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UNITE to mark Recovery Month

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County UNITE Coalition, in conjunction with Operation UNITE, will observe National Recovery Month on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Archer Park Memorial.

During the observation, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin will sign a proclamation to mark the event. A candlelight vigil will follow.

The observation will take place beginning at 7 p.m. Hot dogs will be provided by Southeast Telephone.

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ANOTHER LEFT BEAVER ROUNDUP



photos by Jack Latta

Law enforcement agents led Kevin Hall out of his home in Kaleb Fork of Weeksbury, during a Wednesday morning drug roundup. Hall was charged with one count each second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana.

UNITE arrests 10 in drug roundup

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Law enforcement officers from around Floyd County went out in force Wednesday morning on a drug roundup in and around the community of Wheelwright.

Officers armed and wearing body armor initiated the arrest of 10 suspects during the course of the morning's work, and expect more in the future.

Wednesday's drug roundup was the second this month stemming from a six-month investigation into the illegal trafficking of prescription narcotics. Based on the findings of that investigation, 18 warrants were reportedly issued for suspected drug peddlers.

"Cooperation between law enforcement agencies at all levels is essential to successful investigations," said Dan Smoot, law enforcement director for UNITE. "Since the day he was elected, Attorney General Jack Conway has shown his commitment to drug enforcement in Eastern Kentucky. Today's roundup reinforces what can be accomplished."

Staging for the raid took place at the Left Beaver Fire Station #1 near Price, where detectives from UNITE joined agents from the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations, officers from Prestonsburg Police Department, Wheelwright Police Chief Randy Johnson,

(See ROUNDUP, page eight)



Jennifer Hunt seemed a bit camera shy as she was led into the Wheelwright City Hall following Wednesday's drug roundup. Hunt was charged with one count each of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.



Tiann Branham

Michael S. Brooks

Shawn Curry

Jessica R. Hall

Kevin Hall

Darrell L. Hill

Jennifer Hunt

John Slone

Larry Slone

Timothy Stanley

10 charged in savage jailhouse beating

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ten current inmates of the Floyd County Detention Center are facing charges after another inmate was beaten nearly to death in his cell earlier this month.

On August 10, Terry Fisher, 55, of Wheelwright, was reportedly found near death in his cell after allegedly being assaulted by other inmates. According to Det. Steve Little, with the Prestonsburg Police Department, Fisher was allegedly subjected to the beatings over the course of three days.

The last beating that Fisher sustained resulted in serious injury, that required him to be transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, and later to Cabell-Huntington Hospital, where he remains in serious condition. Fisher reportedly arrived at Highlands with a shoe print on his face.

According to Little, the prisoners would wait until after the third-shift changeover and post sentries on the windows before assaulting Fisher.

"They'd basically work him over all night long," said Little.

Little said he had spoken to Fisher's niece, Tina Green, and that her uncle's condition has not changed since being assaulted.

"He has a 'trach' (tracheotomy tube), he is on a feeding tube,

(See BEATING, page eight)

Two arrested for stealing TV cable

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Two Toler Creek men were arrested on Tuesday and charged with stealing over 600 feet of copper cable owned by Gearheart Communications.

Jacob L. Tackett, 23, and Jonathan Robinette, 22, were arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper David Watkins.

According to Watkins, Tackett and Robinette both appeared to be under the influence of drugs when he arrested them at a Toler Creek residence. Watkins allegedly viewed Tackett peeling the cover off of a length of the cable before he moved in to apprehend the two men.

Watkins believes that Tackett and Robinette could be responsible for a rash of copper theft cases in the area.

"Every day when I am out on patrol somebody's had something stolen cable-wise," Watkins said. "These guys have probably been doing a lot of it."

Tackett also allegedly removed a tag from a Michigan vehicle parked in Harold and

(See CABLE, page eight)

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Obituaries

Chester Hunter

Chester Hunter, 85, of Nicholasville, a native of Martin, died Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

Born February 9, 1923, in Martin, he was the son of the late Craig and Mary Jane Marshall Hunter. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Newsome Hunter.

Survivors include his sons: Freddie Harold Hunter of Melvin; Chester Hunter of Pikeville; Freddie Hunter and Roger Hunter, both of Nicholasville; a daughter, Linda McCarty of Melvin; a brother, B.J. Hunter of Ashley, Ohio; his sisters: Sue Kidd of Grethel; and Virgie Hunter of Pensacola, Florida; 23 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sons: Larry Hunter and Terry Hunter; a daughter, Deborah Damron; a

brother, Marvin Hunter; and his sisters: Mertie Hunter, Pearl Carroll, Verlie Hunter, and Gervie Material.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 30, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association at McDowell, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)



Morgan McKinney

Morgan McKinney, 50, of Honaker, died Sunday, August 24, 2008, at St. Joseph, Martin.

Born March 18, 1958, in New London, Ohio, he was the son of Phyllis Hunter McKinney of Martin, and the late Eugene McKinney. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by Nadine Watson McKinney, his wife, of 32 years.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and mother, include his daughters and son-in-law: Anita McKinney of Honaker; and Merita and Lonnie Forst of Oak Grove; his brothers and sisters-in-law: Johnny and Charla McKinney, of Prestonsburg; Mark McKinney of Martin, and Gina McKinney; sisters and brothers-in-law: Arti Lou and Andrew Baca of Printer; and Cathy Jean and Shane Kretzer of Lancaster; granddaughters: Adrienne Howell, Madison Collins, and MaKayla Stewart; grandsons: Aaron Brett Howell, Payton Ryan Collins, and Jordan Ray Stewart; special nieces and nephews: Summer McKinney, Limikia Prater, Eula Bias, Kami Baca, Kari Collis, Corey McKinney, Zack McKinney, Austin McKinney, and Kris Baca; a special cousin, Gerald Harvey; and a special friend: Nora Martin.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Allen McKinney; a grandson, Shawn Dalton Collins; and a granddaughter, Shawna Gail Collins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 27, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Danny Conn, Elvis Ray Hunter, Gerald Harvey, Shane Kretzer, Andrew Baca, George Boyd, John Thompson, Zack McKinney, Austin McKinney, and Danny Ray Conn.

Honorary pallbearers: Kris Baca, Johnny McKinney, Caner Hunter, Mark McKinney, Aaron Brett Howell, and Jordan Ray Howell.

(Paid obituary)

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

August came to an end with little in the way of theatrical fare hitting the racks, though two documentaries and (surprise, surprise) a film from shlockmeister Uwe Boll ("House of the Dead," "Alone in the Dark") provided decent entertainment.

■ "What Happens in Vegas" — This comedy was the only release this week that made money, but that is a sad fact in light of how stupid this film is. Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher provide star power (but little chemistry) as strangers who are issued the

same motel room after a computer glitch that could only happen in the movies. They get drunk together and wake up to find that they got married the night before, but the that's not all — one of them wins a huge chunk of cash which puts off an immediate annulment as they scheme over the money. Let this one stay in Vegas and check out any of the next three movies instead.

■ "Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?" — Morgan Spurlock ("Super-Size Me") is back with this account of his voyage to the Middle East, where he quizzed locals on their reaction to America's war on terror. Very

funny at times but it's also a serious indictment of how little we understand the Middle Eastern culture.

■ "Chicago 10" — This documentary incorporates news footage, animation and music to retell the tale of the eight men who were tried for disrupting the Democratic convention of 1968. Worth seeing for the history of the event and to remind you who Abbie Hoffman was. It's also very funny and features the vocal talents of a who's who of actors which include Hank Azaria, Dylan Baker, Nick Nolte, Mark Ruffalo and the late Roy Scheider.

■ "Postal" — Never

thought I'd see the day that I recommended a Uwe Boll film, but his latest video game adaptation isn't half bad. Two men decide to get out of their mundane lives by planning a robbery that soon turns into a killing rampage in this politically incorrect action/comedy that leaves no cow sacred. The violence is over the top, as are the characters, and there's even a fun performance or two here (especially Dave Hall, who made his bones as one of "The Kids in the Hall").

Next week look for a slow start to September with a pair of dramas that include "Married Life" and "Then She Found Me."

Small-town mayor 'taken aback' by vote-buying charges

The Associated Press

PINEVILLE -- A small-town mayor in eastern Kentucky accused of federal vote-buying charges said he is "taken aback" by the indictment.

Longtime Pineville Mayor Bob Madon, 73, also told the Lexington Herald-Leader in a published story Thursday that he has no plans to resign. He said his attorney advised him not to comment on the charges against him.

Court documents claim Madon and his 44-year-old son, Brent Madon, conspired to influence voters with cash and prescription drugs during the 2006 mayoral election. Madon won the election.

Of the 305 absentee ballots cast in the election, 250 were for Madon, the U.S. attorney's office in Lexington said in a statement. The indictment says Brent Madon offered several people cash and drugs to vote for his dad.

The newspaper said Brent Madon could not be reached for comment.

The indictment was unsealed in federal court in London on Wednesday. The sealed indictment was returned in July.

Both men face a maximum prison sentence of up to 30 years if convicted.

It isn't the first time the elder Madon has faced criminal charges.

In 1987, he was convicted of nine counts of spending city money on personal expenses. Originally, he had faced 117 counts of misappropriating city money. During his trial, he argued that he used the money to lobby for grants for the city. He resigned after his conviction.

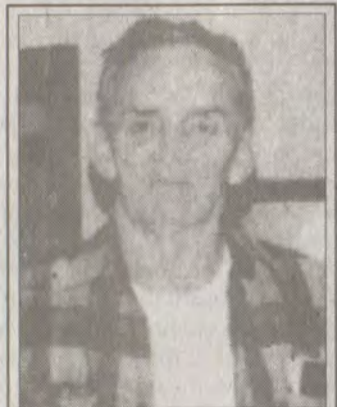
tion, but a pardon from former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson made him eligible to run for public office again.

Madon was first elected in 1977 and has served as mayor of the town near the Tennessee border for 18 years. He is credited with bringing a \$54 million federal project to the town that included a flood wall topped by a four-lane highway.

More than a dozen people were charged in Bath County in an alleged scheme to pay impoverished residents to vote for particular candidates.

Among those charged were candidates for judge-executive, county attorney and sheriff, all of whom were either convicted or pleaded guilty.

In June, Knott County Judge-Executive Randall C. Thompson was one of four county officials convicted of scheming to offer paving work in exchange for votes.



Raymond Cook
1929-2008

Raymond Cook, 78, of Georgetown, Indiana, passed away May 18, 2008, at the VA Medical Center, Louisville, KY.

Born August 11, 1929, in Buckingham, Ky., he was the son of the late Dave and Oka Hall Cook. He was a master sergeant in the US Army, serving from 1949-1953. He was held as a POW in Pyuckdong, North Korea for 33 months during the Korean War.

He worked for 26 years as a cabinet builder for National Homes before retiring in 1984. He was an avid gardener and woodworker and loved Bluegrass music and his pets.

Survivors include one son, Phillip Cook, Hudson, Mich.; daughter, Rita Cook, Indianapolis; sisters, Aileen Green, Michigan City, and Nebraska King, Cleveland; three grandchildren, Andrea Nichole Cook and Phillip Cook Jr., both of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Tech Sgt. Raymond Cook, Valdosta, Ga.; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Minas Cook and Nelson Cook.

Services were conducted at the Gehlbach & Royce Georgetown Funeral Home, with burial in the Wolfes Cemetery, Georgetown.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Beulah Ann Roberts would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the funeral of our Dear Mother. And we thank everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, or just had a kind word. But most of all, thank you for your prayers, we deeply appreciate it.



Special thanks to Tracy Patton for kind words, and to the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Her passing was a great loss to us. We thank everyone for your support, love and kindness through this tragic time.

THE CHILDREN OF BEULAH ROBERTS

Job opening

Reporter

Are you looking for a job that will challenge you to take your writing skills to the next level while serving your community? Do you enjoy meeting new people and finding out about the fascinating stories that color their lives?

The Floyd County Times is currently accepting applications for a Staff Writer. The position entails covering news stories in a variety of settings (meetings, press conferences, interviews and breaking news events) for both The Times and associated special publications, plus proofreading and other duties as assigned.

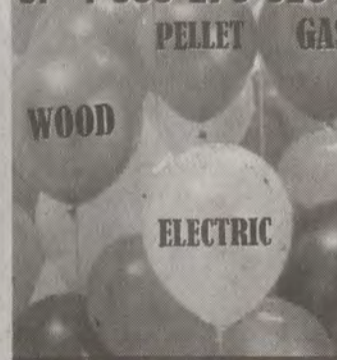
Applicants should be able to write both hard news and human interest stories, have basic computer skills, be able to meet strict deadlines while juggling multiple tasks, and be familiar with photography. The position requires an excellent grasp of spelling and grammar, frequently working odd hours (including nights and weekends), extensive typing and reliable transportation. The ideal candidate will have a degree in journalism or a related field and/or previous experience as a reporter, and will be able to use page layout software or have the ability and willingness to learn to do so.

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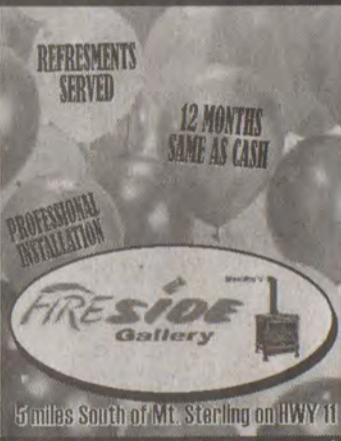
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Patricia Gail Tackett, 28, of Hi Hat, to Tillmon Mullins, Jr., 36, of Beaver.

Civil Suits Filed

Church Housing Assoc. of Prestonsburg v. Amy M. Music
Lendmark Financial Service v. Brandon Wright
Church Housing Assoc. of Prestonsburg v. Mr. and Mrs. Randall Flanery
Action Petroleum Co. v. Lakeway Fuel II, LLC
Midland Funding LLC v. Michael G Adney
Capital Onc Bank v. Vickie Collins
Asset Acceptance LLC v. Bobby D Dye
North Star Capital Acquisition LLC v. Ricky L Hunter
Elite Recovery Services Inc. v. Tony R Goble
Lendmark Financial Services v. Kayla Huff
Eunice Shepherd v. Sam Porter
Security Credit Services LLC v. Christopher Darby
Midland Funding LLC v. Evan Howell
Midland Funding LLC v. Mark A Blair
Dustin Alan Crisp v. Ashley Gayle Crisp
Barbara Bailiff v. Jeffery Allen Brooks
Alta Nerissa Fields v. Johnathan Fields
Mark Shepherd v. Sally Shepherd
Audrey Yates v. Joe Thomas Yates
Linda Little Senig v. Gerald

Edward Senig

Michael B Allen v. Jessica Powers Allen
Chasity Sue Hall Bishop v. Robert Bishop
Carla Renea Keathley v. Charles Heath Keathley
Betty J Stanley v. Paul David Stanley
Veronica Garrett v. Kevin Garrett
Christopher Lee Jewel v. Tiffany Jewel
Hugh O'Brian Reynolds v. Geraldine Adkins Reynolds
Tericia Willis v. Everett Eugene Willis

Small Claims Filings

Joyce Marie Idle v. Daphne Demas
Cash Express v. Ricky Littleton
Cash Express v. Louise Watkins
Cash Express v. William Castle

Charges Filed

Brian Jeffrey Jones, 28, Martin, harassment.
Harold Baldrige Jr., 53, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.
Randall D. Gilliam, 48, East Flat Rock, N.C., alcohol intoxication.
Vickie Lee Griffith, 38, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.
Teddy Dean Johnson, 42, Martin, operating motor vehicle under the influence, no registration plates (2 counts), failure to maintain insurance, carrying concealed deadly weapon.
Lowell Samons, 80, Banner, fourth degree assault.
Billie Johnson Little, 83, Prestonsburg, third degree trafficking in controlled sub-

stance, controlled substance prescription not in original container (3 counts)

Perry Harris, Beaver, harassment.
Pamela Burke, 28, Bevinville, theft by failure to make required disposition.
Debra Spicocchi, Pikeville, criminal trespassing.
Ricky Tackett, 42, East Point, public intoxication.
Vernon Bryant, 43, Huntington In., alcohol intoxication.
Amy Bailey, 23, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Rodney Darrell Scott, 26, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, fleeing and evading, giving officer false name or address.
Donald Gene Johnson, 45, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.
Diana Casey, alcohol intoxication, possession controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.

Kimberly D Evans, 23, Delbarton W.va., alcohol intoxication, possession of controlled substance (2 counts), controlled substance not in original container.
Frank Redding III, 38, Cleveland Oh., alcohol intoxication.
Nathaniel Siggers, 32, Williamson W.Va., alcohol intoxication.

James Hall, 35, Grethel, fourth degree assault, resisting arrest.

Shana Dawn Boyd, 26, Langley, trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana, second degree possession of controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Teresa Mosley, 38, Auxier, public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct.

Rita Clark, 54, Robinson Creek, alcohol intoxication.

Shirley Napier, 50, Richmond, public intoxication.

Monica Akers Hall, 32, Teaberry, fourth degree assault.

Nancy Scaggs Ratliff, 43, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.

Terry Hamilton, 51, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Rebecca Wallace, 24, Prestonsburg, operating on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license.

Chad Smallwood, 28, Jenkins, alcohol intoxication.
Charles Michael Prater, 32, Hueysville, theft by unlawful taking.

Carol Boyd Bryant, 47, alcohol intoxication.
Kathie Lyenne Akers, 29, Galveston, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on DUI suspended license, operating ATV on roadway, operating ATV without headgear, criminal mischief.

Mark Alan Freeman, 39, drinking alcoholic beverages in public.

Chad Allen Smallwood, 28, Jenkins, alcohol intoxication.
Justin Hall, 23, Teaberry, criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Reginald Glenn Caudill, 56, Hi Hat, receiving stolen property over \$300.

Matthew Lee Ritchie, 25, Willisburg, first degree assault.

Christopher N Newsome, 35, Harold, first degree assault.

Inspections

Dairy Queen, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate ther-

mometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperatures of potentially hazardous food, food not protected during storage, suitable dispensing utensils not being used by employees for handling food, in use food (icc) dispensing utensil not properly stored, lack of effective hair restraints, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, floors not clean, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 88.

Charley's Grilled Subs, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, food not protected during display, improper storage of single-service articles, improper dispensing of single-service articles, garbage and refuse containers not covered as requires, floors not clean. Score: 94.

Jerry's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: ood not

protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, food not protected during service, non-food contact surfaces not properly maintained, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, non-food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, improper storage of clean equipment and utensils, improper handling of clean equipment and utensils, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not clean, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 88.

Property Transfers

John Paul Burke to Tammy Wonetta Burke, property located at Frozen Fork.

John Paul Burke to Tammy Wonette Burke, property located at Frozen Fork.

Beverly Carr to Rita Hamilton and Roger Hamilton, property located at Prater Creek.

Ernestine Carr to Rita



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The new Prestonsburg McDonald's, located on North Lake Drive, officially opened for business at 10:30 on Thursday morning. Owners Bob and Tom Hutchinson, along with Ronald McDonald, were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

New McDonald's opens in Prestonsburg

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The golden arches are shining at a new location in Prestonsburg, as McDonald's officially opened its doors for business on North Lake Drive on Thursday.

Along with a live band and members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Ronald McDonald also attended the opening ceremony and greeted customers as they filed in as soon as the doors opened at 10:30 on Thursday morning. Traffic almost immediately started lining up at the double drive-thru, and McDonald made sure to wave at as many drivers and passengers as he could as they passed by the large windows of the restaurant.

According to Bob Hutchinson, owner, the North Lake Drive location is the newest McDonald's in the world, bringing the total number to 32,903.

"The first McDonald's in Prestonsburg was the first one that we opened after our father died," Hutchinson said. "This is the first new McDonald's we have opened since our mother

passed away a year ago. It's funny how God works."

Tom Hutchinson, also a franchise owner and brother of Bob Hutchinson, wants to help change the perception of some people who believe that there are no real career opportunities at McDonald's.

"We're really excited," Hutchinson said. "We currently have 72 employees at this location. Not only is it good growth for us, but we're providing new jobs to the community. When you look at McDonald's, it's not a dead end job. Both Bob and I started as crew members at the age of 14. A lot of our managers started as crew people. It's a highway to many careers. We're looking for anybody who wants to build a career with us."

The new McDonald's is the third location in Floyd County, with the other one located in Martin. The first McDonald's in Eastern Kentucky was built in Paintsville in 1979. The first Prestonsburg location was constructed in 1987.

McDonald's is the world's largest chain of fast food restaurants, serving an estimated 47 million customers per day.

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— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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— Guest View — Editorial roundup

The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press, on dollar coins:

The United States Mint has launched a campaign to promote usage of the dollar coin as an alternative to paper bills. Grand Rapids is one of four cities nationwide chosen to push the change. The coins could save billions in printing costs, if embraced by the public. But that won't happen unless the government does what it has been unwilling to do in the past: phase out the dollar bill. Dollar coins will remain little more than novelties and collector's items, until that happens.

There are good reasons to switch. The General Accounting Office estimates that more than \$500 million a year would be saved by going paperless with dollars. The coins cost more to produce, but last 30 years, compared to 21 months for paper bills. The coins also can be melted down and recycled into new coins. Dollars bills taken out of circulation are destroyed. ...

The United States is one of the few countries with a \$1 bill. Other nations, such as Canada, Japan, Australia and those in the European Union have phased out small denomination bills and replaced them with coins. Canada replaced its dollar bill with a coin in 1987 (the Loonie). It followed that with a \$2 coin (the Toonie). After initial grumbling, Canadians have accepted both. Experiences in other countries indicates that it takes two to three years for the public to adapt to such a switch. ...

The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, on presidential candidate Barack Obama's running mate choice:

Given his age and limited time on the national stage, Barack Obama needed to pick a running mate who would instantly reassure voters — someone they know can provide wise counsel and could serve as president if need be.

Joe Biden is a near-perfect fit.

He is 65 and nearing the end of his sixth term in the Senate. He is both a fiercely partisan campaigner and an old-school lawmaker who knows how to work across party lines once the campaign is over. ...

Ohio will see a lot of Biden over the next 10 weeks. A Roman Catholic with blue-collar roots in Pennsylvania, Biden is thoroughly at home among the working-class voters who were least taken with Obama during the primaries.

For all his years on Capitol Hill, Biden has never lived in Washington — he took the train home to Delaware every night and is said to be on a first-name basis with scores of Amtrak employees. That will play well with the voters Obama needs back in the Democratic tent. ...

The News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla., on the Bush administration's proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act:

... According to various news sources, the Bush administration is about to file a proposed rule that would do away with federal agencies' requirements to submit their construction plans to Fish and Wildlife or Marine Fisheries for scientific review. Under Bush's proposal, each federal agency would conduct its own scientific review and judge on its own whether its project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

The administration claims the act has been around long enough that federal agencies have developed the in-house expertise necessary to understand and comply with it.

Trust the Bush administration on what it calls a "narrow regulatory change" in the Endangered Species Act? Not on 1,353 animal and plants' lives.

Every administration, in its final months, attempts to ram through rule changes. Those rules affect the way government agencies operate at a fundamental level, yet the changes don't have to be approved by Congress. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate, is opposed to the Endangered Species rule change and would likely reverse it as president. John McCain, the Republican nominee, is silent on the matter. The public needn't be. The proposed rule aims to break one of the federal government's most effective and publicly favored successes. The Endangered Species Act doesn't need fixing. It needs saving from the grasping, 11th-hour opportunism of the Bush administration.



— Guest column —

War in Georgia shows U.S. foreign policy is a bust

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The tragic events in the nation of Georgia show that U.S. foreign policy is a bust. In particular, NATO must go. This may seem counterintuitive, but this relic of the Cold War has nothing to contribute to peace. On the contrary, it is a destabilizing tool of America's provocative imperial foreign policy.

Let us stipulate that the Russian government would undoubtedly be interested in having Georgia in its camp even if NATO did not exist. The Russian elite has always seen itself destined for a major role in world events, and that dream of course included a large sphere of influence where friendly regimes saw things the Russian way.

Nevertheless, NATO — and the U.S. empire for which it stands — is a major aggravating factor in the tensions between Russia and its neighbors. Not long after the Soviet Union imploded and the Cold War ended, the U.S. foreign-policy elite began talking about expanding NATO to include former Soviet satellites and republics. Considering that NATO was ostensibly created to counter the Soviet Union in Europe, how could expanding the organization up to the Russian border not be provocative? What was the point, except to show the Russians who's boss?

Georgia has been angling for membership in NATO for years.

President Mikheil Saakashvili's Russian policy was nothing short of a pro-American in-your-face policy strategy. The Bush administration encouraged it by training and equipping the Georgian military. All of this stirred Russian suspicions about U.S. objectives in its "backyard." In return, Georgia sent troops to assist in America's misguided mission in Iraq.

The U.S. policy toward Georgia is part of a pattern that, naturally, is justified in the name of the "war on terror" and the spreading of democracy, although some of the Central Asia republics have odious authoritarian governments. But the Russians, hearing talk of anti-missile systems in the new NATO countries, don't see the strategy as benign. They see encirclement. Who can blame them?

The immediate cause of the recent clash was Georgia's violent move to put down separatist activity in South Ossetia, one of two break-away areas with sympathies toward Russia. Russia undoubtedly has helped advance secessionist sentiments there and in Abkhazia. Its brutal bombing inside Georgia is to be condemned, but that does not mean that Saakashvili's government is blameless.

Did the Georgian president get a green light from the Bush administration? We may never know. But the question is not essential. What we do know is that U.S. policy created a moral-hazard problem. In other words, the Bush administration's words and deeds almost certainly emboldened the Georgian government with respect to South Ossetia and Russia, encouraging it to take

measures it probably would not have taken otherwise.

As we saw, it was a major miscalculation. Saakashvili may have been counting on U.S. support, but what could he possibly have hoped for? The U.S. military, spread thin already in Iraq and Afghanistan, has no forces to spare. But even if that were not the case, did Saakashvili really think the United States and Europe would go to war against Russia? Memories of the bloody 20th century are too fresh in Europe to make that a realistic expectation. It is one thing to invade and occupy Iraq, quite another to take on Russia. It was out of the question.

The Bush administration, then, made implicit — and perhaps explicit — guarantees to the Georgian government it was in no position to back up. Thus the American imperium is revealed as a costly, provocative, but in essential ways impotent force in the world. For this the taxpayers are coughing up hundreds of billion dollars a year. And people are dying.

The message of Georgia is clear. We need a top-to-bottom rethinking of American foreign policy. The American people's interest lies in peace and free trade. Let others work out their own problems. Most of all, let's keep the U.S. government from making the world's problems worse than they already are.

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AMERICA RESPONDS (WITH TRANSLATIONS)





Faith and Family



Small Ky. churches face large vacancies in pulpit

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky churches need what would seem an absolute requirement for houses of worship: pastors.

Eight churches in the West Union Baptist Association, which consists of Southern Baptist churches in McCracken and Ballard counties, are without permanent pastors. Eight more are without pastors in the West Kentucky Baptist Association, which consists of Carlisle, Hickman and Fulton counties.

Oscar Baptist Church, located near the Ballard County Wildlife Management Area, has been without a pastor for two months.

But the small church has faith that the right person will come along, said Carolyn Wildharber, a pulpit search committee member.

"In the first month we called a list of names (to fill in) and I was so excited," she said. "Out of the four people I called, all of them knew where Oscar was located. No one said, 'I don't want to come to that church.'"

Denominations across the board are facing pastor shortages. In 2004, the Courier-Journal reported the Presbyterian Church (USA) had one in three churches without a permanent pastor, while one in five churches in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Reformed Church in America lacked one.

Dr. Rick Dye presides over 61 western Kentucky churches as superintendent of the Paducah district of the United Methodist Church. Some smaller churches in the district are served by certified lay speakers rather than full-time pastors.

"In the Methodist Church, we are reaching a national crisis," Dye said. "We're trying to do more recruitment to encourage young people to consider ministry."

But it will take more than recruitment to turn people into pastors, he said.

"You work long, hard hours to do it just for your own self-satisfaction of doing a good job, and you don't make a lot of money," he said. "You can work 50 to 60 hours a week easily. It's not an easy job, but it's a rewarding job."

The answer may be merging some smaller churches, said the Rev. Ray Provov, director of the West Kentucky Baptist Association.

"Fewer guys are going in the ministry," Provov said. "At this point we're trying to figure it out, too. I don't know the answer."

Preachers are also retiring earlier, Provov

said. "There was a time when they didn't have a retirement and they had to keep preaching," he said. "Now they have retirement funds."

Mount Moriah Baptist Church near Clinton has been without a pastor for almost a year. Attendance on Sunday morning averages between 20 and 30.

"The young people don't seem to be going into preaching like they did," said Raymond Jackson, 70, a member for 40 years. "The young generation coming up doesn't want to worship like we do. They want more entertainment than serving the Lord."

Jackson said his church can't compete with the pay larger churches offer.

Kim's Komer: They can have what they say

It is amazing the number of books, articles and sermons in today's society on the subject of words.

Searching the archives for the composition of this book along the articles written on the subject of words popped up time and again.



Kim Little Frasure

Then while reading "God's Creative Power," by Charles Capp, there was the most poignant sentence nestled on page 13 that was so profound it hit with such force there was no way it could go unnoticed from the pages of this book.

"As I was teaching from this text, Jesus said to me, states Capp, 'I have told my people THEY CAN HAVE WHAT THEY SAY and they are SAYING WHAT THEY HAVE.'"

Thank you Jesus, it doesn't get much simpler than that.

Isn't it awesome when that Thomas Edison light bulb effect flashes in our brain and we finally grasp God's Word!

For the past eight years, positive thinking, positive speaking and positive attitudes have been topics of con-

versations and columns with such hope that this concept would take hold especially with family, friends and even coworkers.

Our attitudes make such a difference in our daily lives it is remarkable. For instance another one of my favorite phrases on the subject of beginning our day came in form of a question. "Do you begin your day saying, 'Good morning, Lord,' or do you say, 'Good Lord, it's morning?'"

Amazing how redirecting three to four little words can have an entirely different effect.

In our workplace our attitude is most important and affects production and performance. Especially in the roll of management, attitudes will have a domino effect.

Example, let's say you wake up, spring out of bed, look at yourself in the mirror and despite the fact your hair is standing on end and your face is a blur for your eyes haven't focused yet, you muster with great strength, "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for another day."

With determination you tell yourself this is going to be a great day.

You sing while you drive to work, walk in the office door, and BAM you get bombarded with one negative comment after another. You still remain with determination this is

going to be a great day.

Then someone seems determined to take things in a totally different direction and all the while you sit by being hit with how awful you are, how incompetent you are, and trying with every ounce of your being to remain positive and refrain from jumping to your feet and fleeing the building or worse, "flash," off goes the light bulb and you remember Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy, and here he is this morning trying to kill your positive attitude, steal your joyful morning and destroy the possibility of your good day. Are you going to let him have it, or fight him with the word?

Move over Muhammad Ali, for it is my turn to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee. And so out comes the word, maybe not out loud but silently, and that's okay too, so as you sit there taking your verbal beating you begin to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan, for I am God's child and you must flee this place in the Name of Jesus."

And lo and behold the phone may ring, or someone else with a more pressing matter may interrupt and the situation changes.

Now, do you tuck your tail between your legs, go off to your office to hold your staff meeting to brow beat your staff for you've just suffered

it, or do you go in smiling, knowing your attitude and the way you approach this morning will effect your staff and their production for the day?

The domino effect can certainly pack a punch and the results will determine what takes place in the beginning. So if its production you want you best be preparing a good start to the day.

Maybe it's not your workplace, maybe its school. So you are the student with determination for a good day. As you pass your classmates in the hall on the way to home-room you flash your pearly whites and pass along the best possible, "Good morning," your voice can muster.

You arrive to your classroom, take a seat at your desk and notice the most grueling agitated look on your teacher's face you have ever seen. His/her mouth opens and

the most ear piercing screeching, screaming, yelling erupts and you feel yourself sinking in your chair.

That sit up straight with a smile on your face this is going to be good day just got ugly.

And it's the very first class of the day. Will it be a domino effect or will you take on the word?

State it and Claim it!
Mark 11:23, "For verily I

say unto you, that whatsoever you shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Believe it!
State it!
Claim it!
Til next week, God bless!

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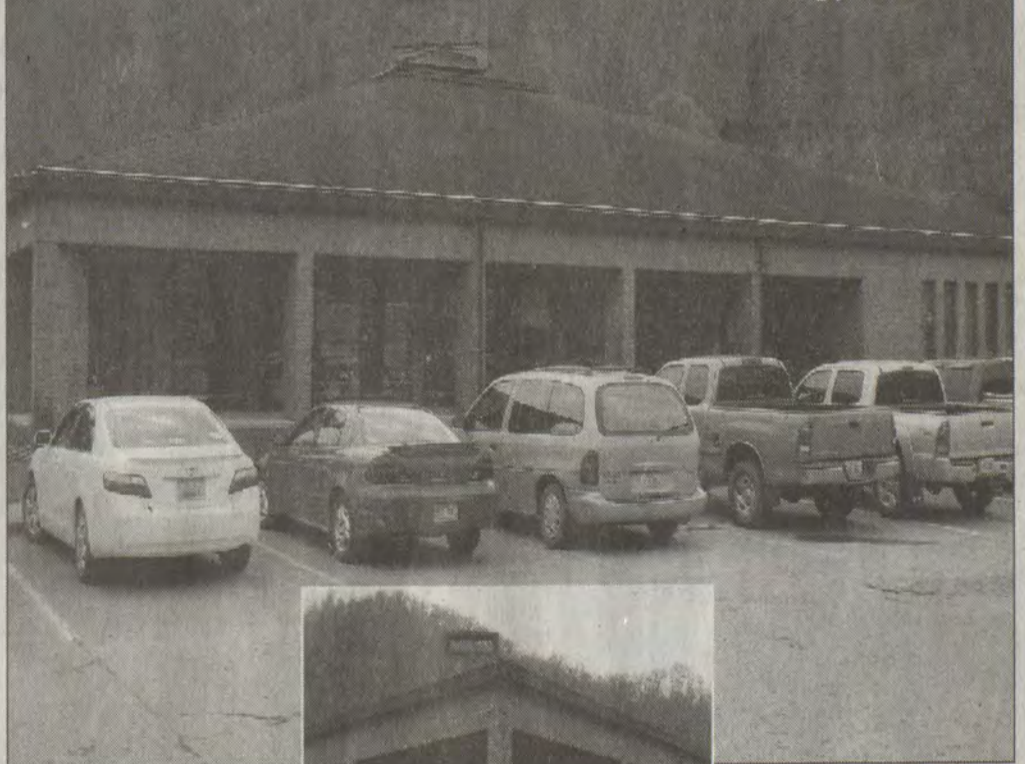
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WELLNESS Q&A

Research options

by ERNEST BREWER
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Question: My 19-year-old son is interested in considering physical therapy as a career choice. Are there any local programs, and what are the requirements to be accepted?



Ernest Brewer
Helping you find the answers to your health concerns

Answer: Your son has quite a few options available to him within a reasonable distance from here. At Hazard there is a physical therapy (PT) program and a physical therapy assistant (PTA) program. There are also PTA programs in Whitesburg, Huntington, W.Va., and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Providing you with detailed requirements regarding acceptance is somewhat difficult, since each program has different requirements. However, I will give you some helpful direction in general.

Most PTA programs provide two-year degrees and have very limited requirements in terms of previous college level coursework. Most PT programs are now going to a doctoral program, and

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DINNER DIVA

Sprouted grains

There's a lot of talk these days about gluten sensitivity. Celiac disease, a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes with the absorption of nutrients, has become more common in recent years.

And while gluten sensitivity is one thing, celiac is quite another. Grains that are sprouted can often be tolerated by gluten sensitive folks, while those with celiac just need to stay clear, unless of course, they have the go-ahead from their doctors.

The main difference between a sprouted grain and a non-sprouted grain is the digestibility. Sprouted grains are much easier on the body to digest vs. a regular grain that is not sprouted. Sprouting a grain produces vitamin C, increases beta-carotene and vitamin B content and helps the body to absorb calcium, zinc, iron, copper and magnesium. And while our bodies view whole grains as starches, they view sprouted grains as vegetables and have an easier time digesting them and getting more out of them, nutrient-wise, too.

So next time you're perusing the bread aisle and wondering which bread to pick up, you might want to consider Food for Life's bread. The Ezekiel bread is made exclusively with sprouted grains

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Nancy Kelly Allen's new book, "Ring the Silver Bell," deals with the life and times of Alice Slone, founder of the Lotts Creek Settlement School in Knott County. photo by Jarrid Deaton

A HERO'S BIOGRAPHY

Book profiles life of Lotts Creek Settlement School founder

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Nancy Kelly Allen's new book, "Ring the Silver Bell," deals with the life of Alice Slone, the founder of Lotts Creek Settlement School and a pioneer for women in the education field, and Allen has first-hand experience with Slone's strength and perseverance.

"I had the privilege of attending the high school she established," Allen said. "She was the principal. Thankfully, I never had to meet with her one-on-one for a discipline problem. Her style of discipline was a soft-spoken discussion about challenges, the future, and life. Students walked away from those meetings feeling terrible about their actions."

While Allen didn't have to face the disciplinary side of Slone, she did have many discussions with her.

"She encouraged students to dream big," Allen said. "Alice believed that challenges in life made a person stronger. The students in high school had no idea of the tremendous challenges this beautiful, tall, quiet woman had endured. When she talked to us about meeting challenges head-on, I never really understood how she lived up to her own words until I researched her life. Today, her words still echo in my mind. Things worth having are worth working for is the message that she conveyed, over and over."

The book tells the story of Slone's life, tracing her birth on Cancy Creek in Knott County to her teenage years and young adulthood in Cleveland, Ohio, to her return to the mountains to establish and run a settlement school. Slone founded Lotts Creek Settlement School in Knott County in 1933.

"On one level, this is a biography of a woman who seeks education for herself and provides educational opportunities for others," Allen said. "On

another level, it's a story of a woman of integrity who placed loyalty and hard work above all."

The book officially launches the "Kentucky Hero" series, with other books currently being written that will be published as part of the series. Silas House, best-selling Kentucky author, is also working on a book for the series.

Allen isn't slowing down after the completing and publication of "Ring the Silver Bell," her ninth book. She currently has multiple books and projects underway, including a sequel to her popular children's book, "The Munched-Up Flower Garden."

"I write every day," Allen said. "I approach writing as a job, although it's a job I would do even if I didn't get paid, because I love it. Nevertheless, a job requires time, effort, and energy. The story will not write itself."

For more information on Nancy Kelly Allen and her books, visit <http://www.nancykellyallen.com>.

FLY LADY

Let go of the labels and FLY

FLYing is all about Finally Loving Yourself. When we can see past our blemishes and love the heart and soul of us, we will be FLYing!

Our whole lives we have been labeled by our family. We grew up hearing that we were lazy and stupid. We were also accused of never being able to finish anything. Now we hear it from ourselves. As a result of hearing these negative words, we have been brainwashed to actually believe them.

Pam and Peggy coined the label SHE Sidetracked Home Executive. It was a cute label; it helped us to identify with each other. I guess some labels have a good purpose. But keep in mind, labels can become crutches

too. We use our labels as excuses to whine. Whining is not allowed, not even with the preface that this is not a whine, it is just a fact. To me it is still a whine. I get the same reaction when someone says trust me! My first thought is to watch my back.

Now listen very closely. We are not our diseases! I have said this before and I will continue to hammer this home. We may have problems that have names, but they do not take over our soul. We have to learn to live with them, but we do not become the poster child for it. Having the knowledge can help us adapt our lives to deal with problems, but you can't give in to it by taking it on as part of you.

You are you, when you accept yourselves and love the inside and not look at yourself with disdain then you are beginning to open up your wings to FLY!

This past week a dear friend's feelings were hurt by her mother. I

have known those hurt feelings. For years I suffered with an ex-husband that never let a moment go by that he didn't let me know that I was fat! I was a size 10! All he ever saw was fat. Now let me tell you something. It has taken a lot of years to get over his low opinion of my worth. No longer do I see fat or other imperfections in my body. I know that they are not me. Yes I have more Body Clutter to remove. I didn't gain that Body Clutter in a month and I am not going to lose it in a month. I love me and as a result I carry myself with pride. Last night Robert and I talked about labels as we snuggled into bed. Another aspect of this is we are not our jobs either, but that is another essay.

It is all about attitude. When you love yourself, you don't need or want the strokes you get from your family for anything. They may be nice, but your whole being is not based on whether your husband complimented

you on your appearance or on the house. This is why I reinforce taking care of yourself and your home for you.

I want for you what I have; Peace. This peace came in babysteps. You can do this. I know the pain that you have suffered from the mouths of people who love you. I have heard those condescending words, but you have such a pretty face. We did a survey of our membership; eighty percent had weight issues. I want you all to quit letting the world shape the way you think about yourself. You may have to turn off the TV to stop the brainwashing. This is why Leanne and I wrote our book, Body Clutter; Love your Body, Love yourself.

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Roundup

and Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn and six deputies. "The drug problem is so huge," said Bob Foster, commissioner of the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations. "The only way to effectively address this is to work in cooperation with other agencies. It takes federal state and local resources." "One of General Conway's priorities is to address the drug problems in Eastern Kentucky," said Foster, who previously worked with the FBI as a drug coordinator for Kentucky. "Shortly after he was elected, General Conway realized our office wanted to participate with Operation

UNITE because of their success rate. We immediately assigned an investigator to work with the Big Sandy Drug Task Force." That partnership has proven valuable from the very start. "It's paid benefits for our office because we're able to maximize our limited resources," Foster noted. "It makes our operation more effective in Eastern Kentucky. (Previously) there was an office in Prestonsburg, but we had nobody assigned with a drug task force." "We're just happy to be a part of this, and we'll continue to cooperate with all levels of law enforcement," Foster said. "It really makes an impact in

Eastern Kentucky." Those arrested were brought to the Wheelwright Police Department for processing before being transferred to the Floyd County Detention Center. The following individuals were arrested during Wednesday's roundup: ■ Tiann Branham, age 52, Branham Street, Wheelwright - three counts second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. ■ Michael S. Brooks, age 32, Lower Burton Road, Bypro - two counts second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first-degree persistent felony offender. ■ Shawn E. Curry, age 31,

Route 122, Hi Hat - one count each first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school. ■ Jessica R. Hall, age 28, General Delivery, Wheelwright - one count trafficking in marijuana. ■ Kevin Hall, age 23, General Delivery, Wheelwright - one count each second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana. ■ Darrell Lee Hill, age 24, Route 122, Bypro - two counts first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first-degree persistent felony offender. ■ Jennifer Hunt, age 27, Stoker Branch, Wheelwright - one count each first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. ■ Timothy Stanley, age 48, Tackett Branch, Bevinville - one count second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. ■ John Slone, age 28, Route 122, Hi Hat - two counts first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. ■ Larry Slone, age 37,

Slone Hollow, Hi Hat - two counts first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and one count trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces (second offense). ■ Randy Tackett, age 39, of Route 122, Hi Hat - three counts first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and one count first-degree persistent felony offender. While the suspects were being processed, officers set up a traffic check on Route 306 in front of City Hall, while others conducted "knock and talks" in the area based upon tip complaints. Six searches were reportedly made from those tips, with a small amount of marijuana being recovered from one residence. A citation was issued for possession of marijuana. On August 6, a drug roundup and traffic checkpoint resulted in the arrest of five people near Wheelwright. Over 300 prescription pills of various types and approximately \$1,900 in cash were found at that time. A sixth person was reportedly arrested two weeks later. For more information about Operation UNITE visit their web site at www.operationunite.org.

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Cable

placed it on his vehicle that was used in the theft. Tackett is charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$300, and with theft of a license plate, also a felony. Tackett also had two bench warrants for his arrest, including a charge of burglary. Robinette is charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$300. Robinette also had a

bench warrant for his arrest. According to Health Wiley, marketing director for Gearheart Communications, the theft caused a loss of service for 300 to 400 customers. "It is a crime. Anytime you interfere with cable lines, you are causing a disruption in public service" Wiley said. "We will prosecute to the full extent of the law. If you see

cable theft, please report it. This is the type of thing that causes bills to go up, when we have to replace cable. We're doing everything we can to fight this." Wiley estimates that the cable, weighing over 1,000 pounds, was worth over \$7,000, and it would have netted around \$3,000 after being cleaned and sold for scrap.

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Beating

he is paralyzed on the left side of his body, and he has bleeding on the brain," Little said. Little said he believes the motive for Fisher's assault stems from him being viewed by the other prisoners as a "child molester." Fisher was being held in the jail on a misdemeanor charge of unlawful transaction with a minor and third-degree sexual assault. Some of the men allegedly responsible for Fisher's injuries were charged this week with first-degree assault, a Class B felony, a crime punishable by 10-to-20 years in prison. The remaining suspects were charged with fourth-degree assault. According to Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, some of those charged are already serving felony sentences. "They would also likely be charged with a PFO (Persistent Felony Offender), which could carry a sentence of 20-to-life," said

Turner. Nine of the ten accused have already been served, and include: ■ Kevin L Woods, 22, of Allen; first-degree assault. ■ Stephen Jervis, 47, of Endicott; first-degree assault. ■ Michael A Rowland, 30, of Stanton; first-degree assault. ■ Christopher N. Newsome, 35, of Harold; first-degree assault. ■ Matthew Lee Richie, 25, of Willisburg; first-degree assault. ■ Ivan Gunnels, 28, of Eastern; first-degree assault. ■ David Johnson, 41, of Wayland; fourth-degree assault. ■ Ronald Spurlock, 30, of Waverly, Ohio; fourth-degree assault. ■ Keith Joseph Paige, 29, of McDowell; fourth-degree assault. Paige pleaded guilty Thursday before Judge Eric D.

Hall in Floyd District Court during his arraignment, and will be sentenced on Sept. 2. Paige is also scheduled to be sentenced in September on an unrelated rape charge. Larry Adkins, 27, of Louisville has been charged with first-degree assault, and a bench warrant has been issued for his arrest. Authorities are asking anyone with information which could lead to Adkins' arrest to call Det. Steve Little with the Prestonsburg Police at (606) 886-1010. Little said he could not say whether or not Fisher had been sexually abused, and would not elaborate on the nature of the assault, but did say that more charges are expected to be filed against Fisher's attackers. Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb could not be reached for comment.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

9th Annual Youth Squirrel Hunt held

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GERMAN BRIDGE – The 9th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt was held Aug. 15-16 at the old German Bridge Campground.

The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization is a small group of dedicated volunteers that teach hunter education classes in Floyd County for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department. Nine years ago, the group put

together plans to hold a campout and squirrel hunt to promote the lost art of squirrel hunting. For many years, squirrels were the number one game animal pursued by Kentucky hunters. The lessons learned in squirrel hunting will last a lifetime since one must master good shooting skills, concealment and the art of being silent in the pursuit of game.

The campout kicked off Friday afternoon with the young campers pitching their tents in the primitive campground. After registra-

tion, campers gathered for the evening meal of burgers, hot dogs and fries. The campout was free to all that attended and the food was donated by the sponsors of the event. After the evening meal, campers were treated to a presentation on black bear in Kentucky by Jason Plaxico, a wildlife officer who has conducted extensive research on black bears. Next was a presentation by Charlie Logsdon, who is the department's elk restoration expert. Logsdon talked about the history of the elk program from the

first release of seven elk to the present populations of 7,500 in Eastern Kentucky and taught the children how to use different elk calls.

On Saturday morning, campers were served a breakfast of bacon, sausages and milk or coffee at 5:30 p.m. After breakfast the young hunters took to the woods. Many were hunting for the first time.

A member of KET's Kentucky Afield staff joined in the squirrel hunt this year. This is the second

(See HUNT, page two)



The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization recently hosted its 9th Annual Youth Squirrel Hunt.

Are you ready for some football?

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

As we begin a new football season tonight, we begin this week's column by taking a look at the four teams representing Floyd County. Good luck to all:

(Bullet) Allen Central is coming off a surprisingly strong 2007, a year that saw them pick up four wins and reach the playoffs. In fact, the Rebels entered their last regular-season game with a chance to break even at 5-5 before losing to Berea 34-6.

The Rebels have a chance to get off to a quick start this season,

opening tonight at Jenkins before coming home for consecutive games against Magoffin County and Phelps.

If they're 3-0 at that point, they could ride the momentum into another trip to the playoffs. However, if they're 0-3 then – with Pikeville and Paintsville next on the grid – it could be time to get the basketballs out.

Betsy Layne is looking to get things going in the right direction for the first time in a while. The Bobcats struggled last year, picking up their lone win eight games into the season with a 30-28 decision at Phelps.

Offense wasn't really the trouble for the Bobcats – they averaged nearly 18 points a game a year ago – but the defense was another story, giving up nearly 46 points per Friday.

The Bobcats will open the 2008 season tonight when they entertain Burch, W.Va., at 7:30. Fans of the blue and white should take time to invest in season tickets – they have a remarkable seven home games on the docket. In fact, after travelling to Paintsville a month from now, they'll be home for the last five games of the season.

It'll be interesting to see if they can ride their home-heavy schedule to the end of their lengthy run of not making the playoffs.

Prestonsburg is coming off a terrific season, making it three rounds into the Class AA playoffs before getting clipped on a trip to Louisville to play DeSales. But the Blackcats went 9-4 on the season thanks to a four-game win streak from weeks three through six.

If the Blackcats are going to have another big season they'll earn it with the schedule facing them. Coach John DeRossett is challenging his club by bringing

(See FOOTBALL, page two)



Prestonsburg faced Sheldon Clark in its final preseason scrimmage. The Blackcats will open the 2008 season at home Saturday versus Paintsville. Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Paintsville game is set for 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

AREA GAMES ON TAP

TONIGHT

Ashland Blazer-Raceland, 7:30 p.m.
Betsy Layne-Burch, W.Va., 7:30 p.m.
Boyd County-East Carter, 7:30 p.m.
Breathitt County-Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m. (KRMC Honey Bowl)
Jenkins-Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Knott County Central-Harlan, 7:30 p.m.
Letcher County Central-Harlan County, 7:30 p.m. (Alumni Bowl)

Pike County Bowl
East Ridge-Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.

Holy Cross (Louisville)-Belfry, 8:30 p.m.
Magoffin County-South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
North Laurel-Lawrence County, 8:30 p.m. (7th Annual Cumberland Valley Bowl)
Perry County Central-Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m. (TECO Coal Commodore Bowl)

SATURDAY
Prestonsburg-Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.

Pike County Bowl
Phelps-Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
Pikeville-Corbin, 8:30 p.m.



UK football student tickets sold out

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The excitement over the 2008 University of Kentucky football team continues to spark ticket sales, as student season tickets have sold out. All of the 5,852 seats reserved for student season tickets have been sold, surpassing the previous record of 5,568 set a year ago. The student sales are a part of the 53,400 total season tickets that have been issued for the 2008 season. For the general public, less than 700 season tickets remain at a cost of \$230

(upper level sideline) or \$195 (upper level goalline) each. At this time, the only way for the public to acquire tickets for the South Carolina and Georgia games is by purchasing a season ticket.

The UK Athletics Ticket Office, located in the Joe Craft Center, has extended window hours until the first home game. Ticket office window sales will be available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Sept. 5. Tickets also can be purchased online at www.ukathletics.com. The phone number is 800-928-

CATS or (859) 257-1818.

Wildcat fans broke every school record for attendance last season: Total attendance of 550,588 in eight home games; Average attendance of 68,824 per game; Single-game record of 71,024 for the Florida game.

ESPN GamePlan has added Kentucky's first home games versus Norfolk State and Middle Tennessee to its telecast list.

Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks has announced that junior wide receiver DeMoreo Ford, recovering from a knee injury and hav-

ing missed several days of practice because of his brother's funeral, would be available for limited action at Louisville. Brooks also said that freshman wide receiver Aaron Boyd continues to have non-contact work in practice, but there is no timetable for being released to full contact as he recovers from mononucleosis.

Kentucky returned to practice Thursday as the Wildcats prepare for the season opener at Louisville, which kicks off Sunday at 3:31 p.m.

Bobcats set to host Burch, W.Va. in season-opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne Bobcats will host an out-of-state opponent for a season-opener tonight as Burch, W.Va., a team under the guidance of former Pikeville High School and Pikeville College assistant Butch Joplin, visits.

Betsy Layne is one of the area's youngest Class A high school football teams.

But that doesn't mean Betsy Layne isn't capable of scoring some points. Several athletic Bobcats play on the offensive side of the football.

"We are looking at trying to hit the ground running," said Betsy Layne Coach Jonathan Parsons. "We are definitely going to be playing until the whistle blows. We've got a young backfield with Casey Adkins and Dylan Maldonado being sophomores. We also have a young quarterback in sophomore Nathan Martin. We also won't be afraid to throw the ball with Cody McKay, Branston Jarrell and Corey Jarrell."

Defensively, Betsy Layne will look to stop opposing offenses more frequently. Ten opponents outscored the Bobcats a combined 459-176.

"With Coach Adam Collins back this year as the defensive coordinator he will bring a lot of enthusiasm and heart to the Bobcat program," said Parsons. "Line coach Justin Akers brings experience and fundamentally sound techniques to the program. You better look out, we will hit you. We are trying to build a program that the community can be proud of."

Kickoff for the Betsy Layne-Burch game is set for 7:30 p.m.

BSVC kicks off 15th season

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

JACKSON – The Big Sandy Valley Conference kicked off its 15th season on Saturday, hosting the annual preseason grid in Breathitt County. The Conference consists of teams throughout Eastern Kentucky and concludes each season with a post-season playoff. One big change for the 2008 season includes dividing the conference into two separate divisions – a small school division and a large school division. Johnson County, Martin County, Breathitt County, Perry County, Belfry and Letcher County make up the large school division. Johnson County and Martin County are former conference champions.

Former champion Adams (Prestonsburg), Hazard, Paintsville and Pikeville make up the small school division. The two divisions will have a separate playoff in the post-season with the small school winner playing the large school winner for the overall championship.

The 2008 season will conclude on October 25 with the post-season grid.

East Kentucky doubleheader rolls up for BoB Series

Bluegrass Series to visit Isom, 201 tracks

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – After being off since the first weekend of the month, the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series pre-

sented by Graphic Impressions will return to action this weekend on the final weekend of August over the Labor Day holiday weekend. The travelers of America's most competitive touring regional Super Late Model series will visit Mountain Motor Speedway in Isom tonight (Friday Aug. 29) for a \$3,000-to-win event. Battle of the Bluegrass drivers will venture up the road

to 201 Speedway in Sitka on Saturday. (Aug. 30) for a \$5,000-to-win event. Many area drivers will join the BoB regulars for each of the highly-anticipated Late Model races.

Kinzer fresh off of 14th-place finish: Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports team trekked to the ultra-fast Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, Tenn., Wednesday and Thursday, August 20-21 for

the annual Scorchers. This year's version of the race was once again sanctioned by the World of Outlaws Late Model Series. However, this year's race was broken up into a pair of \$10,000-to-win events.

Following a disappointing night on Wednesday evening which saw Kinzer miss out on the 60-lap feature event by a mere spot in his B-Main, things got much better for the No. 18 team on Thursday.

After qualifying 16th quickest in WOOLMS time trials, Kinzer ran fourth in his heat race on Thursday to earn the 16th starting position for the \$10,000-to-win A-Main. The Allen driver was then able to advance a couple of spots during the feature en route to a 14th place effort.

Kinzer is expected to remain close to home this weekend, racing at 201 Speedway in the BoB race.

Lady Rebs rout rival South Floyd girls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Host Allen Central bolted out in front and never looked back Monday night in a Right Beaver Classic Tournament opener versus South Floyd. The Lady Rebels outscored South Floyd 19-2 in the opening quarter en route to a 56-5 win.

Sarah Rife led Allen Central with a game-high 14 points. Rife was one of three Allen Central players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Amber Shepherd and Caitlin Kidd tossed in 10 points apiece. In other Allen Central scoring, Krista Parsons pushed in eight points and Alyssa Moore added four. Hannah Macelhose, Megan Layne, Jeni Dingus, Lanah Gibson and Jayla Spurlock rounded out the scoring for the Rick Hancock-coached Lady Rebels, registering two points apiece.

Allen Central carried a commanding 37-2 lead into halftime.

Janeal Brown, Taylor Turner and Brandi Brown scored two points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

Allen led 50-4 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

In a B-Team tournament game Monday night, Allen Central coasted past South Floyd 40-7. Betsy Layne beat South Floyd 18-11 in a C-Team game. More on each game fol-

lows.

B-TEAM - ALLEN CENTRAL 40, BETSY LAYNE 7: Sarah Rife scored a game-high 12 points and Jeni Dingus dumped in 10 as Allen Central defeated South Floyd easily in a B-Team tournament opener.

Krista Parsons and Jayla Spurlock added six points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Breanna Prater pushed in four points and Elizabeth Prater added two in Allen Central's triumph.

Joslyn Issac led South Floyd with a team-high five points.

Allen Central jumped out in front and never trailed, outscoring South Floyd 8-0 in the opening quarter.

C-TEAM - BETSY LAYNE 18, SOUTH FLOYD 11: After trailing in the first half, Betsy Layne blanketed South Floyd 10-0 in the third quarter on its way to an 18-11 win over the Lady Raiders in the C-Team tournament's opening game.

Kayce Tackett scored eight points and Tamisha Elkins added six for victorious Betsy Layne. Emily Kidd contributed four points in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

For South Floyd, Sierra Hall scored a team-high five points.

South Floyd outscored Betsy Layne 5-2 in the opening quarter and entered halftime out in front 9-4.

Stumbo outlasts Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - T.J. Tackett scored a game-high 27 points Tuesday night as John M. Stumbo outlasted Adams 40-37 in two overtimes in a Right Beaver Classic A-Team Tournament game.

Carly Hamilton scored eight points and Timera Thacker flipped in five, for the Lady Mustangs.

Stumbo owned a lead at the end of each quarter before Adams claimed the fourth quarter 13-5 to force the game into an extra session.

Tiffany Wertz led Adams with a team-high 12 points. Wertz was one of two players to reach double figures in the scoring column for the Lady Blackcats. Calhoun followed with 10 points for Adams. DeRossett scored eight points and Branham chipped in six.

Haley Howell scored on a free throw for the Lady Blackcats.

Adams won in the B-Team tournament and John M. Stumbo prevailed in the C-Team tourney. More on each game follows.

B-TEAM - ADAMS 16,

JOHN M. STUMBO 15: In another matchup that went down to the wire, Adams edged John M. Stumbo 16-15 in the Right Beaver Classic B-Team tournament game.

Cathrine Calhoun carried Adams in the scoring column, finishing with a game-high 10 points. Kierra Shelton tossed in four points and Allison DeRossett added two for the Lady Blackcats.

Morrow paced Stumbo with eight points. Johnson scored four points and Thacker dumped in three for the Lady Mustangs.

C-TEAM - JOHN M. STUMBO 27, ADAMS 9: Brandi Morrow flipped in a game-high 14 points as John M. Stumbo defeated Adams easily in the C-Team tournament matchup. Timera Thacker scored seven points and Chloe Johnson netted four in Stumbo's victory. Eddi Akers added two points as Stumbo won and advanced.

Stumbo outscoring Adams 17-0 in the first quarter.

Autumn Hall paced Adams with six points. D.J. Slone scored two points and Kelli Marsillet added one for the Lady Blackcats.

Football

in longtime Single-A rival Paintsville to open the season before Breathitt County visits in Week Two.

Games against Lawrence County, Beechwood, Pikeville and first-year school Cooper will be solid contests as well.

I like what Coach DeRossett has done here. This team could be beaten up a little along the way, but once playoff time comes, they'll be tested and ready to go.

* - Much like Allen Central, South Floyd entered the regular-season finale a year ago with a chance to finish .500. Unlike the Rebels, the Raiders took care of business

- in this case, East Ridge - and won 46-18 to end the season 5-5 before falling to Paintsville in the first round of the playoffs.

Again, much like Allen Central, the schedule is kind in the early going.

The Raiders open tonight against Magoffin, albeit on the road, before opening the home portion of the schedule against Evangel Christian next week. After Paintsville the following week, the Raiders play Betsy Layne and Phelps to end the first half of the schedule.

Honestly - and this is coming from someone who admittedly follows high school

sports only in passing due to the demands of the college game - the 2008 schedule could be very kind to South Floyd. They should be in at least eight games this season, and if that's the case, the other two could be close ones too.

I expect an interesting year on Hi Hat.

- The Reds are making it easy on us to make the transition to football season.

- My boys Ken Hall and Charlie Pinson will be disappointed if I don't mention Sunday's titanic UK/UofL meeting. I'd love to tell you all about this one, but honestly, I know nothing of what to expect from these teams.

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They could both win 10 or lose 10 to be honest.

It'll be an interesting start to a questionable season, in my estimation.

- Am I the only one who thinks the Reds should sign Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt so they don't have to lose to him five times a year?

- It's entirely possible I play in the only fantasy football league in America where Tom Brady and his 50 touchdowns could fall to No. 7 in the first round.

But because I was picking seventh, I was one happy dude on Tuesday night.

Hunt

time Kentucky Afield has attended the squirrel hunt in the past nine years. After the morning, squirrel hunt interviews were conducted. The interviews included the hunters that claimed the most squirrels.

Some of the interviews will be aired on a Kentucky Afield program in early-September.

Several fish and wildlife officers helped with the campout.

The afternoon was filled with events, including canoe rides, target BB gun shooting, and archery with crossbows, a new event. Trophies were given to the top three in each class, ages 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

The last was the turkey calling contest with the winners being awarded trophies in each class.

After supper, the drawing was held for the door prizes as well as for the winners of the 10 youth model shotguns that

were given away at this year's campout in addition to gift certificates for \$50 each for Blaine's Gun & Bow Shop in Allen. The \$50 gift certificates are from the Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Floyd County Hunter Education Organizations members are Tim Goble, Joe R. Bolton, Tom Bormes, Norman Goble, Jeff Goble, Mike Mays, Paul Robinson, Gerald Jones and Will Connelly.

Rick Crider and Family cooked for the event. The motto for the event was: The Tradition Lives On - I took a youth squirrel hunting...take one, make one.

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Coming Sunday: More on the 9th Annual Squirrel Hunt.

MSU releases 2008-09 men's basketball schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - The 2008-09 Morehead State University men's basketball schedule includes two tournaments, three top-25 teams from 2007-08, another appearance in the ESPN BracketBuster weekend and the always tough 18-game Ohio Valley Conference campaign.

The Eagles will play at Vanderbilt (Nov. 16) and Drake (Nov. 19) and will travel to Mexico to take on Grambling (Nov. 29) and Central Florida (Nov. 30) as a part of the 2008 Cancun Challenge. The MSU-Central Florida contest will be televised nationally on CBS-College Sports.

MSU will open play in the Billy Minardi Classic against

host Louisville on Nov. 22, then will take on either Florida A&M or South Alabama on Nov. 23 in the second round at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

"We are glad to have finalized our schedule," said MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "I believe that our non-conference schedule will once again be among the most demanding in college basketball. Three teams (Drake, Louisville and Vanderbilt) we will be playing were ranked in the top 25 last season. In addition to those three games, we will be playing at Illinois State (Dec. 14), who played in the NIT and advanced to the sec-

ond round a year ago.

"We will also be taking an exciting trip to Cancun, Mexico, over the Thanksgiving holiday for two games, and we hope that many of our fans will be able to make the trip with us. This very challenging schedule will help prepare us for the always demanding OVC, which in my opinion will be the strongest it has been in my three years at MSU."

The Eagles will also travel to Louisiana-Monroe (Nov. 14) and East Tennessee (Dec. 30) and will play host to James Madison (Dec. 18), Kentucky Christian (Dec. 22) and

Concord (Jan. 19). The ESPN BracketBuster weekend will be Feb. 20-21 with those pairings to be announced sometime after the first of the year.

The December portion of the schedule will also include OVC home games against UT Martin (Dec. 4) and Murray State (Dec. 6). The remaining 16 league games will be played in January and February. The OVC quarterfinals will be played on campus sites on March 3, while the tournament semifinals and finals will be played at the Sommet Center in Nashville, Tenn., March 6-7.

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9TH ANNUAL YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNT



THE TRADITION LIVES ON I TOOK A YOUTH HUNTING TAKE ONE, MAKE ONE

The 9th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt was held Aug. 15-16 at the old German Bridge Campground. Fifty-four boys and girls attended the event. A member of the KET Kentucky Afield staff joined in the squirrel hunt this year. Footage from the event will air on the KET.



Defending champ Johnson eager to get Chase started

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If only most NASCAR drivers had Jimmie Johnson's problems.

From the outside, the two-time defending NASCAR Sprint Series champion appears to be in the middle of another spectacular season. He heads to this week's race in California fourth in season points, has wins at Indianapolis and Phoenix, and will clinch a spot in the playoffs if he manages to keep his No. 48 out of trouble on Sunday.

Yet to hear the perfectionist in Johnson talk, 2008 has been a frustrating mix of hit-and-miss efforts. While he remains in position to become the second driver in series history to win three straight points titles, Johnson admits his Hendrick Motorsports team is still trying to figure out the Car of Tomorrow.

"Some weekends I feel like we have a dominant car and other weekends I feel like we're a fifth-place car or even a 10th-place car," Johnson said. "With the strong team we have, we seem to be able to rally back and get finishes out of it. So I still

think that we are maybe behind."

While Johnson and superstar teammates Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are all likely to make the Chase for the championship, all three have spent most of the season chasing series leader Kyle Busch and red-hot Carl Edwards.

"In different weeks, the 88 car (Earnhardt) has been the car, the 24 (Gordon) was the car early, we were, and it's just tough to really say where we're at," Johnson said.

Blame it on the bulky and balky COT, which remains a puzzle to Johnson's team, particularly crew chief Chad Knaus. Considered one of the top minds in the series, Knaus has been hamstrung by the new car.

"It's been tough for him, and it's been a huge, huge challenge for him," Johnson said. "But more importantly the go-to moves that we've always had with the old car do not work with the COT. And to kind of retrain (Chad's) brain and look at things in a different way, that is the hardest part for him."

The problems with the new car surfaced almost immediately. Johnson's team arrived in Las

Vegas in March thinking it had a decent setup. He ended up 29th.

"The latest, greatest moves and the stuff we thought was going to work based on the old car, and we were not even in the same race," he said. "We were out there (in a) seven-cylinder class it seemed like. That has been the hardest part to find out where to work and that's what we've done all season long."

Even when he hasn't had the best car, Johnson has usually found a way to be competitive. Sometimes it's on pit strategy. Sometimes it's on luck. Sometimes it's on the experience garnered from having one of the series' top driver-crew chief combinations.

That doesn't mean it's been fun. Funny how much easier racing is when you have the fastest car on the track. It's happened a few times this year — at Indianapolis in particular — but the recipe for consistency remains a mystery.

"There is not anyone smarter than Chad, but the way he has thought about setting these cars up and what we have done in the past doesn't work with this new car," he said. "We are trying to find the right direction in the

right areas to turn him loose and let him work."

Though Johnson thinks his team is "close" to getting it right, he knows there isn't some magic button Knaus will find that will put Johnson back at the front of the pack.

"There are not any big areas anymore," he said. "It's a lot of small areas and we are now, I feel, getting the rhythm of this car and understanding what to work on."

A little rhythm could go a long way toward Johnson making inroads on Busch and Edwards, who have combined for more than half of the Sprint Cup wins this year.

Busch and Edwards are also developing a little rivalry, particularly after both were put on probation for six races for bumping on the cooldown lap after Saturday's race at Bristol. Edwards had won by nudging Busch out of the way with 30 laps to go.

Johnson called the pass "just good racing" and doesn't think either driver will let the rivalry take his focus off the championship. If anything, it's just another reason to stoke the competitive fire.

"As the Chase gets closer, everybody that has a shot at this thing is going to find ways to motivate themselves and areas they can potentially play mind games in, or be out on the track and try to intimidate someone," he said. "That stuff is just part of any championship battle."

It's a battle Johnson has won the last two years. Making it three straight will be difficult, but with a Chase schedule littered with tracks he's done well at, Johnson remains optimistic he could make history.

"I feel like we are one of the guys to be considered a favorite in the championship and look forward to getting started," he said.

Joey Logano to drive in 7 Sprint Cup races: Joey Logano will drive in seven Sprint Cup races this fall as a tuneup before the 18-year-old star begins his full-time ride at Joe Gibbs Racing.

Logano, who will replace two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart in the No. 20 Toyota in 2009, will make his Sprint Cup debut Sept. 6 at Richmond International Raceway in the No. 02 Toyota prepared by Gibbs. JGR will also field a car

for Logano at Atlanta in October.

Hall of Fame Racing announced Wednesday that Logano will then drive in the No. 96 Toyota in five more races: at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 14, at Kansas Speedway on Sept. 28, at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Oct. 11, at Martinsville Speedway on Oct. 18 and at Texas Motor Speedway on Nov. 2.

Hall of Fame Racing gets its engines and chassis from Gibbs' race team.

"We appreciate Hall of Fame Racing helping us get Joey ready for 2009," said president J.D. Gibbs. "They came to us with the idea before the August Michigan race and we think it's a great win-win for all of us."

Logano has three top-five finishes in nine races in the second-tier Nationwide Series since he turned 18 in May. A development driver with Gibbs since he was 15, Logano was selected to replace Stewart, who will leave at the end of the season to become a driver-owner for what is now called Haas-CNC Racing.

Biffle the unheralded driver lurking in the Sprint Cup Top 10

by HANK KURZ Jr.
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BRISTOL, Tenn. — Most drivers near the top of the Sprint Cup points standings get more attention than Greg Biffle these days.

Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards are having magical seasons, and Jeff Gordon and Matt Kenseth are more in danger of missing NASCAR's soon-to-start 10-race playoffs. Everything Dale Earnhardt Jr. does is news, Jimmie Johnson is trying to win his third championship in a row, Tony Stewart is hoping to win one as a parting gift to Joe Gibbs Racing, and Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick are among the best drivers never to win one. Biffle doesn't mind at all, and is content to lurk in the shadows, at least for now.

"That's the way it's been, predominantly, a lot of the time," the veteran for Roush Fenway Racing said. "I think they kind of skip over me. I like that because it's less pressure for me. We just do the best we can, stay under the radar, I guess, and see what we can do."

So far, that's been a lot, especially since he remains winless this year.

Biffle will head into this weekend's race at California seventh in the point standings, 141 points ahead of teammate David Ragan, who is 13th with two races to go before the top 12 advance into the Chase for the championship. Kenseth, another teammate, stands 10th.

Jack Roush, who could wind up with four drivers in the Chase field if Ragan moves up one spot, thinks Biffle's team is close to putting it all together at the best time possible.

"We still just haven't got the chemistry between he and the crew chief and the team that we rebuilt to be where it's at its absolute best, but they're very close to being able to do the deal," Roush said before Biffle finished 11th at Bristol on Saturday night. "If we could just win a race and get that behind us, I think everybody would be a little bit more relaxed."

While Edwards, Roush's top driver this year, picked up his sixth victory of the season at Bristol, Biffle never contended for the victory despite being solid all race long.

"The reason he hasn't won is just because we haven't had our cars fast enough, but

he's been close," Roush said. "He should have won two or three times this year. Maybe he can be a contender for a championship and have the best part of his year after the Chase starts."

That would clearly be just fine with Biffle, who has finished just outside the top 12 in each of the last two seasons after bad luck snatched the title from his grasp in 2005.

Second in points to begin the playoffs, Biffle was running third in both the standings and on the track at Texas in the third-to-last race when everyone made green flag pit stops.

When the stop was finished, Biffle left pit road and NASCAR saw that a wheel was loose, called him back down to pit road still under green and he returned to the track a lap down.

"It was a long green run day and I ran third the rest of the day," he said, "but a lap down third, and every time the caution would come out, (the leaders) were passing lapped cars again and I never got the lucky dog" that would have helped him get back on the lead lap.

"I finished 20th and we ended up losing the champi-

onship by 35 points. All we needed was a top-10 there and I had the championship won," he said. Instead, Tony Stewart won the title.

"That's kind of sore, I guess, but hopefully it won't happen this year if we get in."

In anticipation of making the Chase, Biffle and his team spent part of last week testing at Milwaukee, sessions they hope will help when they get to Phoenix and New Hampshire.

"We feel again like we could be a threat," he said.

A victory — he's got 12 of them in his career, but none since last September at Kansas — would be a nice boost to that cause, and so would a continuation of his steady finishes.

He has 10 top-10s this season, and his average finish is 14.8.

"You've got to put yourself in that position to be able to win a race," he said. "You're not going to win from running 20th. You're going to be in position running in the top five."

And that responsibility, he said, all comes down to one person.

"It's going to be up to me," he said.

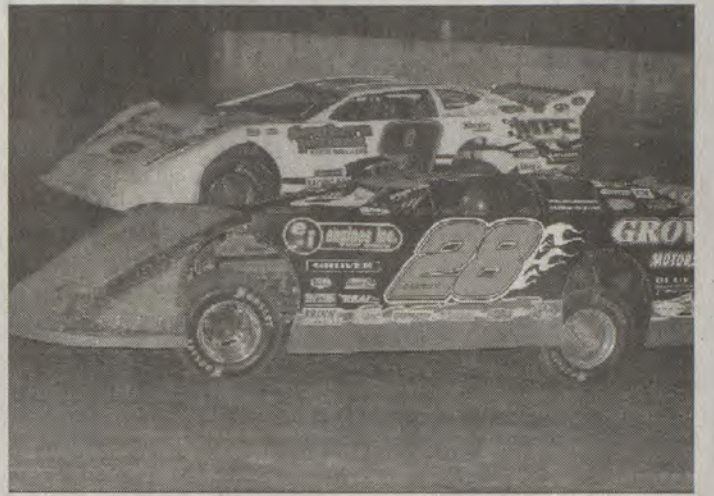


photo by Thomas Hendrickson

EDDIE CARRIER JR. (28) is expected to race for the \$5,000-to-win first-place prize Saturday night at 201 Speedway.

Hicks handles 201 Late Model field

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Terry Hicks returned to 201 Speedway Victory Lane Saturday night in the No. 9 Budweiser Late Model.

Hicks, who turned the fastest qualifying lap in 13.95 seconds, outlasted Jamie Ferguson to the finish line one week before the Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model touring series visits the Johnson County track. D.J. Wells finished third. Albert Butcher and Shannon Thornsberry rounded out the top-five, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Other feature winners were Corey McKenzie (Open Wheel Modified), Ervin Vance (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Four Cylinder). Results follow.

Late Model Qualifying: 9-Terry Hicks, 13.95; 11-D.J. Wells, 13.98; R1-Rod Evans, 14.00.

First Late Model Heat: 9-Terry Hicks; 43K-Kevin Hall; 16-Paul Davis; 3-Richie Edwards; 2-Rick Whitt; 12D-Daniel Williams; 15-Jay Summers.

Second Late Model Heat: 11-D.J. Wells; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 78-Robert Fletcher; 9-Jimmy Perkins; 17-Steve Stollings; J11-James Butcher.

Third Late Model Heat: R1-Rod Evans; 99-David Powers; 81-Brandon Fouts; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 25-Albert Butcher; 57-Brittany McKinney.

Late Model Feature: 9-Terry Hicks; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 11-D.J. Wells; 25-Albert Butcher; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 78-Robert Fletcher; 99-David Powers; 12D-Daniel Williams; 17-Steve Stollings; 43K-Kevin Hall; 3-Richie Edwards; R1-Rod Evans; 81-Brandon Fouts; 57-Brittany McKinney; J11-James Butcher; 16-Paul Davis; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 9-Jimmy Perkins.

Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: 33-Corey McKenzie, 15.46; J17-Jimmy Arnett, 15.61; 3H-Jim Lemaster, 15.83.

First Open Wheel Heat: 33-Corey McKenzie; 3H-Jim Lemaster; 74-Beadie Blackburn; 21-Jimmy Barnett;

17-Brian Salisbury; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 38-Driver name unavailable; 1S-Driver name unavailable; M1-Driver name unavailable.

Second Open Wheel Heat: J17-Jimmy Arnett; 46-Dennis Deboard; 62K-Joel Jensen; J16-Leslie Johnson; 0-Jimmy Collins; 30-William Hensley; 15-Stanley Haddix; 23-Courtney Conley; 7X-Warnie Allen.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 33-Corey McKenzie; 3H-Jim Lemaster; 46-Dennis Deboard; 17S-Brian Salisbury; J17-Jimmy Arnett; 1S-Driver name unavailable; 74-Beadie Blackburn; 30-William Hensley; 7X-Warnie Allen; 38-Driver name unavailable; 23-Courtney Conley; 0-Jimmy Collins; 21-Jimmy Barnett; J16-Leslie Johnson; 62K-Joel Jensen; 35-Jeremy Hayes; M1-Driver name unavailable.

First Bomber Heat: P20-Ervin Vance; 3-Scott Morris; J17-J.J. Terry; 5-Driver name unavailable; A85-Alan Osborne; P12-Dan Pennington; 20-Bo Howard; 27-Matthew Hollins.

Second Bomber Heat: 73-Charlie Mollette; 3D-Darren Damron; R17-Don Risner; 45-Tim Mason; 37H-Greg Hensley; 28P-Dereck Blackburn; 5H-James Hale.

Mr. Bomber Feature: P20-Ervin Vance; 45-Tim Mason; 73-Charlie Mollette; 5-Driver name unavailable; R17-Don Risner; P12-Dan Pennington; 20-Bo Howard; 37H Greg Hensley; A85-Alan Osborne; 27-Matthew Hollins; J17-J.J. Terry; 5H-James Hale; 3D-Darren Damron; 28P-Dereck Blackburn.

First Four Cylinder Heat: D6-Darin Rogers; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 18-Ivan Gunnels; 68-Nathan Messer; 7K-Kinsey Patton.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: 37-Alan Osborne; 18K-DI Henson; L13-Henry Lawson; 9-Ethan Conley; A17-Alan Salisbury.

Four Cylinder Feature: 37-Alan Osborne; 18K-DI Henson; 18S-Shawn Ousley; D6-Darin Rogers; L13-Henry Lawson; 18-Ivan Gunnels; 9-Ethan Conley; A17-Alan Salisbury; 68-Nathan Messer; 7K-Kinsey Patton.

Sorenson to join Gillett Evernham team

by WILL GRAVES
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Reed Sorenson isn't waiting for Chip Ganassi Racing to figure out the Car of Tomorrow.

The 22-year-old driver signed a multiyear contract to join Gillett Evernham Motorsports next season, where he'll join Kasey Kahne and Elliott Sadler.

Sorenson said his decision to leave Ganassi, where he began his NASCAR career as a precocious 18-year-old, was difficult but necessary.

"I'm going over here to try to make myself a better race-car driver," Sorenson said during a conference call Tuesday shortly after the announcement. "I wanted to be more competitive and I wanted to have some more opportunities to win races and things like that."

Sorenson made a splash in the Nationwide Series, finishing fourth in 2005. He moved full-time to the Sprint Cup the next season, but his team has struggled to compete. He has never finished better than 22nd in the season points race and enters this weekend's stop in California 31st in the standings.

"It seems like this year it has been (the) worst year out of the three, so I guess you could say that probably factored in on things like that," said Sorenson, who plans to finish out the season with Ganassi.

Sorenson has 97 Sprint Cup starts with five top-five finishes, but just one this year. He's

still searching for his first Sprint Cup win and has been unable to duplicate his Nationwide success, where he's won three times and has 20 top-five finishes in 95 career starts.

"I felt like I've done everything I can with the situation I'm in now," he said. "Like I said, it just seems like this last year, it got a little bit worse as far as not being able to find some speed at some of these places."

Speed hasn't been much of a problem for GEM this season. Kahne has picked up two wins and remains in contention for NASCAR's post-season, ranking 14th with two races to go before the cutoff to the chase. Sadler is 20th in the points standings, but has six top-10s to his credit.

"It seems like they are definitely on an uphill climb towards the top," Sorenson said. "They have definitely made progress. ... It's a team that I think will be here for a long time and seems to be heading in the right direction to win races."

GEM has 15 victories and 27 poles since it began racing full-time in the Cup in 2001.

"Reed is a highly talented driver with a wealth of experience and accomplishments for a 22-year-old," said Mark McArdle, the team's vice president and managing director of competition. "We believe he has a great future ahead of him here at Gillett Evernham Motorsports. He will be a great fit with our drivers, sponsors and employees."

It's a show of confidence

Sorenson concedes he needed after a bumpy ride this season.

"I think they believe in me as a driver, and that means a lot, and I believe in them as a team," he said.

The details of a title sponsor arc still being worked out, and Sorenson said there are no plans for Target, his main sponsor on the No. 41 car at Ganassi, to follow him over to GEM.

Sorenson said he initially began negotiating an extension with Ganassi a few weeks ago before GEM entered the picture, but added there have been no hard feelings between him and co-owners Ganassi or Felix Sabates, who intimated last year that Sorenson had already peaked as a driver.

"You know, any type of breakup like that is not the easiest thing in the world to do for either side," he said. "But I feel like it (went) fairly well. I'm not too sure how good those types of things can go, but I think it's OK."

He remains optimistic he can finish the year strong, and credited his current team members for doing everything within their power to figure the car out.

"I think everybody kind of tried to pull together and tried to make sure that nobody was pointing fingers or anything like that," Sorenson said.

Sorenson's departure leaves Ganassi with just one driver, Juan Pablo Montoya, on board for next year. There's a chance, however, that Dario Franchitti could take Sorenson's spot in the No. 41 in 2009.

NASCAR Sprint Cup Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch, 3,609
2. Carl Edwards, 3,397
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,193
4. Jimmie Johnson, 3,191
5. Jeff Burton, 3,117
6. Tony Stewart, 3,013
7. Greg Biffle, 2,984
8. Kevin Harvick, 2,972
9. Jeff Gordon, 2,951
10. Matt Kenseth, 2,921
11. Denny Hamlin, 2,900
12. Clint Bowyer, 2,855
13. David Ragan, 2,843
14. Kasey Kahne, 2,799
15. Ryan Newman, 2,674
16. Brian Vickers, 2,672
17. Martin Truex Jr., 2,592
18. Jamie McMurray, 2,492
19. Kurt Busch, 2,442
20. Elliott Sadler, 2,364

CAGED CAT: Brooks anxious to get season started

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rich Brooks paused for just a second and turned toward the door.

Then, with a volume that's surprising coming from a 67-year-old man who's seen 45 football seasons come and go, the Kentucky coach grabbed the lectern and decided it was time to give the assembled press a little pep talk.

"Get fired up! This is the start of the football season! Come on!" Brooks said.

The outburst was met with laughter as Brooks headed for the exit, though you couldn't blame Brooks for feeling the need to goose the media after a relatively sedate 15-minute question-and-answer session.

The calendar might say it's five days before the Governor's Cup between Kentucky and Louisville, but there has been a decided lack of buzz, perhaps because so much uncertainty surrounds both teams.

Even after three weeks of training camp, Brooks admits

he's not sure what he's going to get on Sunday afternoon.

"Do I have a fear (of the unknown)? Hell yes I have a fear of it, that's why I don't sleep very well," Brooks said with a laugh. "Even after I've seen it in games I wonder if it's going to show up the next game. That's just, that's coaching. It's an interesting deal. Looking at guys, you know what they're physically capable of, but you don't know how they're going to respond in all the situations."

One of the biggest question marks surrounds quarterback Mike Hartline, who has thrown all of six collegiate passes. The sophomore was named the de facto starter when Curtis Pulley was dismissed earlier this month for a violation of team rules. Brooks stressed when camp began that Hartline could not afford to relax once he got the starting nod, and he's been pleased with his quarterback's progress.

"He's prepared and practiced like a guy that (knows) it's very important that he performs well and I believe that

he will," Brooks said.

If he doesn't, the Wildcats could go to true freshman Randall Cobb, who has split time at both receiver and quarterback during training camp. Brooks said Cobb will almost certainly play some at wideout, but would likely not put Cobb in at quarterback unless he felt the need to "shake something up."

"We don't have a plan to do anything at that position," Brooks added.

For now the job is Hartline's to lose, and his teammates know it's up to them to make sure he keeps it.

"We've got a new quarterback and (Louisville) thinks he's not ready," said left tackle Garry Williams. "But I think he's ready and we're going to step up and protect him no matter how many blitzers they bring."

Williams, the most experienced player on the line, also sees himself as the offense's psychiatrist.

"When things get rough, (I'll) just turn around and say 'everybody calm down, the next play we're just going to

go out and hit them harder,'" Williams said.

And as bright as the spotlight is on the quarterbacks in this rivalry, the team that wins the rushing battle usually wins the game. The Wildcats would appear to have a distinct advantage with a quartet of talented backs in Tony Dixon, Alfonso Smith, Derrick Locke and Moncell Allen.

"There doesn't have to be just one guy," Dixon said. "We feel like we can set the tone."

Setting the tone — and more importantly, being able to handle the pressure that comes with playing a rivalry game on national television — will likely determine whose season starts with a bang instead of a thud.

"For a lot of guys this is going to be their first real experience of playing a lot or starting a game," Brooks said. "We'll be on the road, it'll be noisy, it'll be a different atmosphere, a different situation than they've ever been in in their lives. It's true for some of the guys at Louisville too. How those guys respond is a

key to the outcome of the game."

Wildcats continue Governor's Cup preparations: Kentucky coach Rich Brooks piped crowd noise over the speaker during practice on Wednesday in an effort to prepare his players for what they'll hear on Sunday when the Wildcats play at Louisville.

Brooks said the move was necessary so his players can get their assignments down and be in the right place when they take the field against their rivals.

Though the Wildcats' offense has lagged behind the more experienced defense for most of the preseason, Brooks said there have been offensive mistakes as the preseason closed.

In a rivalry that has historically relied on the running game for victory, Brooks highlighted the advantage the Wildcats will have in the tailback position.

Brooks named Tony Dixon the starter, though he expects Derrick Locke, Alfonso Smith and Moncell Allen to also see

time. Smith has earned praise from Brooks for his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield and could be a vital part of the game plan on Sunday.

Brooks said that freshman Randall Cobb will be the backup quarterback and that receiver DeMoreo Ford will be in action against Louisville. Ford missed practice last week due to a family emergency.

INSIDE KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

2007 Record — 8-5, 4-3
Southeastern Conference.
Offense — Multiple.
Defense — 4-3.
Starters returning/lost — 15/7.
Lettermen returning/lost — 55/18.
Coach — Rich Brooks (25-35, sixth season at Kentucky; 116-144-4, 23 years overall).

Cards turn focus to Cats

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — It took Earl Heyman all of one practice for the Louisville defensive lineman to know things would be a little bit different this year for the Cardinals.

"I think the first time we put pads on we had four concussions on both sides of the ball," Heyman said. "People were coming down field and 'pow, pow, pow.'"

It was fun. For about a day. The three weeks since haven't been quite as festive. There have been fights and dustups as the Cardinals have tried to incorporate the "iron sharpens iron" mentality brought in by new defensive coordinator Ron English.

"We get into scuffles," Heyman said. "It's kind of like a family. You are going to get into fights and arguments, but at the end of the day you realize you are one team with one goal and one passion, and I think that makes us a better team."

The Cardinals hope all that banging pays off on Sunday when they host Kentucky in the Governor's Cup, their first chance to put a bumpy 2007 season firmly in the rearview mirror.

It won't be easy following a training camp that has done little to answer some of the team's nagging questions. Injuries at wide receiver and linebacker — the areas of biggest concern heading into camp — haven't exactly allowed coach Steve Kragthorpe to get a solid read on how much progress the Cardinals have made.

Wide receiver Scott Long, the team's leading returning receiver, will be out several weeks after injuring his foot. Senior linebacker Mozell Axson is out for the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee during a non-contact drill last week.

Kragthorpe, however, hardly sees his team as snakebit.

"It's a part of the game," he said. "It's an opportunity for another guy to step in and make

plays."

Sophomores Troy Pascaley and Doug Beaumont — combined career catches, zero — are penciled in as the starters against the Wildcats, though expect Kragthorpe to mix and match as he searches for the right combination.

Long's injury, however, may be offset by the return of Trent Guy, who was shot in the back outside a Louisville nightclub on July 5. Guy returned to practice last week, though Kragthorpe said he won't determine Guy's status for Kentucky until moments before kickoff.

"We're not going to put him out there unless he feels he's ready to go and be an effective player and take care of himself out on the field," Kragthorpe said. "I think Trent's made tremendous progress, but again the volume of work hasn't been there."

Then again, the volume hasn't been there for a lot of players. Kragthorpe announced his starting linebacking unit on Monday, and Dexter Heyman,

Antwon Canady and Jon Dempsey have not played a down for the Cardinals. Heyman is the younger brother of Earl Heyman, while Canady and Dempsey are junior college transfers.

"They're all physical, they're all tough," Kragthorpe said. "They're going to stick their face in there, run around and make plays."

Somebody will have to if the Cardinals want to beat their rivals and give their young guys some momentum. While Kragthorpe has been impressed with what he's seen during practice, he knows all the work over the last eight months won't matter once the lights come on if his team can't perform when it matters.

"There's a lot of guys that can hit it on the driving range, but you've got to go out and hit it on the first tee and hit it down the middle," Kragthorpe said. "So we've been on the driving range, now we're going to get on the first tee and see how we play."



photos by Brandon Marson

South Floyd defeated host Prestonsburg 2-1 (25-16, 23-25, 25-21) Wednesday evening in a 58th District match.



Two added to UK women's roster

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Matthew Mitchell, Kentucky women's basketball head coach, announced the addition of two Bluegrass natives in Keyla Snowden (Lexington) and Sarah Rowe (Mt. Vernon) to the 2008-09 roster this season. Snowden, a former Lexington Catholic High School standout, has transferred to UK from Akron while Rowe, an all-state performer at Rockcastle County High School, will walk on this season.

Snowden returns to her home state after spending her freshman year at Akron. The sharpshooter had a successful rookie campaign with the Zips as she broke the school record for most three-pointers recorded in a single season with 91. That mark also was the second-most three-pointers in a single season in Mid-American Conference history. She ranked sixth in the nation with an average of 2.9 triples per game, hitting at least one three in all but one game last year. Snowden, who was named to the MAC All-Freshman team, was seventh in the league and third on the team in scoring (14.2 ppg). She also was second in the league in free throw shooting (.880) and 17th in minutes played (31.3).

"I believe we have added one of the best shooters in the nation to our squad," Mitchell said. "Keyla is a winner and has a strong desire to play the game. She is a complete basketball player and I'm thrilled about Keyla joining our team."

At Lexington Catholic, Snowden helped lead the Knights to an impressive 130-14, overall record during her four-year career with three state championship game appearances and two state titles as a sophomore and junior. She totaled 1,908 career points while setting a pair of state records for free-throw shooting percentage. She set the single-season free throw mark as a senior, connecting on 142-of-156 attempts (91.0 percent) and broke the career mark by converting 289-of-459 (84.7 percent). Snowden earned first team all-state honors and was named the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2006.

Snowden will sit out the 2008-09 due to NCAA transfer rules but will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Rowe was a four-year starter for Coach Chrysti Noble at Rockcastle County High School. The 5-10 guard led the Rockets in nearly every statistical category during her senior season, averaging 21.2 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 3.1 steals per game. She led Rockcastle Co. to the state tournament as a senior, helping her squad post a 23-9 overall record. She was named all-state, all-region and all-district last season and was named the 12th Region MVP.

"Sarah is a player I have known for a long time and I have a lot of respect for her as a basketball player because she has great work ethic," Mitchell said. "She is hard-nosed competitor who had a very successful career at Rockcastle County. I have watched her play a lot and she always showed up big in big games. I am so excited she has chosen to be a part of our program."

Rowe and Snowden will team up with Kentucky's 10 returning letter winners from last season, including seniors Jenn'c Jackson (Radcliff), Carly Ormerod (Louisville) and Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) and All-SEC Freshman Team selections Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.) and Amber Smith (Winter Haven, Fla.). UK also welcomes 6-2 junior Jackie Sanders (Birmingham, Ala.), the top-ranked power forward in the junior college ranks last season. Sanders helped lead her squad to a record-breaking season with the NJCAA National Championship title, Gulf Coast's 11th straight Panhandle Conference Championship title and its seventh Region 8 state crown with a remarkable 36-1 overall record.

Notebooking the SEC Eastern Division

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORIDA: After two unproductive years at Florida, defensive lineman Lawrence Marsh is starting to do everything right. Well, almost everything.

Marsh emerged as the team's best defensive tackle this fall and was rewarded with a starting spot this week. He will start at nose tackle Saturday when the fifth-ranked Gators host Hawaii.

"I was very excited," Marsh said. "You think you're going to start, but you don't really know sometimes. Your play just takes care of it and if you just keep making plays during practice and keep working hard and the coaches start believing in you, then you know you're going to start. When I was getting the coaches believing in me, I felt like I was good to go."

Marsh, a 6-foot-5, 305-pound sophomore from Augusta, Ga., didn't play his first year and hardly got off the bench last season — even though the Gators struggled to stop the run and pressure quarterbacks.

But things turned around for Marsh after he committed himself to the team's offseason program and got considerably stronger. He also spent the spring and summer working on his footwork. The combination has him playing better than everyone else at his position.

Now, coach Urban Meyer just wants one more thing from him.

"Marsh, get a shave before Saturday," Meyer told him this week.

"He's really worked hard," Meyer added. "If I can get him to shave, he'll be much better. He's had a great camp."

GEORGIA: Quarterback Matthew Stafford and tailback Knowshon Moreno may be the biggest celebrities on the team since the combination of David Greene and David Pollack a few years back.

The two already were big stars in Athens. As Georgia has been a popular preseason No. 1 pick in national polls, the two have surfaced on many national

magazines and TV interviews.

"They're going to get that attention whether I like it or not or whether I'm comfortable with it or not," said coach Mark Richt. "The question is whether they're comfortable with it and can they manage it. Can they handle that type of attention?"

Richt said he doesn't think Moreno and Stafford will have ego problems, but he says maintaining "just a little bit of privacy, a little bit of peace, a little bit of sanity" could be more difficult.

Stafford shrugged off questions about the preseason hype.

"We realize the only thing that matters is how we go out and prepare each week and how we go out and play," he said.

KENTUCKY: It hasn't taken freshman Randall Cobb long to make a fan of Kentucky coach Rich Brooks.

Cobb, who guided Alcoa (Tenn.) to consecutive Class AA titles as a dual-threat quarterback, was supposed to give the Wildcats some depth at wide receiver.

Things changed, however, when Brooks dismissed junior quarterback Curtis Pulley for a violation of team rules. Cobb has spent training camp splitting time at both positions and Brooks didn't rule out throwing Cobb in the backfield against Louisville on Sunday if things don't go well for starter Mike Hartline.

"There's no plan," Brooks said. "He'll play at receiver and maybe punt returner. Whether he'll play at quarterback and how much he'll play, that remains to be seen. For being a freshman, I'd say he's picked (up the offense) very well, but that doesn't mean he has a total grasp of it."

Brooks estimated Cobb has spent about 40 percent of his practice time running the second-string offense and spent the remaining time playing wide receiver with the starters. The Wildcats could use his athleticism to help the team's depleted receiving corps that lost four of its top five pass catchers from a year ago.

SOUTH CAROLINA: South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier enjoys playing Atlantic Coast Conference schools — just not all of them.

The Gamecocks open the season Thursday night against North Carolina State at Williams-Brice Stadium. They already have their annual rivalry with Clemson of the ACC that closes each season.

But Spurrier's picked up games against other league opponents. Last year, South Carolina defeated North Carolina 21-15.

However, Spurrier remembers when he first arrived at South Carolina after the 2004 season and ACC champ Virginia Tech called looking for a game.

"I told coach (Frank) Beamer 'I don't think we need to play you guys right now,'" Spurrier recalled. "They've been sort of the top team in the ACC. Time will tell if they are again."

Spurrier felt more comfortable matching up his budding Southeastern Conference program with ACC teams in similar positions.

"We're sort of the middle and the North Carolina schools have been in the middle. Who knows if they'll go to the top or not," Spurrier said. "I thought it was a pretty evenly matched game that the fans would like to see, so I certainly approved it."

Frank Beamer's son, Shane, is a defensive assistant on Spurrier's staff at South Carolina.

TENNESSEE: Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer has a special place in his heart for UCLA as an opponent.

Fulmer, who grew up a Volunteer fan in Winchester, Tenn., played in wins against the Bruins as an offensive guard for the Vols in 1968 and 1970.

"I remember the whole series ... but even before I was at Tennessee, I remember driving to the highest point in Winchester on a Saturday night to listen to the UCLA game on the radio," he said.

Tennessee holds a 7-4 all-time record with UCLA with two ties. The teams have played at

least twice in each decade.

Fulmer said there's a reason the program likes to travel to the West Coast for such a high-profile game: It helps with recruiting.

"We're one of those teams that has to go a lot of places to recruit, and with the BCS setup as it is, it gives us a chance to have a high-profile game and hopefully a win," he said.

VANDERBILT: The mystery is over for the Commodores, and coach Bobby Johnson is going with senior Chris Nickson as his starting quarterback in the season opener against Miami (Ohio) over Mackenzi Adams. Johnson announced his decision after practice Tuesday.

"There was no magic moment," Johnson said. "Chris is healthy and ready to go and confident. We expect him to play really well. If Mackenzi's in the game, we expect him to play really well."

Nickson started 18 straight games including all of the 2006 season and into the 2007 season before he struggled with a shoulder injury. Adams replaced Nickson for the final six games, including an upset over then-No. 6 South Carolina. Adams declined to talk about the decision.

Nickson said the coaches have confidence in himself as well as Adams.

"For playing purposes, they chose to start off with me. It's a tremendous opportunity for me to go out and represent the team as Vanderbilt's quarterback," Nickson said.

Nickson shouldn't get too comfortable, not with Vandy opening on the road Thursday night before returning home for the Southeastern Conference opener Sept. 4 against South Carolina. Johnson has made it clear he won't hesitate to switch quarterbacks.

"If he's not doing what he's supposed to do, we'll put somebody else in there that can do it right," Johnson said.

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INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5521

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Homer Short Company, Inc., 7766 Route 321 South, Hager Hill, Kentucky 41222, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.01 mile north of Ivel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 32.23 surface acres, and will underlie 291.38 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 299.86 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.20 mile north from Davidson Branch Road's junction with U.S. 23, and located 0.01 mile north of Davidson Branch. The proposed operation is located at the Harold U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by S.P. Davidson Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by S.P. Davidson Heirs, and Marshall Davidson.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Application No. 836-0329

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., 578 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 889-8440, proposes the following blasting schedule: The blasting site consists of approximately 206.06 acres, located 0.65 mile northeast of David, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is located approximately 0.19 mile northwest of State Route 404's intersection with Rough and Tough Creek County Road, and is within the Mill Branch, Rough and Tough Creek, and Buckeye Branch watersheds. The mine site is located at Latitude 37°36'26" and Longitude 82°52'58".

The latitude is 37°39'26". The longitude is 82°54'44". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, throughout the year following this notice. Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Traffic on all public roads within 800 feet of the blast site will be controlled at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast to prevent any vehicles from entering the blasting area. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons, at least 10 minutes prior to each detonation. Prior to each blasting event, two signals will be sounded, with an airhorn, whose signal is audible up to within one-half mile of the blast site, as per the following: (1) Five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal, a warning signal of a one (1) minute series of long airhorn blasts will be given. (2) One (1) minute prior to the shot, a blast signal consisting of a series of short airhorn blasts will be given. After the blast has been successfully conducted, an all-clear signal of one blast lasting twenty (20) seconds duration will be sounded from the same airhorn,

shot. The all-clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast, following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signal will be audible within one (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Permit No. 836-0330

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Wolverine Resources Inc., 578 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-8440, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 417.24 acres, located in Floyd and Magoffin Counties; located primarily 0.75 mile southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch, and located 0.92 mile southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°39'26". The longitude is 82°54'44". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Sunday through Saturday. Blasting activities will continue throughout a one-year period following this notice. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons, at least 10 minutes prior to each detonation. Prior to each blasting event, two signals will be sounded, with an airhorn, whose signal is audible up to within one-half mile of the blast site, as per the following: (1) Five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal, a warning signal of a one (1) minute series of long airhorn blasts will be given. (2) One (1) minute prior to the shot, a blast signal consisting of a series of short airhorn blasts will be given. After the blast has been successfully conducted, an all-clear signal of one blast lasting twenty (20) seconds duration will be sounded from the same airhorn,

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Traffic on all public roads within 800 feet of the blast site will be controlled at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast to prevent any vehicles from entering the blasting area. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons, at least 10 minutes prior to each detonation. Prior to each blasting event, two signals will be sounded, with an airhorn, whose signal is audible up to within one-half mile of the blast site, as per the following: (1) Five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal, a warning signal of a one (1) minute series of long airhorn blasts will be given. (2) One (1) minute prior to the shot, a blast signal consisting of a series of short airhorn blasts will be given. After the blast has been successfully conducted, an all-clear signal of one blast lasting twenty (20) seconds duration will be sounded from the same airhorn,

IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Floyd County Health Department is currently recruiting for a full-time Family Support Worker/Home Visitor for the HANDS program. Responsibilities include making home visits for voluntary participants during prenatal and extending to 3 years of age. Job Specifications Include: Basic knowledge of grammar, spelling, punctuation, time concept and accountability. Ability to communicate effectively with employees and the clients served through the program; learn assigned tasks; operate a personal computer; operate a motor vehicle; and perform duties in various work environments within private homes in Floyd County. Special requirements: Must be at least 18 years of age, have and maintain reliable transportation and valid driver's license. Minimum Education and Experience for the position is high school diploma or GED. Experience in a Social or other health-related field such as, but not limited to, working with children, teens, adults in day care, medical office or other site that provides a medical community or support service. Minimum salary for this position is 7.90 per hour. Applications may be obtained at 283 Goble Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 and returned to that same address with copies of transcripts and license, if available, by close of business on September 4th, 2008, or online at http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/ldapp.htm Criminal background checks are required. The Floyd County Health Department is an EEO.

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Gross, David
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Justice, Shawn
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McDonald, Ben
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Mullins, Bobby
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Pit Stop and Go #2
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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids for financing in the amount of \$68,990.00 for the purchase of a new recycling truck. The term of the loan should be for 48 months, with no penalty for early payoff. Sealed bids should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., on Monday, September 8, 2008. For questions, please contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

following the inspection of the blast area. Events which could necessitate an unscheduled blast include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives, which involve personnel, operational or public safety.

Longitude 82°52'58". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, throughout the year following this notice.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Traffic on all public roads within 800 feet of the blast site will be controlled at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast to prevent any vehicles from entering the blasting area. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative (flagman) will check the area for unauthorized persons or property, and prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons, at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts, five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. The blast signal shall consist of a series of short siren blasts, one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast, following the inspection

of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signal will be audible within one (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals.

All of the 4-wheel drive roads and trails near the permit boundary will be blocked, using earthen terms or large boulders, to prevent access. Signs will be posted regarding the blasting in the traveled areas. Before blasting, these areas will be checked by company personnel.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8058 Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Prater Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for a loading facility, coal processing facility, affecting 11.95 acres, locat-

ed 0.25 mile east of Ivel, in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.25 mile southeast from U.S. 23's junction with Ivel Road, and located 0.25 mile southeast of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37°35'22". The longitude is 82°39'53". The proposed facility is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Appalachian Land Company, J. K. Stratton Heirs, and Windell Stratton. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Ivel Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NO. 836-8060

This is notice that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 554 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606) 886-2330, will be blasting 1.9 miles north of State Route 122's junction with State Route 979 at Price, KY, Latitude 37° 24' 08", Longitude 82° 44' 28". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given from an air horn: a one (1) minute series of long sirens, five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; immediately before the blast a series of short sirens, one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be a prolonged siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergencies where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the follow-

ing audible warning will be given: Three (3) long sirens, five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; immediately before the blast a series of short sirens, one (1) minute prior to the shot. Also prior to detonations in emergencies the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5979, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.90 miles north of Wales and is situated in both Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 15.63 surface acres and will underlie 1619.26 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1634.89. The proposed operation is approximately 1.20 miles northwest from County Road 3514's junction with KY 122 and located along Arnold Fork.

The proposed

operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coastal Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by William III and Shirley Hickman, Greg and Velvet Johnson, Randall and Paulette Johnson, Estill and Stella Johnson, John Jr. and Bonnie Smith, Coastal Coal Company, LLC, Francis Tackett, Pearl Hylton, Jody and Trula Wright, Arthur and Sally Hall, Gary and Shirley Johnson, Gladys Justice, Hursel Tackett, Pete and Rita Little, Hugh Reynolds and Geraldine Tackett, Jerry and Tammy Hobson, Jerry Hobson, John and Nora Hylton, Marie Mullins, Milton and Dellie Hall, Chrystine Jones, Darling and Nelva Hall, Shirley Hylton, Bennie and Elanor Hall, Clyde and Brenda Conway, Conley and Melinda Johnson, Georgia Taylor, Maudie Sorenson, Bluemont Corporation, Hassel and Alberta Johnson, Sterling and Floella Johnson, John and Ethel Collins Estate, Harold and Pamela Gunter, Bessie Newsome, Randall Bentley, Foster and Violet Slone, Gardner Slone, Kevin, Kenneth Jr., and

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Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

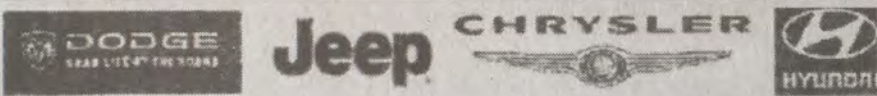
PUBLIC NOTICE

Boyd's Grocery and Carryout No. 2, mailing address, 72 Halls Addition, Banner, KY 41603, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a retail beer license(s) no later than August 26, 2008. The business to be licensed will be located at 72 Halls Addition, Banner, KY 41603, doing business as Boyd's Grocery No. 2.

The (owner(s); principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: Owners, Frank Boyd, of 83 Water Birch Road, Banner, KY 41603, and Cindy Boyd of 83 Water Birch Road, Banner, KY 41603.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST

The Floyd County Health Department has an opening for a Part Time 100 Public Health Program Specialist.

Duties: Under the direction of the Health Department Director serves as a subject matter expert in all hazards preparedness planning and Medical Reserve Corps management. Responsibilities include: developing, exercising, and evaluating comprehensive all hazards preparedness and response plans; collaborating with all local and regional emergency response partners to develop regional medical response plans; completing an integrated assessment of public health capacities related to bioterrorism and other public health threats and emergencies; developing and maintaining role based contact data in the KY Health Alert Network; recruitment, screening, training and management of Floyd County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers; other related duties as assigned by Public Health Director. Excellent organizational abilities, public speaking skills, computer proficiency, and writing skills highly desirable.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.

Starting salary: \$11.40 -14.18 per hour based on additional experience. Grade 14. Prior experience in law enforcement, fire-fighting EMS, emergency management or health planning is desirable but not required. Five (5) years of combination of related experience and education may be considered for the degree requirements, which provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Excellent benefits that include insurance, annual/sick pay and retirement. Must have valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and dependable vehicle for travel within Floyd county and to state meetings and trainings.

Applications may be obtained at the Floyd County Health Department, 283 Goble Street, or online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/1hdapp.htm>.

Completed applications and transcripts will be accepted until COB on September 4th, 2008. For additional information, call Thursa Sloan at 606-886-2788.

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Year in Review

Leadership Floyd County

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce graduated its fifth class from Leadership Floyd County at this year's awards banquet. A group of citizens from a variety of occupations participated in the Leadership Academy, which was designed to promote and develop informed business and community leaders among Floyd County.

- Program goals included
- Teamwork
 - Creating Awareness of County Issues
 - Bringing together people and resources from the business and civic community
 - Facilitate Participation In Community Service
 - Familiarize Participants with economic, governmental,

cultural, educational, and social organizations in Floyd County

■ Develop a Network Of Leaders

Members of Leadership Floyd County Class of 2008 include: Barb Johnson-East Kentucky Miners, Michelle Ward-Big Sandy Health Care, Clayton Case-Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Daphene Goble-Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Dee Fitzpatrick-First Commonwealth Bank, Khrys Varney-Mountain Arts Center, Jennifer Bunch-SouthEast Telephone, Barb Smith-SouthEast Telephone, Jeania Perry-Appalachian Wireless, Deloris Priode-Appalachian Wireless



2008 Class of Leadership Floyd County



Youth Leadership Floyd County

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce recently graduated its fourth class of Youth Leadership Floyd County. This program was designed for the participants to gain insight into the operations, available programs and services, and issues of Floyd County. The primary focus of Youth Leadership Floyd County is to build a communication network of individuals willing to assist in advancing the county's growth, along with spurring new and innovative ideas. This program gave students an inside view of Floyd County. The Youth Leadership Floyd County

Program consists of high school sophomores from all Floyd County high schools. Students participating in Youth Leadership Floyd County include:

- Prestonsburg High School - Whitney May
- South Floyd High School - Brittany Springer, Corey Paige, Jordan Burke, Brianna Jones
- Allen Central High School - Seth Jones, Jessica Toole, Poncho Watson,
- Betsy Layne- Elizabeth McKinney, Codey Kinney, Samantha Williams, Ambrianna Tackett, Nathan Hall



2008 Class of Youth Leadership Floyd County

Business After Hours

PURPOSE
The purpose of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is to give members an opportunity to showcase their organizations, demonstrate their services or products, and to foster networking among members. The event will be presented on the most convenient date chosen by the host, preferably from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Invitations (including postage)
- Name Tags
- Pre-Registration / Guest

book

- Light Refreshments
- Tour of facility or other means of showcasing business, activities, demonstrations,
- Thank-You Cards
- Door Prizes

FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Labels of Membership List
- Promotion of the event in the Chamber Newsletter, News Columns, Website
- Help with hospitality and registration
- Any assistance needed to ensure success of the event

DUES STRUCTURE

Association.....	Investment
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Chairman's Message

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation as I serve as Chair of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. I am honored to be in this position.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, Committee chairs, and Membership to make this year an outstanding one for Floyd County and the surrounding region. It is my desire to continue making the Chamber a civic organization that supports the business community.

I would like to introduce myself. I am the owner of The Perfect Setting Café, Catering & Gift Shop located in McDowell. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of McDowell where I serve

as Treasurer, teach The King's Daughters Sunday school Class, and sing in the choir and with the Eastern Wind Trio. I am a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 477 in Wheelwright.

I ask for your thoughts and ideas on new and expanding programs to help our Chamber grow and continue in the improvement of Floyd County. We invite you to participate in networking, business events, and promoting your business which is the top priority for our Chamber.

We have a lot of enthusiasm in our business community and a great passion to see Floyd County grow. Let us join together to make this our goal. To quote John Maxwell, American author and motivational speaker, "A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."

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Executive Director's Message

by **MANDY STUMBO**
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors represent a very large diverse group of individuals that are responsible for the growth and expansion of Floyd County.

As Executive Director of the Chamber I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and our Membership for making the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce the civic organization that it is today. The Membership is the Chamber and being a member offers so many benefits. From Business After Hours, Chamber Events, Membership Meetings, Chamber Committees, and many more all offer great opportunities for networking. Networking together helps to assist our business growth in Floyd County as well as facilitating new business. I welcome any thoughts you may have to assist and expand programs that the Chamber can offer. Floyd County has abounding opportunities for business,

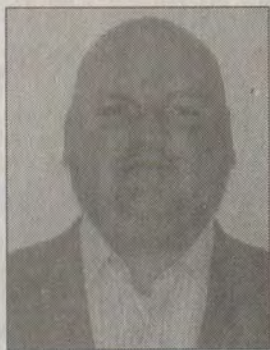
recreation, education, entertainment and much more. Opportunities in Floyd County are limitless as new advancements are continuously uprising. Our infrastructure is always changing and expanding to generate new possibilities and opportunities for our people. One of our main goals is to promote and enhance the area business climate with the up most concern for the quality of life for our residents. It is our Members that are the extraordinary group of leaders that are leading Floyd County toward a bright future, both economically and socially. It is time to unleash the leaders of Floyd County. I recommend anyone that wants to be a leader for Floyd County to participate in our Leadership Floyd County program and the Chamber is currently taking applications for the Class of 2009. For more information on the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce phone (606) 886-0364, email us at floydchamber@setel.com, or mail us at P.O. Box 1508 Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Visit the Chamber also on the world wide web at www.Floydcountykentucky.com



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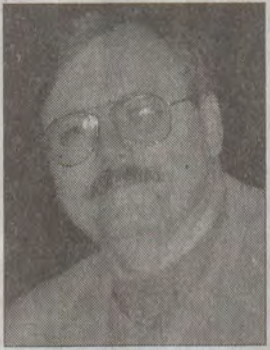
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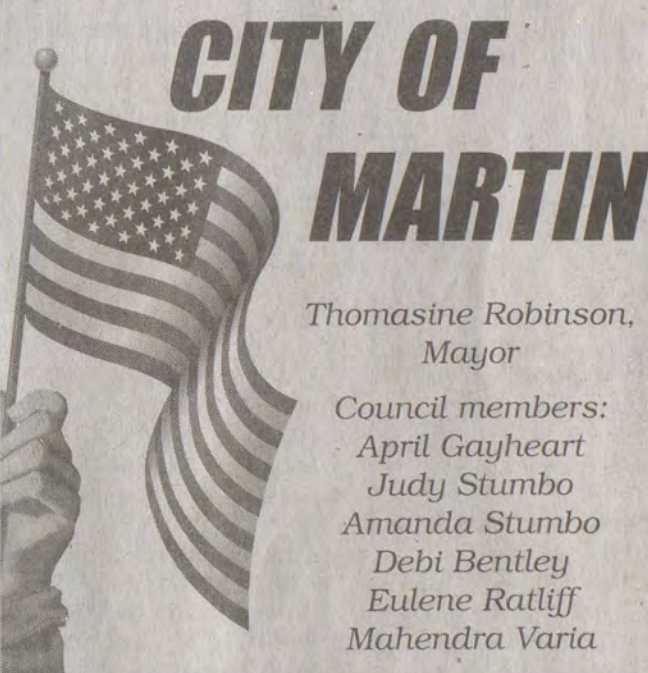


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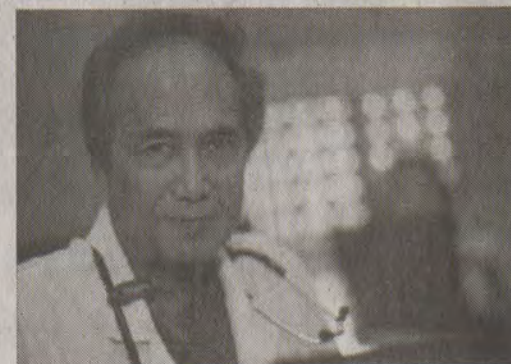
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