within the school system, acted in a negligent manner when they failed to exercise "an affirmative duty to Stephen to take all reasonable steps to prevent foreseeable harm to him," as stated in the lawsuit.

Additionally, according to the suit, Bickford and Fanning failed to "exercise reasonable care in the supervision of Stephen and the students engaged in the harassment, bullying and hazing of Stephen," as well as failing to exercise their duty "to discipline, suspend and/or expel the students who engaged in the bullying, hazing and harassment of Stephen."

"The truly sad thing is, aside from the tragedy, of course, of Stephen's death, is that this board had a policy in place ... What happened was in direct opposition to a policy that had been enacted months prior," said Cantley. "The board chair said it himself when he said, 'What good are policies if they are not enforced?' I couldn't have said it better myself."

Sheila and Lawrence Patton allege that they were never contacted by school authorities

to alert them as to the bullying and hazing that their son was being subjected to. In addition, the Student Handbook & Code of Conduct published by the Floyd County School Board "includes a policy entitled 'Duty to Report Certain Conduct,'" requiring that "school personnel are to report (certain) offenses to the appropriate law enforcement agency and assist these agencies in investigating and prosecuting the offender," as outlined in the suit. Hazing is among the types of conduct that is required to be reported to law enforcement agencies.

"As far as we know, no reports were made," said Sheila Patton.

Sheila Patton also said that neither she nor her husband received any communications from Bickford, teachers or other school authorities in regard to their son being bullied and harassed on school grounds.

Additionally, Sheila Patton alleges that she has been informed by a teacher who will remain anonymous at this time, that when the teacher reported the situation with Stephen to Bickford, that Bickford allegedly replied that Stephen "needed to learn to take care of himself."

"One phone call," Sheila Patton said, "just one phone call. What I wouldn't give today to have had just one

phone call to let me know what was going on."

Sheila Patton says that she does not know why her son was targeted for bullying but that he "did have a stutter ... he was tall and he already had a mustache ... Stephen was a good boy, he was very passive, he never wanted to hurt anybody ... He was very mechanically inclined. He could draw something and then go out to the garage and build it. He was a good boy, he liked basketball ... There are just so many questions that are unanswered," she said.

"People, the community, should be outraged at what has happened," Cantley said. "We can't go back and change anything ... The Pattons now just hope to have as many people as possible to know what can happen and to hopefully prevent it from happening again."

"The Pattons are not happy (about filing a lawsuit), but they feel like this is the only way they can be heard."

Sheila Patton, who has been unable to work since her son's death, says that the decision to file suit was one that was "emotionally hard ... because we have to relive the details over and over again," but that "morally it was very easy."

"We want our children to be safe," Sheila Patton said, "There are children today who are suffering with torment. We feel we have to do everything

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we can to keep this from happening to other children, to another family. Our son would expect us to speak for him, he would expect us to try to stop other children from suffering," she said. "You know, you send your child to school and you think they are safe ... They're not safe, not while this is going on and not being reported."

"Stephen was an angel," said his grandmother, Ann Shepherd. "He was like Jesus. Jesus got abused and he spoke not a word. That's just like what happened with Stephen. He never spoke a word, never wanted to worry anyone or hurt anybody. He was an angel here on earth and now he's an angel in Heaven."

"We don't have any answers," said Sheila Patton. "Unfortunately, Stephen took those answers with him ... All he left behind was a bag of snacks."

Paul W. Fanning resigned his position as superintendent of Floyd County Schools last year, prior to Stephen Patton's death.

Outages

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When major storms or other unusual events are factored in, the expected total number of outages arises between 1.3 and 2 per year.

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AP projection: Obama clinches Democratic nomination

by DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON — Barack Obama effectively clinched the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday after a grueling marathon, based on an Associated Press tally of convention delegates, becoming the first black candidate ever to lead his party into a fall campaign for the White House.

Campaigning on an insistent call for change, Obama outlasted former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a historic race that sparked record turnout in primary after primary, yet exposed deep racial and gender divisions within the party.

The tally was based on public declarations from delegates as well as from another 15 who have confirmed their intentions to the AP. It also included 11 delegates Obama was guaranteed as long as he gained 30 percent of the vote in South Dakota and Montana later in the day. It takes 2,118 delegates to clinch the nomination.

The 46-year-old first-term senator will face John McCain in the fall campaign to become the 44th president. The Arizona senator campaigned in Memphis, Tenn., during the day, and had no immediate reaction to Obama's victory.

Clinton stood ready to concede that her rival had amassed the delegates needed to triumph, according to officials in her campaign. They stressed that the New York senator did not intend to suspend or end her candidacy in a speech Tuesday night in New York. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they had not been authorized to divulge her plans.

Obama's triumph was fashioned on prodigious fundraising, meticulous organizing and his theme of change aimed at an electorate opposed to the Iraq war and worried about the economy — all harnessed to his own innate gifts as a campaigner.

With her husband's two-White House terms as a backdrop, Clinton campaigned for months as the candidate of experience, a former first lady and second-term senator ready, she said, to take over on Day One.

But after a year on the campaign trail, Obama won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3, and the freshman senator became something of an overnight political phenomenon.

"We came together as Democrats, as Republicans and independents, to stand up and say we are one nation, we are one people and our time for change has come," he said that night in Des Moines.

A video produced by Will I. Am and built around Obama's "Yes, we can" rallying cry quickly went viral. It drew its one millionth hit within a few days of being posted.

As the strongest female presidential candidate in history, Clinton drew large, enthusiastic audiences. Yet Obama's were bigger still. One audience, in Dallas, famously cheered when he blew his nose on stage; a crowd of 75,000 turned out in Portland, Ore., the weekend before the state's May 20 primary.

The former first lady countered Obama's Iowa victory with an upset five days later in New Hampshire that set the stage for a campaign marathon as competitive as any in the last generation.

"Over the last week I lis-

tened to you, and in the process I found my own voice," she told supporters who had saved her candidacy from an early demise.

In defeat, Obama's aides concluded they had committed a cardinal sin of New Hampshire politics, forsaking small, intimate events in favor of speeches to large audiences inviting them to ratify Iowa's choice.

It was not a mistake they made again — which helped explain Obama's later outings to bowling alleys, backyard basketball hoops and American Legion halls in the heartland.

Clinton conceded nothing, memorably knocking back a shot of Crown Royal whiskey at a bar in Indiana, recalling that her grandfather had taught her to use a shotgun, and driving in a pickup to a gas station in South Bend, Ind., to emphasize her support for a summertime suspension of the federal gasoline tax.

As other rivals quickly fell away in winter, the strongest black candidate in history and the strongest female White House contender traded victories on Super Tuesday, the Feb. 5 series of primaries and caucuses across 21 states and American Samoa that once seemed likely to settle the nomination.

But Clinton had a problem that Obama exploited, and he scored a coup she could not answer.

Pressed for cash, the former first lady ran noncompetitive campaigns in several Super Tuesday caucus states, allowing her rival to run up his delegate totals.

At the same time, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., endorsed the young senator in terms that summoned memories of his slain brothers while seeking to turn the page on the Clinton era.

In a reference that likened former President Clinton to Harry Truman: "There was another time, when another young candidate was running for president and challenging America to cross a new frontier. He faced criticism from the preceding Democratic president, who was widely

respected in the party."

Merely by surviving Super Tuesday, Obama exceeded expectations.

But he did more than survive, emerging with a lead in delegates that he never relinquished, and proceeded to run off a string of 11 straight victories.

Clinton saved her candidacy once more with primary victories in Ohio and Texas on March 4, beginning a stretch in which she won primaries in six of the final nine states on the calendar, as well as in Puerto Rico.

It was a strong run, providing glimpses of what might have been for the one-time front-runner.

But by then Obama was well on his way to victory, Clinton and her allies stressed the popular vote instead of delegates. Yet he seemed to emerge from each loss with residual strength.

Obama's bigger-than-expected victory in North Carolina on May 6 offset his narrow defeat in Indiana the same day. Four days later, he overtook Clinton's lead among superdelegates, the party leaders she had hoped would award her the nomination on the basis of a strong showing in swing states.

Obama lost West Virginia by a whopping 67 percent to 26 percent on May 13. Yet he won an endorsement the following day from former presidential rival and one-time North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

Clinton administered another drubbing in Kentucky a week later. This time, Obama countered with a victory in Oregon, and turned up that night in Iowa to say he had won a majority of all the delegates available in 56 primaries and caucuses on the calendar.

There were moments of anger, notably in a finger-wagging debate in South Carolina on Jan. 21.

Obama told the former first

lady he was helping unemployed workers on the streets of Chicago when "you were a corporate lawyer sitting on the board at Wal-Mart."

Moments later, Clinton said that she was fighting against misguided Republican policies "when you were practicing law and representing your contributor ... in his slum landlord business in inner city Chicago."

And Bill Clinton was a constant presence and an occasional irritant for Obama. The former president angered several black politicians when he seemed to diminish Obama's South Carolina triumph by noting that Jesse Jackson had also won the state.

Obama's frustration showed at the Jan. 21 debate, when he accused the former president in absentia of uttering a series of distortions.

"I'm here. He's not," the former first lady snapped.

"Well, I can't tell who I'm running against sometimes," Obama countered.

There were relatively few policy differences. Clinton accused Obama of backing a health care plan that would leave millions out, and the two clashed repeatedly over trade.

Yet race, religion, region and gender became political fault lines as the two campaigned from coast to coast.

Along the way, Obama showed an ability to weather

the inevitable controversies, most notably one caused by the incendiary rhetoric of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

At first, Obama said he could not break with his longtime spiritual adviser. Then, when Wright spoke out anew, Obama reversed course and denounced him strongly.

Clinton struggled with self-inflicted wounds. Most prominently, she claimed to have come under sniper fire as first lady more than a decade earlier while paying a visit to Bosnia.

Instead, videotapes showed her receiving a gift of flowers from a young girl who greeted her plane.

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Odds & Ends

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — A computer spell-checker run amok christened several Pennsylvania high school students with new — and in some cases unflattering — last names.

Middletown Area High School's yearbook listed Max Zupanovic as "Max Supernova," Kathy Carbaugh as "Kathy Airbag" and Alessandra Ippolito as "Alexandria Impolite," just to name a few.

"It was kind of funny, but kind of rude at the same time," Ippolito said.

The mistakes were found on four of the yearbook's 176 pages, co-editor Amanda Gummo said.

Ed Patrick of Taylor Publishing, which printed the book, said his company is responsible for the errors and will provide free stickers printed with the correct names.

"It happens all the time, every year," Patrick said. "Look at any yearbook in the country."

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A bank robber got as far as a nearby pawn shop before a dye pack, inserted in his wad of stolen cash, exploded in his pants, authorities said.

The man then fled the store, leaving behind the money that contained the theft-detection device.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department spokeswoman Kathy Collins says the man matched descriptions of a robber who pilfered a bag of money Monday from a Pompano Beach bank about an hour earlier.

Authorities are still looking for him.

No one was injured, but bystanders in the shop complained their eyes stung from the dye mixture that contained some Mace.

NEW YORK — A Wall Street stock broker accused of throwing a fellow health club member into a wall during a cycling class has been acquitted.

A Manhattan Criminal Court jury found 44-year-old Christopher Carter not guilty of assault against hedge-fund manager Stuart Sugarman.

Carter had complained about the 48-year-old Sugarman's loud hollering and grunting during the high-impact spin class and asked him to quiet down. Sugarman says he refused. He says Carter lifted his exercise bike and hurled him into a wall, damaging a disc in his neck.

Both men weigh about 200 pounds.

A juror says the panel thought the injury occurred earlier.

Carter is a broker at Maxim Investments Group.

TEXARKANA, Ark. — A corrections officer who had been making frequent takeout food deliveries to the county jail was caught sneaking syringes inside tacos and marijuana under chili, authorities said.

Jordan Michael Waller, 25, tried to enter the Miller County jail with three pizzas at 3 a.m. Saturday, said Mike Liles, a county investigator. Twenty minutes later, Waller brought in what appeared to be a large bag containing chili and tacos, Liles said.

A jail sergeant became suspicious, searched the food and

found marijuana that had been formed into three round patties under some chili and a couple of syringes inside tacos.

Waller was searched and found to also be carrying methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, Liles said.

Waller was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and furnishing prohibited items into a correctional facility.

Waller, who had worked at the lockup for two months, was in custody Tuesday. His bond was set at \$100,000.

The public defender's office said its attorneys had yet to talk to Waller, whose next court appearance is scheduled for June 17.

CANTON, Ohio — Homeowners who don't mow their grass in this northeast Ohio city now face stiffer

penalties — including possible jail time.

The city council unanimously passed a law Monday that makes a second high-grass violation a fourth-degree misdemeanor carrying a fine of up to \$250 and as many as 30 days in jail.

The previous law only made the first violation a minor misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$150 but no jail time. The new law is to take effect in 30 days.

"This is the type of action we need to take in order to clean up our neighborhoods and our city," Mayor William J. Healy II said.

The laws are an effort to reduce the roughly \$250,000 the city spends to cut about 2,000 private lots each year and to address public complaints, Councilman Greg Hawk has said.

KINGSTON, Pa. — The

young woman probably thought the 71-year-old veteran, whose friend was in a wheelchair, would make an easy target. She was wrong.

Harry Kopenis (ko-PEN'-is) chased and tackled the 22-year-old woman he says robbed him at an ATM in northeastern Pennsylvania. Then, with help from his friend in a wheelchair, he held her until police arrived.

"Maybe she thought I was going to get her. Well, senior citizens aren't easy prey," Kopenis said.

Police charged Erin Vanmatre, of Kingston, with robbery, harassment and other offenses. Vanmatre, who was on probation for conspiracy to commit theft, was locked up on \$10,000 bail. It wasn't clear if she had an attorney.

Kopenis said he's not sure how he was able to catch Vanmatre, considering he suf-

fered a stroke five years ago and is on various prescription medications. He pointed to the sky and said, "It was a source up there who gave me the energy."

He had gone to an ATM near his Kingston home Monday morning and withdrew \$100 when Vanmatre allegedly knocked him down, took his money and fled.

Kopenis' friend, Kevin Lamb, was nearby in his electric wheelchair. Both men took off after her. Kopenis got her to the ground and Lamb grabbed her leg.

"She wasn't going anywhere then," said Lamb, 56, who uses the wheelchair due to breathing problems.

Kopenis said he thought about not pressing charges, but she continued to resist and gave him a kick to the leg.

The men weren't seriously injured.

Pike schools making cuts

Williamson Daily News

PIKEVILLE — Due to increasing budget woes, as well as rising fuel and food costs, the Pike County School District has been forced to cut millions of dollars from its annual budget for the upcoming year.

Supt. Roger Wagner announced that a total of \$3 million will be slashed from the school budget. Kentucky's budgetary problems have been well documented since Gov. Steve Beshear addressed the issue during his State of the Commonwealth Address in January, and the state is giving less money to Pike County schools.

Officials say the cuts will result in fewer teachers and programs for the 2008-09 school year.

A total of 10 teachers will be laid off, officials say, and programs such as UNITE counselors, safe schools and some tutoring teacher's development courses will be cut out, as well as some extracurricular activities involving travel.

A proposal to resort to a four-day school week was turned down by Wagner.

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Sofa & /Chair for sale. Newly apolstered. \$450 Must see to believe. Beautiful!!! Call 1-859-6283 or 1-422-5597.

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Murrell's 7 Family garage Appliance Good sale! Rain or shine.

2- 6 ft glass display cases for sale. Also 2- 5 ft wood cabinets for sale. Call 886-3142. 9am-5pm

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6-7-08 (Saturday) at Spradlin Street Auxier. Follow bright colored signs. Men, women, boy, girl, baby, plus clothing, total gym exercise equipment, tools, toys, home decor, lawn furniture, electric weed eater, baby bed and other baby items plus name brand purses. Much much more.

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State Blaster's license required. CDL with Hazmat endorsements preferred. MSHA Safety and Health Training required. Only candidates meeting the requirements of all State and Federal explosives laws will be considered.

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Working closely with our customers to perform to their requirements. Needing self-starters with the ability to work with little supervision. CDL Class B licenses are favored.

MSHA Safety and Health Training required, and provided by the company on hire. Only candidates meeting the requirements of all state and federal explosives laws will be considered.

Must speak English fluently. Only experienced preferred. EOE.
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PLANT/SECURITY WORKER

St. Joseph - Martin has an opening for a PRN (as needed) Plant/Security Worker in the Plant Services Department. This position will work all shifts, including weekend coverage.

Job Qualifications: Valid Kentucky driver's license; high school diploma or GED. Previous experience in general maintenance work preferred.

Job Summary: Performs general cleaning/janitorial duties; Responsible for completing security rounds for all hospital property and responding to security calls.

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 or call (606) 285-6420 or (606) 285-6640.

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clothes 4T, 5, 10, and 12. Ambercrombie, polo, and more. Ladies size 10, 12 all name brand. Purses and jewelry. Mens size 34, 36, and large. And tools. Sale Friday June 6 8am-? 2 blocks from Prestonsburg high school on Arnold Ave.

Three family yard sale. June 2-6, 9am-?. Rain or shine. Books, cosmetics, tanning samples, dishes, clothes, knick-knacks, gas dryer and more. **EVERYTHING MUST GO!** 142 S. Cardinal Dr. Turn across from Mayo cemetery Prestonsburg.

Miscellaneous

Wanted: House to rent or land contract. Elderly couple prefer all rooms on one floor. Call 889-9279 or 791-7339.

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Real Estate

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Rentals
APARTMENT

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APT FOR RENT Branham height Apt Wheelright KY, is now accepting applications for one bedroom Handicap accessible Apt. rent is based on income. Contact Kathy 452-4777

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House for rent

3 Br, house for rent. \$600 per month. Also 4 br, house for \$800 per month. Security deposit required. Call 794-0249.

2 Br, 1 ba house for rent. Newly remodeled. Located at Martin. \$600 per month with \$500

886-9317 or 791-9311.

2 Br, 2 ba mobile home for sale. 1992 14x68. New heating & cooling unit. Set up in Mobile home park in left beaver. Asking \$10,500. Call 377-2032 Monday - Friday 8-4:30.

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Mobile home lot for rent- Located 6 miles from the Mountain Arts center at Blue River. \$ 125 per month. Call

Mobile home for rent: Clean, good neighborhood, nice yard, storage building and paved parking. 16 ft wide mobile home. Spacious living room & kitchen. 2 br 2 bath, garden tub in master bedroom. Some restrictions. \$500 mo plus utilities. Phone 886-0226 after 5 pm and weekends.

3 Br mobile home for rent. Washer / dryer hook up. Central heat and air. Minutes from Prestonsburg. Call 889-0036.

LEGALS

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INTENTION TO MINE1 Pursuant to Application Number 836-5333 Renewal#4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that **MATT/CO., INC.**; 432 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for renewal of an underground coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 7.50 surface acres and will underlie 590.13 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 597.63 acres. The operation is approximately 1.0 miles east of KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located in Dial Branch. The area is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will affect surface areas owned by Joe Burchett and will underlie land owned by Grace Weedman, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Rosie Woods, Leonard Gobel, William Jarrell, J.G. Porter, **Tri-Star Development, Inc.**, affects a total surface disturbance of 11.6 acres, and will underlie an additional 1,576.00 acres, for a total acreage of 1,587.60, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The existing operation is approximately 1.9 mile southwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 2029, and located along Salt Lick Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 33". The longitude is 82° 54' 18". The existing operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc., **Western Pocahontas Properties**, Arnold Handshoe et al., Jack Handshoe Heirs, Dave Compton Heirs, D.D. Compton, Ogie Mitchell et al., Madge Hicks, Myrtle Bailey, Charles Howard, Rose Oney Heirs, Eldree Handshoe Ratliff, Clinton Handshoe, Gary Handshoe, Hershel and Margaret Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Sharon Chaffins, Leslie Bradley, Kirstina Strohschein and Beulah Leitch, Wayne Stevens, Wanda Hutchinson, Marvin and Janet Shepherd, Levisa Coburn Est., Betty Compton, Kenneth Bailey, Velton Prater, Charles and Becky Howard, and Lois Conley. 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, Ste 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections,

or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5218 Renewal No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located 0.4 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott County. The existing operation

within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.2 miles southeast from Ky. Route 194's junction with Ky. Route 1428, and located on Cow Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer/Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The amended underground mining area will underlie land owned by William Blair, S.P.

Davidson Heirs, Otto Endicott, Eula Lewis, James Lewis, Betty Jarvis, Henry Lewis, Ralph J. Lewis, David and Ollie Collins, Gary Lewis, Jan Salisbury, John Harris, Daniels Development Corporation, James Hunter Heirs, Kimberly Hunter, and John K. Burchett. The operation will use the room-and-pillar method of mining. The amendment application has

been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5534 Amendment 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 869, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment operation will add approximately 688.21 acres of underground mining area, making a total area of 1022.67 acres

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Upon the EPPC approval of the SUO Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission shall notify its customers pursuant to the consent judgment filed August 7, 2007. PCUC shall notify its customers within forty-five (45) days of the existence of the SUO (May 31, 2008). Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the EPPC notification (July 15, 2008), PCUC shall commence enforcement of these SUOs with respect to illicit connections to the sanitary sewers. An exception to the prohibition on unauthorized discharges to PCUC's sanitary sewer system shall be allowed within any area designated as a Historical District by city ordinance. Within such Historical District, PCUC may allow unauthorized discharges to the sanitary sewer system from structures having historical significance, and which discharges may not be reasonably abated without undue damage to the historic structure.

Ordinance No. 3-2000

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Whereas, the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) has constructed facilities and improved collection lines to same; and Whereas, the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) has determined the need for the adoption of a Sewer Use Ordinance to properly control the effluent to be discharged by the public into the City's sewer system, and the use of the system;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) that the following ordinance shall be in effect from the date of publication hereof and until repeal and/or amendment thereof by the legislative body of the city.

Adopted, this 8th day of May, 2000.

A copy of this sewer use ordinance will be available at the offices of the City of Prestonsburg and the offices of the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission during normal business hours.

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Battle of the Bluegrass Series to visit 201 Speedway

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Graphic Impressions will kick off the month of June with series points event number seven at the Chuckie May-promoted 201 Speedway in Sitka. The event will be a 40-lap, \$3,000-to-win event for the racers of America's most competitive regional series. Historic 201 Speedway will host the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Models on

Saturday, June 7. The June 7 racing event will feature a full program of practice, Racing Optics time trials, Wayne Bowen Racing Supply, K&N Performance Engineering, Graphic Impressions, and Real Racing Wheels qualifying heats, B-Mains and the 40 lap, \$3,000-to-win O'Reilly A-Main.

Activities for the June 7 201 Speedway event will see the pit area open at 3 p.m., with the general admission area open at 4:00 p.m. The drivers meeting will take place at 6:45 p.m., practice will begin at 7:00 p.m., fol-

lowed by Racing Optics time trials and then right into green flag racing. Ticket prices for this event will be \$20 in the general admission area and \$30 in the pit area. Local divisions also in action at this event will be Open Wheel Modifieds, Bombers, and Four Cylinders.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model division has made 13 previous appearances at 201 Speedway. Previous winners of events at 201 Speedway include Eddie Carrier, Jr. (2002, 2003), Aaron Hatton (2003), Tyrel Todd (2004), Paul Harris

(2004, 2005, 2007), Whitney McQueary (twice in 2005), Mike Jewell (2006), Chris Combs (2006), Rod Evans (2006), and Justin Rattliff (2007).

The O'Reilly A-Main purse for the Saturday June 7 event at 201 Speedway is as follows: 1st- \$3,000, 2nd- \$1,500, 3rd- \$1,000, 4th- \$800, 5th- \$750, 6th- \$700, 7th- \$650, 8th- \$600, 9th- \$550, 10th- \$500, 11th- \$450, 12th- \$400, 13th- \$350, 14th- \$350, 15th- \$325, 16th- \$325, 17th through 22nd- \$300; 23rd through 24th- \$250.

Known as Eastern

Kentucky's best kept secret, 201 Speedway is a 1/4-mile banked red clay oval promoted by May - a former Super Late Model racer. The track is located 5.4 miles North of US 23 on State Road 201, just North of the Sitka community, just outside of Paintsville.

The Super Late Model division of the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series last competed on May 30 at Ponderosa Speedway in Junction City and series points leader Victor Lee of Stanford made history becoming the driver to win three straight series events. The remainder

of the top-five in series points leading in to the June 7 event at 201 Speedway are Tyrel Todd of Science Hill, Zach Carney of Mooresville, Ind., David Webb of Nicholasville, and Tim Tungate of Campbellsville. Completing the top ten in points coming to 201 Speedway are Larry Gray, Eric Wells, Mike Jewell, Don O'Neal, and Arnie Fields.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series sanctions regional Super Late Model events at tracks in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

Hill prevails at Bulls Gap; Kinzer finishes fourth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. - With big money on the line at Volunteer Speedway, you can bet Vic "The Thrill" Hill of Morristown was wanting to rob the bank. Hill made it look easy in pocketing \$3,000 for his flag-to-flag victory in the Rusty Wallace Auto Group Pontiac Excitement 50 Saturday night for his second win this season at the high-banked speedplant.

Hill, a four-time Volunteer Speedway track champion (1997, 98, 2000 and 2005), set best-time at 12.403-seconds (116.104 mph) in qualifying, with Rick Rogers second-quickest at 12.498. The top-12 from qualifying locked into the \$3,000-to-win main event, but they ran two six-lap dashes to determine their starting positions.

Rogers took the victory in the first dash over Hill, Billy Ogle Jr., Shanon Buckingham, Allen driver Brandon Kinzer and Jeff Maupin, which determined starting positions one-through-six. Anthony White held Tommy Kerr off for the victory in the second dash, with Kerry Jones, Bryan Hendrix, Chad Ogle and John Tweed trailing, which determined starting positions seven-through-12.

The final 12 starting spots were determined through a 12-lap B-main, with Mike Smith taking the victory.

Rogers and Hill led the stellar 24-car starting field to the start, and with the green flag waving the duo raced door-to-door down the front straightaway into the first turn. With Hill riding the high-line around turns one and two, he carried momentum off turn two to grab the lead racing down the backstretch over Rogers, Buckingham, Billy Ogle Jr. and Maupin.

Maupin looked to the inside of Billy Ogle Jr. on the third lap racing off turn four to move into fourth in the running order. The event's first caution waved on lap 10 as the front-runners worked slower traffic at the tail of the field. With Maupin riding on Buckingham's rear bumper, he looked to the inside of Buckingham at the end of the front straightaway. With the car of Barry Arnold directly in front of Buckingham, and Maupin on the gas down on the bottom, Buckingham tangled with Arnold and spun between turns one and two.

The Delaware Double-File Restart had Hill all alone out front, with Rogers and Maupin side-by-side behind the leader, followed by Billy Ogle Jr. and Kinzer next in line. While it was clear sailing out front for Hill, Maupin was turning up the heat on Rogers for the runner-up spot. Getting a good run off the fourth turn to the inside of Rogers on lap 11, Maupin nosed ahead of Rogers at the start-finish-line and completed the pass for position as they raced into the first turn.

Working his way forward

(See KINZER, page two)

UP IN THE AIR...



U19 SOCCER: Floyd County defeated Johnson County 5-3 on Tuesday, May 27 at the Johnson County field. Ethan Filowiat and Luis Ater scored two goals each for Floyd County in the first half.

The Floyd County team improved to 6-1. Forward Tony Pacheco (below) of the Floyd County U19 team was challenged by the Johnson County defender.

Ethan Filowiat (above) leapt to control the soccer ball against the onrushing Johnson defender. Youth soccer teams across Eastern Kentucky are winding down play in the 2008 spring season.



Lee claims BoB win at Ponderosa

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JUNCTION CITY - The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Graphic Impressions sanctioned the 9th Annual Hugh "Junebug" Rowland Memorial event at the Larry, Chad, and Sarah Yantz promoted Ponderosa Speedway Friday and Victor Lee became the first driver in Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model history to win three straight series events as the Stanford native scored the \$3,000 payday in the series sixth event of the 2008 season.

The win by Lee would be his fourth career series victory, his third in a row with the tour, and his second of the season at Ponderosa Speedway and came aboard the Frank Revel Motorsports owned, Kentucky's Best/Budda Bert Transmission Sales and Service/Junction City Quick Stop/Tim Logan Racing/Xtreme Style Signs and Graphics/Five Star Food Mart/ADO's Auto Body sponsored-No. 4 C.J. Rayburn Race Cars, Jay Dickens Race Engines powered machine. Lee's winning entry receives product support from Bilstein Shocks, PPM Racing Products, Custom Cams, Dyer's Top Rods, Real Racing Wheels and American Racer Tires.

Tyrel Todd of Science Hill took runner-up honors in the Todd Truss/Todd Metals-sponsored MasterSbilt Race Cars mount, Mike Marl of Winfield, Tenn., settled for third in his Fireside Restaurant/Doors-N-More sponsored C.J. Rayburn Race Car entry. Jeff Watson of Campbellsville started 19th and finish fourth. Watson was the PPM Racing Products Hard Charger award winner in the Brad Burton Dairy Farms/Watson Plumbin- sponsored MasterSbilt Race Car. Brad Neat of Dunnville completed the top five in the Kentucky Proud/NWN Distributing MasterSbilt Race Cars machine.

The remainder of the top-10 included Don O'Neal, Dustin Linville, Mike Jewell, David Webb, and Bobby Wolter, Jr. The event was 40 laps in length and included eight caution flags.

The next event for the Super Late Model division of the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series is Saturday, June 7 at 201 Speedway in Sitka. The event will be a 40 lap, \$3,000-to-win feature race at Eastern Kentucky's top dirt track.

(See LEE, page two)

Beaver Junction Motocross hosts Round 7

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DWALE - Beaver Junction Motocross hosted Round 7 of the 2008 Outdoors Series Sunday. Sponsors for Round 7 were Parkview Pharmacy of McDowell and Wayland Kick Mart. A total of 87 entrants competed. Beaver Junction Motocross will host Round 7 on June 22.

Beaver Junction Motocross has hosted riders from numerous Kentucky counties.

A breakdown of Round 7 follows.

2008 Beaver Junction Outdoors Series Round 6 (June 1) - 250B: 1. Ryan Rowe; 2. Danny Osborne. 125 B: 1. Matt Matthews. 250 C: 1. Colby Casey; 2. Joe Bush; 3. Stevie Jacobs. 65 Senior: 1. Tai-Lee Francis. 65 Junior: 1. Kenton Hall; 2. Dawson Hamilton; 3. Cameron Nelson. 50 Senior: 1. Trey Francis; 2. Braley Johnson. 50 Junior: 1. Nate Collins. 50 Four Stroke Oil Injection: 1.

Matt Belcher; 2. Nate Collins; 3. Lucas Justice. 65 Open: 1. Kenton Hall; 2. Tai-Lee Francis; 3. Dawson Hamilton. 50 Open: 1. Trey Francis; 2. Braley Johnson; 3. Matt Belcher. 85 Open: 1. Ronnie Hamilton. Small Four-Wheeler: 1. Dalton Pigg. 125 C: 1. Corey Qualls; 2. Christian Francis; 3. Johnnie Osborne. 125 D: 1. Randy Workman; 2. Tyler Pigg; 3. Justin Jacobs. 85 Junior: 1. Tai-Lee Francis. 85 Senior: 1. Justin Ousley;

2. Ronnie Hamilton; 3. Dylan Robinson. 40-Plus: 1. Danny Osborne; 2. Johnnie Osborne. College Boy: 1. Ryan Rowe; 2. Chase Coleman; 3. Cory Qualls. 125 Am 2-Stroke: 1. Ricky Crider; 2. Jessie Justice.

School Boy: 1. Chad Nelson. 30-Plus: 1. Kevin Bishop; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Johnnie Osborne. C/D Unlimited: 1. Christian Francis; 2. Chase Coleman; 3. Greg Dawson.

Jasper to transfer from Kentucky men's basketball program

Guard started 27 games for Cats as a freshman

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky basketball player Derrick Jasper, a 6-6 native of Paso Robles, Calif., who has played two seasons in Lexington, has asked for his release from the Wildcats, citing a desire to

play closer to home as the reason for his decision.

"The decision to transfer is in no way an indication of my experience playing for UK," Jasper said. "I feel at this point in my life, it is important for me to be close to my family, and I intend to transfer to a school closer to the west coast where I can see my family more often, and they can see me play."

"It was not an easy decision for me to make, since the fans have been so wonderful and very supportive of my teammates and me. I

want to thank Coach Gillispie and the entire UK coaching staff for their guidance and support they have given me these past two years. I have grown a tremendous amount as a basketball player, and most importantly a person and feel it is largely due to the people involved with the UK basketball program."

Jasper played in 20 games

for the Wildcats this season after missing the first 10 games of the year while recovering from microfracture knee surgery. He averaged 4.2 ppg and 5.5 rpg.

"It's a disappointment to lose Derrick, who was fantastic for us both as a person and a basketball player," UK Head Coach Billy Gillispie

said. "He had to battle through some injuries, but he was always willing to sacrifice for the good of the team."

"I appreciate that Derrick was patient and took his time to make certain that this decision was what he felt was best for his future. We wish him all the best. Where ever he decides to attend will be getting an outstanding player who takes his academics very seriously."

As a freshman, Jasper started 27 games while averaging 3.9 ppg and 3.6 rpg.



Derrick Jasper

Belmont Notebook: Patching up Big Brown's cracked front hoof

by BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Before Big Brown can make a run at winning the Triple Crown, his slightly cracked left front hoof needs some final work.

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner is wearing a second set of stainless steel sutures on the inside of his hoof. They've allowed Big Brown to still gallop around Belmont Park while giving the hoof healing time.

Hoof specialist Ian McKinlay planned to attach an acrylic and fiberglass patch to Big Brown's hoof Monday, the final step in the repair process ahead of Saturday's Belmont Stakes.

If for any reason McKinlay

believes the hoof needs an extra day, the patch would go on Tuesday. It's an adhesive that sets up in five minutes.

The process involves McKinlay taking out the sutures, cleaning up the area, redrilling holes and putting a new set of sutures in. If necessary, he will put in a drain that would allow any serum to escape. Then he covers up the whole thing with acrylic adhesive.

"The adhesive that we'll rebuild that wall with is stronger than the hoof itself," McKinlay said.

Once the patch is in place, Big Brown will go for his last training run on the 1 1/2-mile oval, where he will try to become the first Triple Crown winner in 30 years.

He missed three days of training last week after the quarter crack was discovered. McKinlay inserted steel sutures to pull the crack together a week ago, which allowed Big Brown to resume training, and then the blacksmith changed them over the weekend.

It's only upon a close look that an observer can spot a white area on Big Brown's left front hoof. The colt's gait has been unaffected, and so has his attitude.

Big Brown lapped up the attention from photographers outside his barn Sunday. Walking to a black rubber mat for a bath, he stopped and looked directly at the clicking cameras, both ears pricked. Then he turned his head, as if

to show off his best side (his left) like a veteran Hollywood star.

"He knows something is going on because all these people are around him all the time," said exercise rider Michelle Nevin, who distracted Big Brown by shaking a leather lead that he nipped at during his bath.

Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. is so confident the hoof problem won't affect Big Brown, he left Nevin in charge Sunday while attending to his other horses at Aqueduct.

Dutrow later visited with old friend Joe Torre, and jockey Kent Desormeaux threw out the first pitch at the Los Angeles Dodgers-New York Mets game Sunday night.

Big Brown has a history of

foot problems dating to late last year, when he first arrived in Dutrow's barn at Aqueduct. He was twice sidelined for 45-day stretches because of abscesses in his left and right front feet.

As a result, Big Brown is a lightly raced horse compared to other 3-year-olds. He's 5-0, having mopped up the competition by a combined 39 lengths.

Big Brown's quarter crack problem is fairly common, with some horses plagued by such an injury throughout their racing careers. A quarter crack is a vertical crack in the hoof wall between the toe and heel of the hoof, usually extending into the coronary band, where the hoof meets the skin of the leg.

Healing time can range from a few days to a few months, depending on the severity of the crack.

Having McKinlay working on his horse has only increased Dutrow's confidence. The blacksmith, considered one of the best in the business, worked for Dutrow's late father, who trained in Maryland.

"There's no setbacks when you deal with Ian," the younger Dutrow said. "He'll come in. He'll figure it out. He'll give you a timetable. And like nine out of 10 times, it's right on the money."

Which is where Dutrow expects Big Brown to be Saturday.

Big Brown has an easy morning at Belmont

by MIKE FARRELL
FOR THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Big Brown had an easy morning Sunday at Belmont Park.

That won't be the case Monday, when hoof specialist Ian McKinlay returns to examine the unbeaten colt who goes for the Triple Crown on Saturday in the Belmont Stakes.

Big Brown missed three days of training last week with a slight crack on the inside of the left front hoof. McKinlay inserted steel sutures Monday to pull the crack together and changed them Saturday.

The final step: seal up the crack with an acrylic and fiberglass patch. That could happen Monday morning, depending on how well the injury has healed.

After the crack is patched, Big Brown was scheduled to have his final Belmont workout on Monday or Tuesday.

Big Brown, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, will try to become the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978.

The pressure, and media attention, will build in the days leading to the Belmont. Sunday offered a leisurely respite.

Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. was nowhere to be seen as exercise rider Michelle Nevin took Big Brown out for some exercise.

"He was very cheeky," Nevin said. "He had a basic gallop today. He felt good."

Back at the barn after the gallop, Big Brown snapped to attention when a cluster of photographers started taking his picture. He then had a bath, with Nevin distracting him with a leather lead that he nipped at like a playful kitten while a groom washed him down. Then it was off to his stall, the day's work concluded.

PLETCHER RETURNS: Todd Pletcher made history last year when Rags to Riches became the first filly to win the Belmont Stakes in 102 years.

The trainer will try for a Belmont repeat with Ready's Echo, an outsider in the field dominated by a pair of unbeaten: Big Brown and Casino

Drive.

"We're trying to be optimistic in a situation where obviously we have a tall task ahead of us," Pletcher said. "Maybe there are reasons to think the top two will come back to the pack."

Pletcher then built the case for an upset, pointing to Big Brown's hoof problems since the Preakness and Casino Drive's bid to win consecutive races in the U.S. since arriving from Japan.

"Everything hasn't gone perfectly for Big Brown," Pletcher said. "He's still probably head and shoulders above this group but he hasn't had an ideal situation. Casino Drive is in a difficult situation, making his second start in the U.S. Often times, horses run really well here the first time and regress a little bit the second time."

Even if Big Brown and Casino Drive regress, Ready's Echo would need a vastly improved effort. The colt is 1-for-4, finishing a distant third behind Casino Drive most recently in the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont.

"He has a tendency to drop

too far out in the early part, which is what he did in the Peter Pan," Pletcher said. "I thought he made a good move around the turn and he finished evenly to the wire. What we need to have happen is for Casino Drive and Big Brown to come back to the rest of the group or we have to make a big move forward."

Ready's Echo had his final Belmont workout Sunday morning at Belmont, five furlongs in 1:00.91.

"We are very happy with the way he went," Pletcher said.

TOMCITO OUT: Trainer Dante Zanelli withdrew Tomcito from Belmont consideration.

The colt underwent a myectomy to correct a breathing problem after running seventh in the Peter Pan. Zanelli said Sunday the colt suffered a "reaction. It's very depressing."

Tomcito is winless in three races in the U.S. after winning 4-of-5 in Peru. He was third in the Florida Derby, 12 1/2 lengths behind Big Brown.



photo by Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners
EAST KENTUCKY MINERS CENTER STEVE THOMAS ranked as one of the CBA's top bigmen during the 2007-08 season. Miners Coach Kevin Keathley will conduct the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp at Prestonsburg High School June 5-7. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.



PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CATCHER ERICA MEADE was named to the All-15th Region Tournament Team. Meade is pictured with tournament official Dave Thomas.

Kinzer

from his eighth-starting spot, Kerr dropped to the inside of Billy Ogle Jr. racing off turn two on lap 16 to move into fifth. With Billy Ogle Jr. relegated back to sixth, action in his rearview mirror between White, Jones, Hendrix and Chad Ogle was intense. Also locked in battle back in the field trying to get inside the top-10 were Mike Smith, Mark Douglas, Shon Flanary, Dale Ball, and Buckingham following his early-race spin that sent him to the tail of the field. Arnold slowed on the high-side between turns three and four on lap 20 to bring out the caution.

Once again going back green double-file, except for

the leader Hill out front by himself, Rogers and Maupin had a good view of Hill. Racing into the first turn, Maupin drove in deep on the bottom to stick his nose momentarily under Hill to give the leader a peek. But Hill powered off the upper-groove of the track down the backstretch to secure his advantage out front, and with in three circuits he had pulled out to a 10 car-length lead over Maupin and Rogers.

With Hill maneuvering his way past slower cars at the back of the field to place them a lap down with precise execution, Maupin got trapped behind a lapped car on lap 32 between turns one and two

that allowed Rogers to make the pass to move into the runner-up position. The final caution waved on lap 42 when Douglas slowed at the end of the front straightaway, coasting to a stop on the high-side off turn two.

Going back green single-file for an eight-lap sprint to the checkers, Hill would not be denied a trip to victory lane and the \$3,000 winner's share of the purse, as he won convincingly over Rogers, Maupin, Kinzer and Kerr.

Completing the top-10 at the finish were Billy Ogle Jr., Jones, Hendrix, Chad Ogle and Flanary.

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FCT SPORTS CALENDAR

Focus High School Football Combine: The inaugural Focus High School Football Combine will be held Saturday, June 14 at Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School. Coaches from NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and junior college football programs will receive full results and video from the combine.

The combine will be comprised of the 40-Yard Dash, 20-Yard Shuttle Run, Bench Press (Repetitions of 185 pounds), Vertical Jump and Broad Jump.

The combine is open to any high school senior-, junior-, sophomore- or freshman-to-be and will coincide with the final day of the annual Prestonsburg High School 7-on-7 passing tournament.

A postgame meal will be provided at the conclusion of the combine. Each combine participant will also receive an event T-shirt and a copy of their individual results.

Preregistration for the combine is \$50. Onsite registration will get underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14. Registration on the day of the combine is \$60.

For more information on the Focus High School Football Combine, including registration details, call 606/794-6409, email footballcombine@suddenlink.net or

write Focus High School Football Combine, P.O. Box 1677, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653.

East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps: The East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, conducted by East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, will be held at Prestonsburg High School (June 5-7), Central Elementary School (June 11-13), Knott County Sportsplex (June 16-18) and Sheldon Clark High School (July 31-Aug. 2).

Each of the three-day camps will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The preregistration fee for an individual East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp is \$65 per participant. Two siblings in the same immediate family who preregister can attend a single camp for \$100. Each additional sibling in the same immediate family will be able to attend a single camp for \$35 through preregistration.

The registration fee for the day of each camp is \$75 per camper.

Registration for each camp will be held from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of the event.

Each East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participant will receive a T-shirt, participation medal and certificate of completion. The camps

will also include giveaways and the chance to win various prizes and awards, including basketball merchandise and trophies.

Lunch will be provided from noon-1 p.m. every day at each camp.

Camp applications are available at schools in Floyd and Knott counties, the Knott County Sportsplex, the East Kentucky Miners office (located at 237 2nd Street Suite 5, Pikeville) and several area businesses.

Checks for the camp should be made payable to Coach Kevin Keathley. For more information on the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, call 606-437-9715 or 606-794-6409.

PHS Softball Camp: Prestonsburg High School will host the PHS Softball Camp on Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at StoneCrest Golf Course. The camp will teach championship fast-pitch hitting, pitching and fielding fundamentals.

The camp will be conducted by Adam Leondo, an Olympic pitcher who also instructs several Olympic women's softball pitchers.

Cost of the camp is \$20 per player. For more information on the camp, contact John DeRossett, Bobby Hackworth or Jamie Howell.

Lee

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series sanctions regional Super Late Model events at tracks in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee.

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Kentuckian Kenny Perry wins Memorial for third time

by DOUG FERGUSON
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DUBLIN, Ohio — Kenny Perry joined Tiger Woods as the only three-time winner of the Memorial on Sunday, taking a big step toward joining the No. 1 player in the world on the Ryder Cup team this fall.

With every contender in full retreat on the back nine, the 47-year-old Perry surged ahead with pars and one timely birdie, coasting home to a 3-under 69 and a two-shot victory that could not have come at a better time.

He became the oldest winner at the tournament Jack Nicklaus built, and as he walked off the green to warm handshake from the tournament host, Perry soon was surrounded by his wife and three children. It was the first time in his two decades on the PGA Tour all of them had been at a tournament he won.

Bigger still was his answer to U.S. captain Paul

Azinger's statement earlier in the week, that anyone making his Ryder Cup team would almost certainly have to win on tour this year.

Perry, who squandered two chances in the previous three weeks, delivered his best golf of the year.

He finished at 8-under 280, the highest winning score at the Memorial in 23 years. Perry earned \$1.08 million for his 10th career victory, which translates to 1,080 points toward the Ryder Cup, moving him up to No. 5 in the standings.

The Ryder Cup will be held at Valhalla in his native Kentucky, and Perry is so desperate to make the team that he won't even bother qualifying for the U.S. Open. He does not like Torrey Pines, and figures he should devote his energy to tournaments where he has a better chance of earning points, such as Memphis next week and Hartford the week after the U.S. Open.

"When he (Azinger) said in the paper that you're probably going to have to win a tournament to get on his team, that changed my thinking," Perry said. "I'm glad I saw it."

Third-round leader Mathew Goggin lost his three-shot advantage in three holes and stumbled home to a 74, tied for second with former Masters champion Mike Weir, Justin Rose and Jerry Kelly, all of whom closed with a 71.

All of them had their chances until dropping shots somewhere along the back nine.

Perry took the lead with a birdie on the ninth hole and never gave it up. He effectively secured victory with a 5-wood to 12 feet on the par-5 15th hole, and while he had to settle for a two-putt birdie, it gave him a three-shot lead with three holes remaining.

"I hadn't seen you all week," he told Nicklaus

walking off the 18th green. "It's nice to see you here."

Nicklaus, who played 43 consecutive U.S. Opens and won four of them, didn't flinch earlier Sunday when told that Perry was skipping the national championship.

"My goal was never to make the Ryder Cup. It was to win the U.S. Open," Nicklaus said. "But I understand. Being in Kentucky, it's a big thing for Kenny. He's looking at the big picture for him to do what he wants to do."

Perry was one shot behind going into the final round of The Players Championship and closed with an 81. He was in a playoff in the AT&T Classic outside Atlanta two weeks ago when his second shot to the par 5 caromed off the base of a tree and shot back across the green and into the water.

"Magic always happens here," said Perry, who also won in 1991 and 2005.

It sure didn't happen for

anyone else.

Goggin's three-shot margin was gone in three holes, and his lead vanished in four, courtesy of two bogeys as everyone else was moving forward. The only consolation was a birdie at No. 18 and a tie for second, matching his best PGA Tour result.

"It took me three, four holes to calm down," Goggin said. "And that was the difference."

Four players had a share of the lead on the front nine, all of them poised to take charge.

Rose was the first to 8 under when he holed a bunker shot for eagle on No. 7, but he retreated with a bogey from the bunker on the next hole and fell apart early on the back nine, not all by his own doing. Still in range of the lead, Rose watched an approach just left of the flag on No. 13 hit a sprinkler in the fringe and carom into the gallery, leading to bogey.

Weir, trying to become Canada's biggest PGA Tour winner with his ninth victory, chipped in for birdie from short of the ninth green to make the turn at 8 under and tied for the lead, but he also gave away shots early on the back nine. Weir came up short on the 10th and missed a 10-foot par putt, then went over the 11th green with a wedge into rough so deep he could barely see his ball.

Weir had the last chance, two shots behind until missing a 7-foot birdie on the 17th.

"When you win a tournament, you guess right a few times," Weir said. "Today, three times in a row I guessed wrong."

Kelly never had a share of the lead, but he felt as miserable as the rest of them. Perry made his lone bogey on the 17th to fall to 8 under, and Kelly was 3 feet away for birdie to pull within one shot. His putt caught the lip and spun 5 feet away.

An unlikely Ryder Cup quest develops

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

There hasn't been a lot to talk about in golf lately, not with Tiger Woods on the disabled list and Trevor Immelman back in the witness protection program.

No one has heard much from either since the Masters, leaving most golf fans with little to do other than break out their calculators every Sunday night and try to figure out who is doing what in the chase for some cup you hear all the television announcers talking about but are never quite sure what it is.

That will change next week when the top players in the world and a few lucky qualifiers get together on the coast north of San Diego for the first U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. Woods will be back as a heavy favorite at a place where he almost always wins, while we'll be treated to another national championship at a public course anyone can play.

And the hottest player on the PGA Tour will be taking the week off so he can be better rested for the Travelers Championship.

Kenny Perry probably wasn't going to win the Open anyway. He's never won a major championship in his career, and at the age of 47 he's been around golf long enough to know that the odds of it happening now are about as remote as Woods getting lost on the way to Torrey Pines and missing his tee time.

But Perry wasn't going to be tempted to try, even after winning the Memorial on Sunday in Open-like conditions. Because to Perry playing in your country's national championship is one thing, and playing for your country is quite another.

He wasn't going to risk having to walk 36 holes on a surgically repaired knee to qualify for the Open. Not when the pickings are easier elsewhere.

Not when there's Ryder Cup points at stake.

"My time is running out," Perry said. "It's getting close to September."

There were a lot of reasons to cheer Perry on in the final round of the Memorial, not the least of which is he's one of the good guys on a tour filled with self-absorbed prima donnas. But the fact that he's on a remarkable run to make a Ryder Cup that means so much to him made it even better.

Faced with the realization he wasn't likely going to play unless he did something spectacular, Perry has been on a six-week run that has jumped him from 43rd on the Ryder Cup points list to fifth. He's gone from not even being in consideration for the team to being among the top eight point leaders who will automatically make it.

He won't let the lure of the U.S. Open stand in his way. Not when it may be his last chance to represent his coun-

try, and not when the Ryder Cup is at home in his native Kentucky.

Perry's determination to make the team shows how much the Ryder Cup still means to most players, even in an era where boundaries are blurred and many European players spend more time in the United States than they do at home. Some have suggested it means more to the Europeans than the Americans in recent years, but the pastings the U.S. team suffered recently hasn't diminished the desire of most top players to be on the team.

Whether that translates into regaining the cup in Louisville remains to be seen. Various U.S. captains have tried everything from bringing in celebrity chefs to organizing pingpong tournaments to get American players to bond together as a team like the Europeans always seem to do, but have had little success.

Tom Lehman even took his team on a private jet to Ireland two years ago so the boys could get in a little practice and hoist a few beers together several weeks before the competition. That worked so well the Americans lost for a second straight time by a record margin (18 1/2-9 1/2).

Jack Nicklaus was thinking about that the other day at the Memorial when he noted that any team that featured Woods and Phil Mickelson should be able to hold its own without having to hold sing alongs around the campfire.

"Get out of the way and let them go play," Nicklaus said. "That's sort of my feeling."

Paul Azinger may yet overplay his hand like his predecessors, but he has already done a couple things to tweak the competition that could pay off. He insisted on changing the rules to allow four captain's picks on the 12-member team instead of two, and for most of the points to be earned this year so he would have hot players.

Perry is taking advantage of those changes in his unlikely run to his second Ryder Cup team. He needs to play decently through the summer to keep his spot in the top eight, but you get the feeling he's come too far to let this chance slip away.

He won when he had to, and he's playing better than any golfer his age has the right to play.

He got us talking about golf again. Hopefully, we'll still be talking about him in September.

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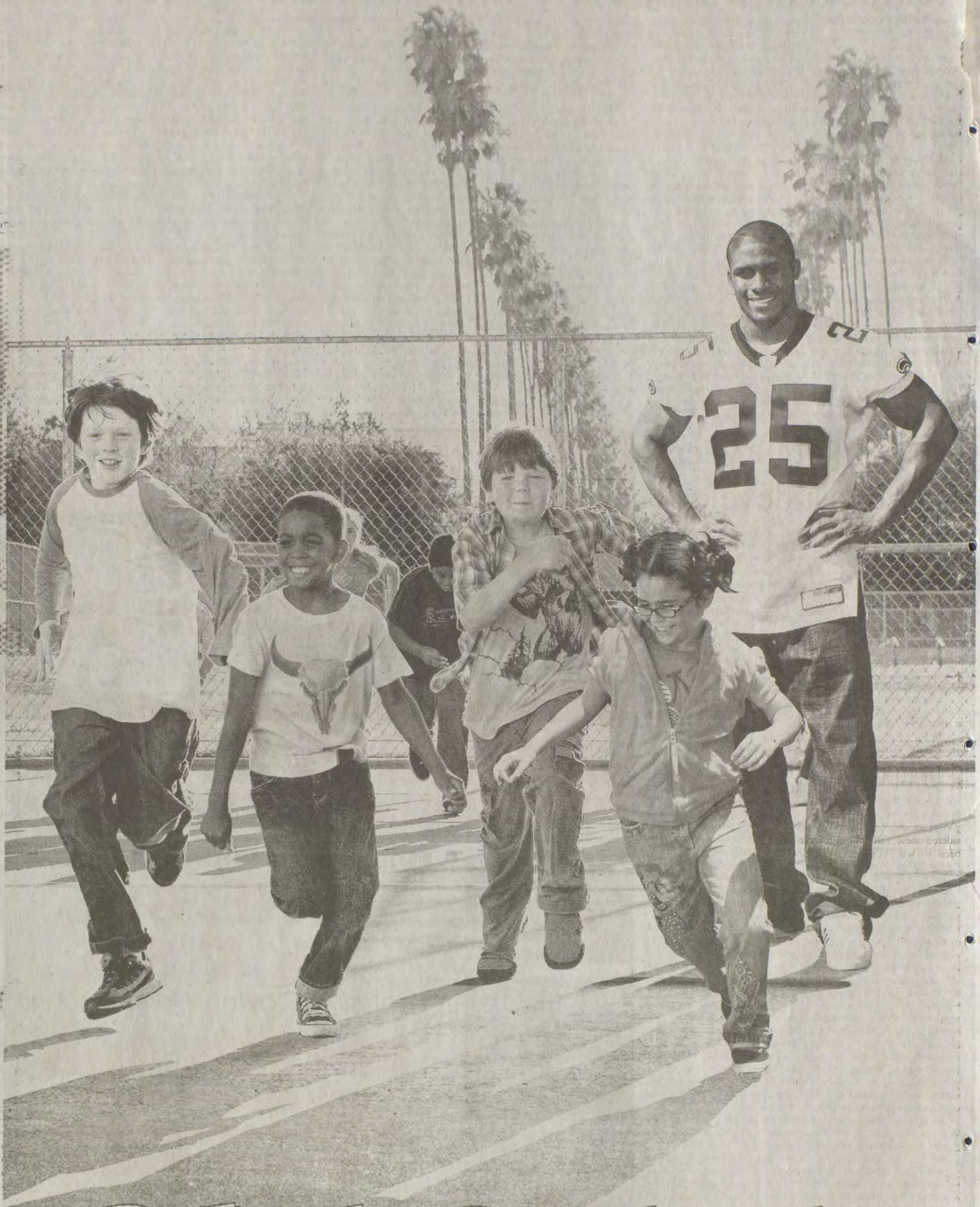
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POISON OAK

When we were downright skinny

Seems that every time you turn around, there's a report, either in the paper or on TV, about obesity in children. Matter of fact, just last week a story on the front page of the Lexington Herald-Leader was about that very thing.

I'm sure no one doubts the validity of the reports, that it's a genuine health problem for today's kids, what with all the fast food, chips, and candy, so readily available. But by contrast, I can't think of a single boy or girl in our neighborhood back in the day, (here we



Clyde Pack

go again), who could have been considered obese. (Of course, if there had been, we wouldn't have called him "obese." He'd simply have been "that fat kid" that lives down the road.")

Unfortunately, things do indeed change, and I sure can't say that about those same individuals some 60 years later, because a dozen or so of us are currently carrying around an extra good-size person. But when we were kids, we were downright skinny.

Anyway, I heard a news report the other day that said an alarming number of our pre-schoolers and about a quarter of our sixth graders, are either overweight, or on the verge of becoming so.

I guess it's pretty easy to figure why we had no obesity among our young people. If you compare the way we coal-camp kids lived in the 1940's, with the way young people live now.

I mean, take sports, for example. When we played baseball, we really did play baseball. Like, we really did swing a bat, we'd really throw a ball (often water soaked and covered with black miners' tape), and we'd really run. Today, too many kids play sports with their thumbs, as they sit in front of a TV screen with controls of some expensive video game.

We had yet to see our first TV, and if we wanted to go to the show on Saturday morning—only a couple of miles as the crow flies, but on those hot, muggy mornings, seeming like twice that far—we walked. When nothing exciting was happening in the neighborhood, those of us who had one, would ride our bicycles for hours with no particular place to go. At other times, we'd spend entire afternoons swimming in the Number One Pond, in the heart of Pond Hollow, or we'd sometimes hit the hills, fighting the briars and brambles, often ending up on the highest knob overlooking the camp.

In short, we got plenty of exercise. Add to the fact that when this time of year rolled around, and school was out for the summer, when we'd get up in the mornings, our mom's would shoo us out the front door, and even though she'd never say it, didn't particularly want to see us again until we came home about noon for a baloney sandwich and a big glass of Kool-Aid. Then, off we'd go again until supper-time. After supper, out we'd go again until darkness drove us indoors. Sometimes, even after it got dark, we'd play a rousing game of kick-the-can or fox and hound.

Of course, none of us—old or young—would want to swap today for yesterday. But the pure fact is, our current crop of overweight kids is just another little price tag that's been stuck onto what we're paying for progress.



Carl Jarrell, left, was honored to meet Dwight Yoakam, second from left, when Yoakam, who also has roots in Floyd County, was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, in Renfro Valley. Also pictured are Tony Tackett, of the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum, and Ken Carriere, Goodyme Productions.



'Bluegrass, Mountains and Memories'

Floyd native releases bluegrass CD

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Carl Jarrell Jr., or "CJ the DJ" as many know him, started singing, his family recalls, at about the age of four or five. "Pretty much as far back as I can remember, anyway," Jarrell said. "Growing up, Mom was always playing a Loretta Lynn eight track and we had Ralph Stanley for breakfast every day," he joked.

Growing up in the community of Slick Rock, on Cow Creek, Jarrell attended school in Floyd County; Allen Elementary and Betsy Layne High School. Early on, he knew he wanted to work in the music industry and got his foot in the door by landing a job as a disc jockey "at (W)XKZ, playing rock and roll," he said. From there, his path lead him to Martin's WMDJ, where he found himself working in his true love, country music.

Eventually, Jarrell found himself yearning to see what he could learn about music in the big city and so took a job at a Detroit, Michigan radio station where he stayed put "for about seven years" before heading back to eastern Kentucky and his "Afternoon Drive" show that he currently

spots for WSIP, in Paintsville.

A skilled guitarist as well as a singer, Jarrell is excited about the recent release of his newly recorded CD, "Bluegrass, Mountains, and Memories." Recorded primarily in Nashville, the project was produced by Jack Hicks, on the Studio Creations label. "Jack has produced for some pretty big names, like Conway Twitty, for example," Jarrell said. "I was happy to get to work with him."

"Bluegrass, Mountains, and Memories" showcases not only Jarrell's musical talent but features such well known talents as Dr. Ralph Stanley, Melvin Goins, Charlie Louvin, John Rigsby and Brian Russell. "What I'm trying to do," Jarrell said, "is to keep country music traditional. That's something that's hard to do today...I guess you could say the style I favor, my style, is 'bluegrass with country.'"

"Carl's "Bluegrass, Mountains, and Memories" is a very unique combination of mountain melodies that reach out and touch your heart with that extra special spicing added with vocalist assists by Dr. Ralph Stanley, Charlie Louvin, Melvin Goins and others who add a spe-

cial touch to a song. It's a great project and it leaves you wondering what's next. It's a definite thumbs up," said Tommy VanHoose, host of WSIP's "Working Class Special" radio show.

Former employer Dale McKinney, owner, WMDJ, in Martin, said, "I've known Carl Jarrell since he was a teenager working for me as my afternoon DJ. I knew then he had a good singing talent and if he practiced and honed his singing skills, he would only get better. He's come a long way and I wish him the best in his music career. The kid's good, and this new CD of traditional country/bluegrass music is really good."

"I've been getting a lot of really good feedback," Jarrell said. "Charlie Louvin said I sang quite well and that he was actually scared when he first heard me sing. He said he didn't know if he could come up to my level...what a great compliment," Jarrell said with a smile.

"Bluegrass, Mountains, and Memories" can be purchased in Floyd County at the Bull Creek Trade Center and at Woods Grocery, in Allen.

To book "CJ the DJ" for your special event, or to inquire about his latest project, you may call (606) 424-1803.

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Fundraiser proceeds to help Floyd Animal Shelter

by TARA ROBINSON

Big brown eyes, warm nuzzles and unconditional love, don't they need lovin' too? That's how the fundraiser for Floyd County's Dewey Dam Dog and Cat Protection Society (DDD & CPS) began. John and Tara Robinson, of Staffordsville, wanted to make a difference in the protection and care of area animals so they asked their friends who shared their love of animals to help. John Robinson sums up how the event took shape, "Tara and I wanted to take action to help our local animal shelter and had made contact with those who are making a difference. Since Johnson County, where we live, does not have its own animal shelter we reached

out to DDD&CPS. We worked with these dedicated people who make animal welfare their main focus and brought in our friends with big hearts to make a collaborative effort that would have the maximum impact on both raising funds and awareness." The Robinson's, along with several of their friends, hosted a wine tasting in the Robinson's Cross Creek home where new friendships were made, old ones were strengthened and everyone had the opportunity to do their part for area animals. It was very fitting that the theme for the night was "We're asking you for help because they can't."

The event was pulled together with the

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Meet "Sonny." Sonny is a full stock miniature dachshund. He is red in color and is ten months old. He is a great pet to Jeff and Melissa Scarberry, of Martin, and their two children, Kennedy and Kaleb. Sonny loves his snack bones and treats. He has his own basket of toys and he always gets out what he wants to play with. The Scarberry's share that Sonny is a wonderful family pet.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(June 5 and 10, 1998)

Graduation ceremonies for Prestonsburg High School will be held at 8 p.m., June 12, in the high school's gymnasium. The school has 164 potential candidates for diplomas, but the exact number of graduates won't be determined until final grades are tallied, according to school officials.

A total of 86 seniors will graduate from South Floyd High School, next Friday, as the Raiders' class of 1998. Graduation ceremonies will be June 12, at 7 p.m., in Dr. Mary A. Hall Raider Arena. Senior Honor's Night is June 11, at 7 p.m., and will also be held in Raider Arena.

If you are an occupant of the Floyd County Jail, today is your day in history, as arraignments in Judge James R. Allen's District Courtroom has gone video.

Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, volunteers with the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and the Kentucky State Police, sifted through wreckage, Thursday evening, to search for the cause of an accident, near the Parkway connection with 114, that claimed the life of a passenger. The car landed about 30 feet from a resident's trailer.

Floyd County officials were surprised as more than 1,000 people—the largest crowd ever—attended a public hearing, Thursday, at Prestonsburg High School, to discuss school consolidations. About 50 voiced their concerns to the board regarding school closings.

An elderly Floyd County couple were robbed, assaulted, and held captive in their Prestonsburg home, Friday afternoon, by an area youth. The couple—Jobie and Ruby Puckett—were attacked by a 17-year-old juvenile who had asked to use their phone, according to a Kentucky State Police media release.

William G. Conn, 20, of Allen, was sentenced to 70 days in the county jail after he admitted to attacking an area resident, stealing his tools, and throwing him on his grandchild. He was arrested Monday afternoon and charged with various misdemeanor charges.

Prestonsburg High School fired basketball coach, Jackie Pack, has been reinstated to his job as teacher and coach, after being acquitted of charges levied by interim superintendent Mike King.

On Saturday, June 6, the second annual Sarah Renee Lafferty Memorial Benefit was held at Stumbo Park in Allen. The benefit was a gospel sing and, even though the weather was

dreary and cold, there were approximately 150 people in attendance.

There died: Burley Kidd, 89, of Port Ritchie, Florida, a native of Dana, Wednesday, June 3, at Bayonet Point Hospital in Hudson, Florida; Charitie Kendrick, 89, of Prestonsburg, was dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, June 3; Mary Elizabeth Coats Branham, 79, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, June 2, at her residence; Arvel Shepherd, 83, of Shiloh, Ohio, May 31, at Mercy Hospital in Willard, Ohio; Denver E. Greene, 74, of Pleasant Lake, Michigan, June 1, at Foote Hospital in Jackson, Michigan; Della Loretta Jacobs, 50, of Martin, Tuesday, June 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg; Delphia Johnson, 90, of Wheelwright, Monday, June 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Devada Sloan, 98, of Louisville, formerly of Knott County, June 1, at her home; Edna Hackworth Tackett, 72, of East Point, Monday, June 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg; Elsie "Granny" Noe, 84, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, June 3, at her residence; Estel Brown, 92, of Ada, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, June 8; Rev. L.P. Tussey, 81, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, June 6; Hargis Napier, 92, of Emmalena, May 31, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; James Chaffins, 74, of Mousie, June 3, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Kyle Prater, 67, of South Akron, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, June 6, at the Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester, Indiana; Mae Lynn Thornsberry, 38, of Wayland, June 6, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Mary Magdalene Collins, 74, of Virgie, Wednesday, June 3, at the Pikeville Hospital; Mark Andrew Newsome, 10-day-old son of Timothy and Elizabeth Newsome of Bypro, June 6, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Maryland Jacobs, 42, of Pippa Passes, June 2, at Martin; Richard Lee Bartley, 31, of Pikeville, Sunday, June 7, at his residence; Stephanie Dawn Meadows, 13, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, June 4, in Mount Gilead, Ohio, following an auto accident.

Twenty Years Ago

(June 8, 1988)

A four-to-one vote netted assistant superintendent Ronald Hager to the coveted post of superintendent, instead of extending Ray

Brackett's tenure there.

Jimmy Harvey of Honaker, was charged with first degree murder in the shooting of a woman, who was his girlfriend.

Floyd Housing Authority received \$253,213 in funding from HUD, recently.

A West Prestonsburg home fire is suspected of being arson-related.

Two juvenile girls were caught phoning in bomb threats at Prestonsburg Elementary. Production was halted at the West Prestonsburg operation of Mountain Laurel, causing the layoff of 30 workers.

There died: Ned Johnson, 73, of Weeksbury, Friday; Elizabeth McDowell, 81, formerly of Ashland, Friday, in Ohio; William Harmon Sr., 60, formerly of Prestonsburg, May 27, in Indiana; Murta Cook, 83, of Attica, died there, at her sister's home; Margaret Crawford, 83, formerly of David, Thursday, in Florida; Lawrence Tackett, 73, of McDowell, Wednesday, at his home; Urice Burke, 56, formerly of Halo, Sunday, in Ohio; Gary Murrell, 32, of Little Paint, Monday, following an automobile accident; Edna Duff, 79, of Mousie, June 2, following an extended illness.

Thirty Years Ago

(June 7, 1978)

A total of \$1,500 in fines was assessed, last week, on overweight trucks operating in the county, by District Judge Harold J. Stumbo, in sharp departure from the widespread eastern Kentucky custom of overlooking overweight violations.

The annual fund drive of the Floyd Chapter of the American Red Cross was scheduled to end officially, Wednesday, after a month of money-raising effort, "But it must be extended," according to Floyd Red Cross Executive Director Shelby Willis.

The Prestonsburg City Council, last Thursday, instructed City Attorney, William G. Francis to determine the steps necessary to close the Fraternal Order of Eagles Club here.

The Big Sandy Area Development District's board of directors, in its annual all-day meeting, last Friday, at the new National Guard Armory here, elected Russell Williamson, Inez banker and former basketball coach, its chairman, to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Floyd County Judge Henry Stumbo.

Preparations continue for the dedication ceremonies for the Prestonsburg Army National Guard Armory, to be held Friday, June 23, at 10

a.m.

There died: Woodrow W. Caldwell, 65, native of Betsy Layne, Wednesday, at Ft. Meyers, Fla.; Neddie Ousley, 76, of Sidney, Indiana, formerly of Risner, Monday, in Whitley County Hospital, Columbia City, Indiana; Charles Narvel Akers, 62, of Dana, last Thursday, at home; Mrs. Oriole Gormley Jilson, 83, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday; Willie W. Whitaker, 84, formerly of Prestonsburg, recently, in Kosciusko Community Hospital; Mrs. Edith Wallen Blair, 60, of Allen, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Hattie Justice Skaggs, 83, of Martin, Friday, at home; Mrs. Cynthia Allen, 85, of Price, Wednesday, May 31, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Laura Belle Tackett, 87, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Emily Harrison Harkins, 16, of Norfolk, Va., April 30, at home.

Forty Years Ago

(June 6, 1968)

The water and gas system, owned by Floyd County, and serving five of its communities, has been leased to Ohio-Kentucky Utilities Inc., a Prestonsburg firm.

Although some of the coal remaining at David will be mined, whatever work is ahead appears to hold little promise for a solution to the unemployment problem faced by those idled by the recent closing of Princess Elkhorn operations there.

Dewey Lake got its second annual fertilizing, Tuesday.

A recent Floyd Fiscal Court resolution calls on the U.S. Corps of Engineers to initiate another snagging and clearing project on Right Beaver Creek, which would be an extension of an earlier work, completed on the stream.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan, of the Abbott Road, a daughter, Leslie Jane, May 27, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. George Fannin Jr., of Prestonsburg, a son, Robert Lee, May 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (Red) Ison, a son, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

There died: Cpl. Jeff Mulkey, 21, of Banner, killed in action, Friday, in Vietnam, approximately one month after his arrival there.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center.

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

*Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Students served do not have to attend AMS. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

*The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

*The Betsy Layne

Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

*Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

*Parent/guardians may call Duff FRC to schedule physical exam for children. Call 358-9878.

*Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.

*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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

*May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). There are only a few slots available. Please contact Ms. Pam or Ms. Irene in the school office at 285-0883 if you are interested.

*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

*Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

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

*Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

*GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.

*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

*June 16-27 - Summer Camp (PES students should register by May 9. Call 886-7088.)

*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.

*After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

*School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Call the PES Center at 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

*Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on South Floyd campus on Mondays; Mt. Camp Care counselor will be on campus on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with either counselor, contact the SFYSC.

*Juniors and Seniors will attend the pre-Prom program at the MAC in May.

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

*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

*John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for Kindergarten for upcoming school year. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.

*Lost & Found items are stored in the Family Resource Center office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the last Friday of each month.

*Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. Center is located on the right of the school, near the gymnasium. Services available to all families, regardless of income. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

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

*Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.

*The Center is in need of such items as children's clothing, shoes, belts, etc. that are in good condition. All items are greatly appreciated and utilized by the center for 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.; BSCTC

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Drug Court

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC; David Craft Center

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments

9-11 a.m. - Hope House

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

6-9 p.m. - Betsy Layne

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

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephania

Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy

Bornes, Cindy Justice and

Wayne Combs - Adult

Education teachers.

McClain-Stewart

Kathy Clark, of Naples, Florida, and James Stewart, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the wedding of their son, Bryan Richard Stewart, of Morehead, to Amber Lynn McClain, also of Morehead, the daughter of Danny and Michelle McClain, of Greendale, Indiana. Bryan is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and recently received his MBA from Morehead State University. Amber, a graduate of Russell High School, recently received her BBA in management from Morehead State University.

The wedding will take place on July 5, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, in Morehead. Following a honeymoon to Alabama, the couple plan to reside in Naples, Florida.



Mountain Arts Center hosts Business After Hours

The Mountain Arts Center hosted a "Business After Hours" event, along with the Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce, on May 6. Pictured is Mountain Arts Center Marketing Director Ann Lafferty with Director Keith Caudill doing a little networking with Brenda Davenport, of WYMT, and Linda Martin, of Big Sandy Health Care.



Critter

help of Cassie Picklesimer, Val Murray, Jody Blackburn, David and Rhonda Combs of Tasty Temptations Catering, Carol Logsdon of Main Street Paintsville, Kathy Mullins, DDD & CPS's director, Robin Branham, director, R&C Wildlife Rescue, Stacy May of Indian Hills Wine and Spirits in Pikeville, Michelle Sword of Signature Events in Pikeville, and Mike Derrosset, of Southern Distributors. Tara recalls that, "Everyone was on board as soon as I shared with them what we were trying to do. Cassie and Val worked so hard with setting up the event itself and coordinated with Carol Logsdon with Paintsville's Arts Council to organize a silent auction which included beautiful items made by local artisans, Robin Branham educated the guests about the shelter and shared some wonderful stories and successes of her wildlife rescue efforts. David and Rhonda Combs of Tasty Temptations Catering were the culinary heads of the night. Their Polynesian Shrimp Salad on cucumber boats, melon wrapped in prosciutto, and chocolate cream cheese filled chocolate dipped strawberries were a huge hit.

John is a native of Greenup County and Tara grew up in Kingsport, Tennessee. The Robinson's have been residing in Johnson County since June, 2006. John and Tara explain their fundraising efforts by sharing that they believe that "being involved and meeting people are very important. We both love our jobs but you've got to do more and be

connected to your community to be truly happy."

"I remember seeing a billboard on Highway 23 saying that animals in shelters that do not euthanize are sentenced to life in a cage. This is definitely not the case at DDD & CPS. The animal shelter in Floyd County is a wonderful place. I was worried thinking it would be sad and that I would want to take all the animals home. But it is a very well run facility and the love that Kathy Mullins and her staff have for the animals is truly evident. The animals are cared for and brought to optimum health before they can be adopted," Tara said.

DDD & CPS has the highest adoption rate in the area. The atmosphere of the shelter, the medical care the pets receive and the professional job of the Petfinder website where anyone can access information and pictures of the pets available contributes to their success. "It is evident when you visit the shelter that the pets are happy and adorable. John and I have gone to the shelter to play with the animals and even helped out at bath time. When you adopt a pet from DDD&CPS they have had all their vaccines, been spayed or neutered, groomed and had medical ailments remedied. The adoption fee is very minimal and does not cover all the shelter's investment in the animals. So, in giving directly to them you can help them defray their many costs. I strongly recommend that everyone go by Floyd County shelter to see how well it is run and play

with the animals to help them with socialization," said Tara.

In promoting the event, Tara explained, "When inviting Johnson County residents to the fundraiser we had to clarify why we were raising money for Floyd County's shelter." In talking to Kathy Mullins, DDD&CPS's director, it became obvious of the role that they play in the welfare of Johnson County's pets. When a pet is lost in Johnson County and then found by Animal Control, they are taken to the Road Works Center until all pets collected are taken to Greenup County where they are much less likely to be reunited with their families and could also be euthanized. So, if you lose your dog in Johnson County, they could very easily meet this fate. Also, the timing of the fundraising event was perfect because Romeo's law was just passed in Kentucky making it a felony offense to torture or kill an animal. The passing of this bill was celebrated during the DDD&CPS event because it will improve the welfare of all animals, domestic and wild. Enforcement of this law by county officials is greatly needed to punish those who participate in these senseless acts on animals which will, and does, lead to violence against humans."

John and Tara wish to thank the many people who came to the event and donated money to the shelter. The amount of money that was raised will greatly help their efforts especially at a time of year when they will be very busy.

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Stephens-Jones

Tiffany O'Megan Stephens, of Wayland, and Adam Chase Jones, of Pippa Passes, are pleased to announce their recent marriage.

Tiffany is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College from which she holds a degree in business administration. Adam is a student at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. The couple wed in a ceremony that took place on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at Montgomery Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding was observed. The newlyweds are residing in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Flannery-Samons

Jerry and Jennifer Flannery, of Harold, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Marie Flannery, to John Patrick Samons, the son of Terry and Rebecca Samons, of Martin.

Jessica is the granddaughter of Dona and the late Eugene Flannery, of Beaver, and Robert and Janet Tackett, also of Beaver. John is the grandson of Marie and the late J.B. Samons, of Martin, and Bethel and Patricia McComas, of Barbourville, West Virginia.

Jessica is a 1999 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she received a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She is currently employed by her family's business, Four J Development, Inc.

John is a 1995 graduate of Allen Central High School, a 1997 graduate of the North American Institute of Aviation, and a 2004 graduate of Alice Lloyd College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He is currently employed by Thoroughbred Development, Inc. The wedding ceremony and reception will take place on June 7, 2008, at the East Kentucky Expo Center, in Pikeville.

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Yesterdays

Fifty Years Ago (June 5, 1958)

Final recapitulation of the Floyd tax assessment, after work of the county Board of Supervisors, will show a total approximating \$25,000,000. Tax Commissioner Manis Conley said

Organization of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad Inc., was affected, Monday night, with the election of officers

Deputy Sheriff George Hall Jr., staged a moonshine raid, without assistance, last Saturday, and came up with a small still, taken at Ivel

James Arthur Romans, 35, of Hi Hat, was killed in the county's only Memorial Day weekend auto fatality, early Saturday, within a few yards of the school bus tragedy scene

There died: Robert Lee Hamilton, 60,

formerly of East McDowell, last Wednesday, in Ashtabula, Ohio

Mrs. Mary M. Little, 69, of Wheelwright, Thursday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mertie Mae Tackett, 75, of Caney Creek, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Curtis Ford, 86, Prestonsburg native, May 24, in Dayton, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago (June 10, 1948)

The first moonshine still to be captured, since prohibition returned to this county, was taken, Saturday, on Toler Creek, by Deputy Sheriffs Pat and Ed Hall

A miniature "land rush" is a possibility, as sportsmen, and other residents of this section, have begun filing applications for cabin sites along the shores of the Dewey reservoir

Announcement was made, this week, of the purchase of the Leete Jewelry Store, here, by the Wright Brothers of Louisa, who assumed management of the business, Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jarrell, of Cow Creek, lost a "photo finish" race with the stork, Tuesday night, when their son was born in their auto, just outside the Prestonsburg General Hospital, after a desperate nine-mile drive. Mother and child are doing fine

Born (at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin): to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Martin of Drift, a son, Stephen Frank, May 26; to Mr. and Mrs. Snoden Keathley of Teaberry, a daughter, Lora Jean, May 24; to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Gearheart of Dony, a daughter, Dolphia, May 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Isaac Thompson of Lancer, a son, John Russell, May 23

There died: A. B. Slone, 21, Sunday night, at the home of his parents in Wayland; Mrs. America Howell, 66, Monday, at the home of a daughter on

Stone Coal Creek, near Garrett; Mrs. Eloise Cline Crider, 86, Saturday night, at her home on Buffalo.

Seventy Years Ago (June 9, 1938)

Commonwealth's Attorney O. C. Hall, said, Wednesday, that he believes an organized gang of thieves is responsible for the series of thefts reported within the last week, in this county

That Floyd County might have a district unemployment office, the fiscal court, meeting in special session here, Friday, unanimously voted an annual appropriation of \$900 as its share for full-time maintenance of the office

It was announced, this week, that, in accordance with the Public Health Service Milk Ordinance and Code of Grades, examination and grading of all dairies, delivering milk in Floyd County, is contemplated by the Floyd Health Department in the near future

Uncle Jeff Sizemore, 96, Union Army veteran of the Civil War, announced, this week, he is going to the Gettysburg Blue and Gray reunion, July 1 to 6. Floyd County's other Civil War veterans, John Harris of Brandy Keg, and John Printer Meade of Printer, each of whom were Union soldiers, are also expected to attend

A slatefall in the Wheelwright mine of the Inland Steel Company, Tuesday morning, resulted in the death of Marvin Johnson, 29

Not a scratch was received by 14-year-old Claybourne Halbert, of Printer, Friday, when the mule he was riding was struck and instantly killed by a C.&O. "shifter," as it stepped into the path of the train, at Salisbury

There died: Mrs. Mary McCloud, 22, of Fed, last Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Opal Patton, 10, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.



Goble-Hall

Mr. Douglas Goble, of Prestonsburg, and Ms. Patricia Goble, of Banner, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Lynn Goble, to Reynold Alan Hall II, the son of Ms. Regina Hall, of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Hall, of Prestonsburg. Amanda is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. She received an associate of science degree in medical assisting from Sullivan University. She is currently employed as a CMA at the Urgent Treatment Center in Lexington. Amanda is the granddaughter of Loretta Carr and the late Winston Carr, of Prestonsburg, and the late Edna and Arthur Goble, formerly of Prestonsburg.

Reynold "Renny" is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in information technology from Sullivan University. Renny is finishing graduate school for a master of science degree in managing information technology. He is an A+ certified IT technician and is actively pursuing other IT certifications. He is currently employed as a field engineer for NCR. Renny is the grandson of Jane Hall and the late Virgil B. Hall, of Okeechobee, Florida and the late John "Rush" and Leda Ann Osborne, of Price.

A June wedding will take place at Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. The couple plan to reside in Lexington.

Need pet pics ASAP!

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

Tackett-Newsome

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Brenda Tackett, of Wheelwright, along with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne "Bango" and Gina Newsome, of Weeksbury, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Angel Dawn Tackett and Brian Edward Newsome.

Angel is the maternal granddaughter of Rose and Pete Johnson, of Wheelwright, and the late Johnny Johnson. She is the paternal granddaughter of the late Hassel and Martha Tackett, formerly of Wheelwright.

Angel is a 2004 graduate of South Floyd High School. She is currently attending Big Sandy Community and Technical College and is employed as a correctional officer at Otter Creek Correctional Center.

Brian is the maternal grandson of Pablo Almanza, of San Antonio, Texas, and the late Berta Almanza. He is the paternal grandson of the late Darling and Emmogene Newsome, formerly of Melvin.

Brian is a 2001 graduate of South Floyd High School. He is employed by his father as a truck driver for Melvin Trucking, Inc.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at Wheelwright Methodist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

A reception will immediately follow at the Wheelwright Gymnasium.

Following, the couple will honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, after which they will return to reside in Weeksbury.



Miss KY Teen meets Former First Lady

Miss Kentucky Teen USA Shannen Reil, of Van Lear, had the opportunity to meet former First Lady and Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton during the senator's historical visit to Prestonsburg on Monday, May 19. Shannen, who attended the rally held at the home of Eddy and Robin Clark, was escorted inside the home following Sen. Clinton's speech where she had the opportunity to have a photograph made with the presidential candidate. Shannen remarked that she was "very honored to be a part of such an historical event and to have the opportunity to meet such an impressive role model."

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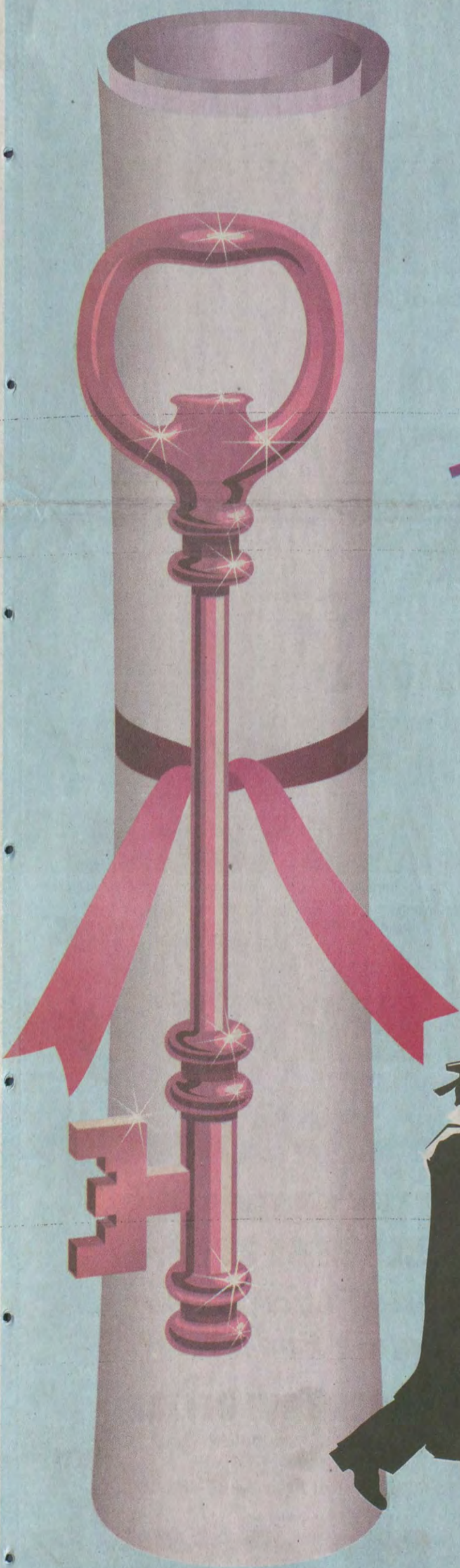
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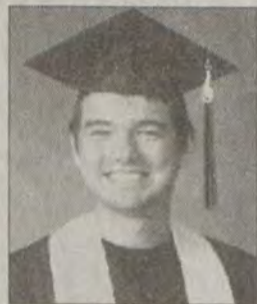
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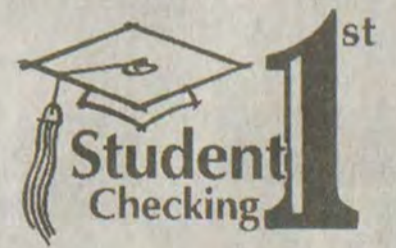
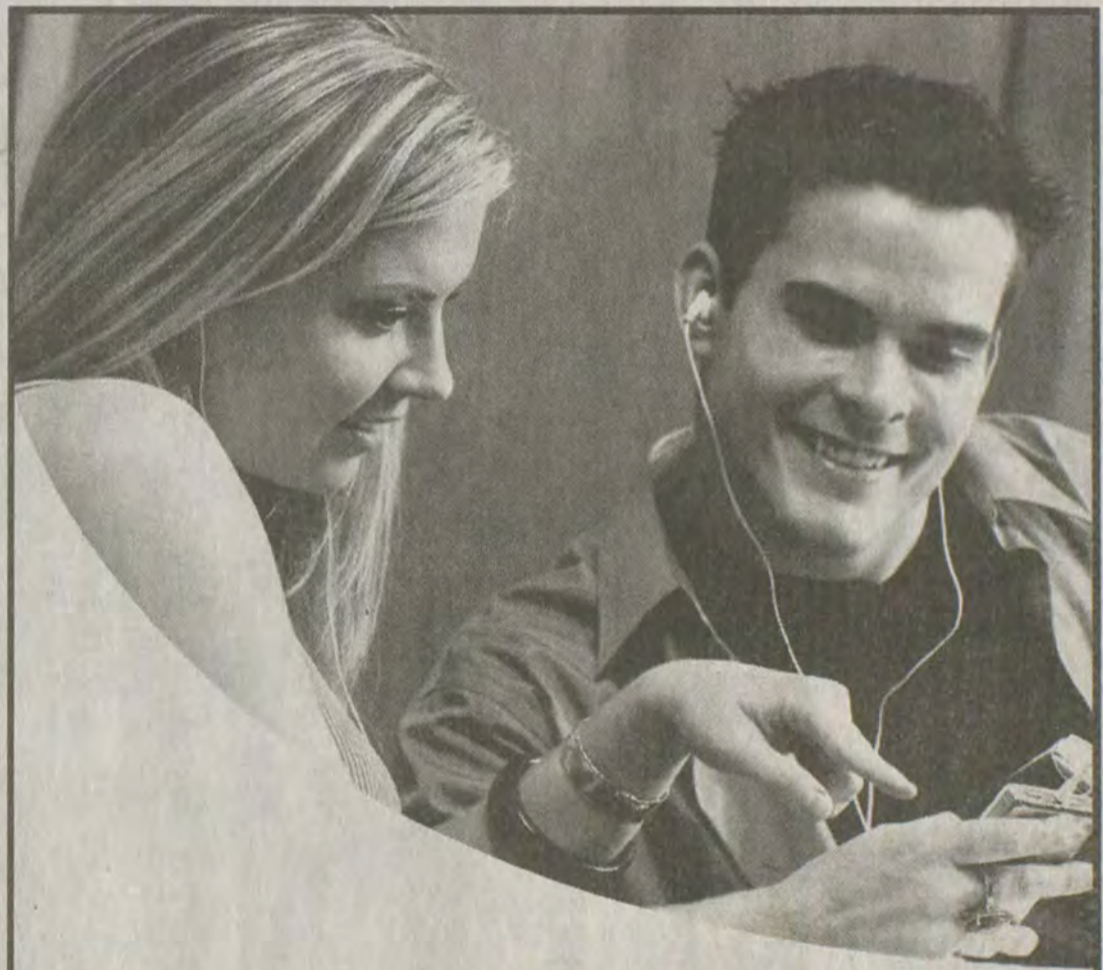
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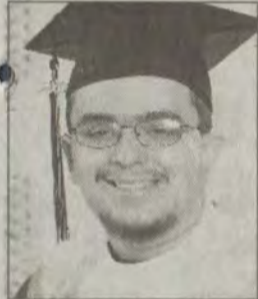
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With graduation on the horizon, many high school seniors are anxiously anticipating their exodus from Mom and Dad's house to the less restrictive dorms of their colleges of choice. Visions of parties, late school nights spent hanging out with friends, and no Mom and Dad to check in on them populate the dreams of many a high school senior as graduation draws closer and closer.

But as exciting as beginning college can be, it can also prove difficult in a number of ways if soon-to-be freshmen aren't prepared for what may lie ahead. Parents and college-bound kids alike should discuss the following topics before parting ways this fall.

Finances

It seems that no matter how much money kids head off to college with,

it's never enough. This is especially true of entering freshmen, who have more than likely never faced living on a budget before. If a student will not be working and their parents will be sending them money during the semester, it's best to work out a payment schedule (once per semester, once per month, bi-monthly, etc.) and stick to it. Parents should avoid the temptation of bailing kids out if they've spent their allotted money too quickly, just like students should avoid the temptation of spending the money too fast.

Parents should also discuss credit cards with their children before the kids head off to school. College campuses are notorious breeding grounds for credit card solicitation. Kids who don't fully understand the concept of credit can, and often do, find themselves in deep financial trouble

because of credit cards. If a student has his or her own cell phone (and who doesn't these days?), let your son or daughter begin paying for it in the months before he leaves for college. This should help get him or her acclimated to paying bills, and the importance of paying them on time, before heading off to school.

Academics

Understandably, most students start off struggling in the academic department. This often has nothing to do with the course load. Instead, it's typically the product of students being overwhelmed by their newfound freedom, resulting in studies sliding down their priority list.

Incoming freshmen should recognize that, while struggling to adapt to a new course load and new environment is to be expected, it's not an

excuse for a prolonged academic struggle. The point of going to college is an education first and foremost. GoCollege.com, an online resource for college-bound students, recommends developing a diligent and consistent system of study habits to avoid digging an early academic hole. This can involve study groups, brief study periods after each class to make sure you understand all materials, or a number of things that might work for each individual. But the main thing is to be consistent in your study approach, as once you get it down, you'll be more efficient and able to enjoy more of that enticing free time.

Social Life

While education is the most important thing about college, developing socially is important as well.

For some students, overfocusing on academics can make college a difficult period in their life. Particularly for entering freshmen, developing friendships is an important step in adapting to college. Students should embrace the chance to meet new people, many of whom might be from different parts of the country or even the world, which can be an educational process in and of itself.

While social life should never take precedence over academics, balancing work and play is something students will have to do the rest of their lives, and part of college is preparing them to do just that. Parents should make students aware that academics are important, but that developing as a human being and not just as a student is important as well.

For more tips on preparing for college, visit www.gocollege.com.

Tips on choosing the right career path

With the world ever-changing in nearly every way, one area that certainly isn't bucking that trend is the workplace. Technology seems to be making daily changes to how companies do business. But while technology is certainly leaving its mark, so too is an ideological shift with respect to work. Whereas it was once common for people to choose a career path and stick with it until it came time to retire, more and more of today's workers find themselves making at least one career change during their lifetime. Many more change careers several times before settling on the one they'll pursue until it comes time to retire.

While change is good, the growing trend of career changes can be looked at as part of a greater problem: many of today's workers are choosing the wrong path at the start of their employment journey. That's not to say this is a bad thing, as many people simply don't know what they

want to do when it comes time to enter the workforce, and many more still don't know several years into their professional lives. Fortunately, for people in such a quandary, there is advice to consider to ensure your next career change will take you down the right path.

■ Put yourself to the test. Many job-hunting agencies offer services that are designed to help you find the right career path. This typically involves lots of self-assessment, where you'll take tests to see what it is you truly want to do with your life and what you want out of a career. These tests can be accurate or useless, depending on how honest you are with yourself. Don't be shy to share openly what you want and keep an open mind with whatever results the tests find. And remember, if the test says you're best suited for a certain field but you don't agree, you can always move on to other methods.

■ Do your homework.

Choosing the right career path, whether you're fresh out of college or well into your professional life, involves researching what careers are out there and what's best suited to your talents and goals. Typically, such research yields a number of fields that match both interests and career goals. Some of these careers you might not even know about, while some could be obvious. If your research produces a handful of careers, you've now narrowed your search and can begin more extensive research.

For those who are already working, be patient with your research. If you're fresh out of school or about to graduate, consider seeking advice from a career counselor who might help to speed up the process. Either way, you probably have more time than you think, so use it to your advantage.

■ Take your new career for a test drive. Once you've done your research on your narrowed list, consider taking a couple of those prospective

careers on a "test drive." Rather than give your two weeks notice and just dive right in, try volunteering in your prospective field first. This will give you a chance to see if your research was right and the career is something you're willing to try out for the long haul. It can also help you eliminate making a mistake and taking a job you won't like.

If no volunteer work is available, other options do exist. For instance, enroll in a class in the prospective field at your local university, or look for part-time or freelance work to get your feet wet. It's always good, especially for people making a career change as opposed to those just starting out, to get a feel for a new job before moving on from an old one.

■ Go for it. If you like what you've seen and feel like it's the right direction for you, then go for it. While it will seem like a big risk, as the current workplace climate sug-

gests, you're certainly not the first nor will you be the last to make a career change or choose a career that may or

may not be right for you. Just make the most of whatever choice you make.* Put yourself to the test.

Tips on finding the right college

While a fresh crop of high school graduates is set to walk across the stage at high school commencement ceremonies across the country, for the many students about to become high school seniors now is an important time to start thinking ahead. That's because the college application process is about to begin.

Choosing a college is a big choice for parents and children alike. For parents, it's a financial commitment they've likely been preparing to make since the day their child was born. For kids, it's more than likely the biggest decision they've ever faced. Before the process begins, consider the following tips for choosing the right college.

■ Consider a possible career path. Most 18-year-olds have no idea what they might want to do for a living, and that's perfectly fine. When looking at colleges, kids should look at all of the programs they offer, and make a list of the programs that most

interest them. This isn't choosing a career (as many students change majors while in college), but rather doing some preliminary research about what you may want to study. For students who really have no idea what they might want to study, consider applying to a larger state school, as those often offer the most programs of study, meaning a student won't have to transfer once they do decide on a course of study.

■ Make a list of what you want out of a school. For some kids, going to school too far away from home is a frightening prospect, while others might embrace the freedom. Also, schools vary greatly depending on the size of the college. Some students might prefer a smaller, more close-knit college community, while others might prefer a larger school with more students. Students should make a list of what their personal preferences are and seek out schools that match those preferences.

■ Discuss finances. Thanks to the ever-increasing costs associated with higher education, finances figure heavily into the college decision. While parents would love to send their children to their first choices, sometimes finances mandate otherwise. Parents and children should discuss how much they can afford to spend, and how realistic some

college choices might be. While financial aid and scholarships are options, they aren't always enough to cover tuition and room and board costs. Rather than risk a heated argument when it comes time to make a decision, parents and children should get on the same page with respect to what's affordable as soon as possible.

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