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briefs

Body found after wreck

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

JACK'S CREEK — A Weeksbury man was killed Monday when he was thrown from his vehicle after hitting a chain link fence and a utility pole along Jack's Creek near Bevinville.

According to police reports, the body of 26-year-old Randall Tackett was not found immediately following the accident.

KSP Trooper Tony Russell, who investigated the wreck, said Tackett was driving along Route 1428 when he lost control of his 1988 Honda Accord. The car left the road and first struck a chain link fence before finally hitting a utility pole.

When Tackett's vehicle struck the pole, the Weeksbury resident was ejected, Russell said. However, the accident was not immediately reported, though it occurred just before noon.

Reports from KSP did not say at what time the wreck was reported, only that state police received a call after Tackett's body was discovered beneath some weeds near the vehicle.

According to Russell, Tackett's body was found by a neighbor, who then later placed the call to authorities. Other witness-

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Second suspect charged in robbery

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police have arrested a man they say was involved in the first robbery at the Prestonsburg Tiger Mart in late August.

James Cyrus, 39, of Elkhorn City, was arrested on a warrant by Prestonsburg Police Officer Steve Little and charged with first-degree robbery in connection to the Tiger Mart

robbery on Aug. 31.

Gregory Hill, 43, of Regina, who has been charged with the most recent robbery attempt at the gas station on Oct. 7, was also allegedly involved in the first robbery. Hill has been in custody since that date on a \$250,000 cash bond.

Hill was arrested approximately 30 minutes after the second attempt at a motel in Ivel, when police said they found him there based on a description

of the car provided by the station clerks. Investigators said at the time that the 43-year-old stated that he had hit the station a second time because the first attempt had been successful and he needed money quickly.

The date of the second attempt, Oct. 7, was Hill's birthday. Police say the date of the first robbery was the birthday of Hill's daughter.

Hill was taken into custody at the motel, at which time items linking him

as the suspect were found, including a bandana, a toy gun, an undisclosed amount of money and, lastly, a positive identification from a station clerk.

Cyrus, who is also being held on a \$250,000 cash bond, has not been charged in connection to this last attempt, only the first. The incidents happened within a month of one another.

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JENNY WILEY PARADE



Saturday's Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival parade was accompanied by huge crowds and perfect weather. Above, Miss Jenny Wiley Pamela Nicole Shepherd had a tub full of treats for the children. At right, Prestonsburg Idol winner Holly Thompson, right, rode in the parade with 7-year-old sister and fellow contestant Gracie Thompson. For more pictures of the festival, see pages B4, B7 and B8.

photos by
Ralph B. Davis



Suspect in fatal crash appears for hearing

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jonathan Pente, the 37-year-old Harold resident who was jailed after a fatal accident occurring along U.S. 23 in Pikeville earlier this month, appeared in court Monday for a preliminary hearing.

Pente was charged with murder after police say he crashed his pickup truck head-on into a van on Oct. 3. The crash resulted in the death of Loretta Elswick, 63, of Pikeville and left one of her family members, a passenger, in critical condition.

Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum said during Pente's hearing Monday that Pente admitted to police shortly after

being apprehended that he was driving the truck and had left the scene after the crash.

"He told me he was operating the vehicle to get home and see his children," Crum said. "He had a strong smell of alcoholic beverages, his eyes were glossy, his speech was slurred a little bit."

Crum also said he noticed "a blue residue" in Pente's nostrils after the Harold man was found after fleeing the scene, adding that his blood-alcohol level was more than double the legal limit hours after the accident.

According to police testimony Monday, Pente fled after the crash into a nearby wooded area while para-

(See **SUSPECT**, page twelve)

Man charged with shooting gun into car

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

GARRETT — A Garrett man has been charged with first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief for an alleged incident in which he threatened a woman and fired shots into her car.

According to the police report, on Sept. 29, Tony Owens, 29, threatened to shoot and kill Teresa L.

Howard while pointing a gun at her, and then threatened to kill everyone in the house.

Owens is also charged with damaging property and causing a loss of \$1,000 for firing several shots into Howard's car.

Owens was not arrested following the incident. Charges filed against Owens came about when

(See **CALLS**, page twelve)

Martin gearing up for Red, White & Blue Fest

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — The 39th annual Red, White and Blue Days begins Thursday in Martin, and Mayor Thomasine Robinson hopes that a large crowd will come to the city to enjoy the numerous vendors and attractions, all while honoring the veterans that have served the

country.

"We have so many attractions this year," Robinson said. "It's all over the city. We still have vendors calling about attending and setting up booths, and I don't know where we are going to put all of them. We have all kinds of games and a carnival, so it's going to be really big."

The festivities will begin on

Thursday with local entertainment, food, a carnival and more, and a veteran's memorial dedication is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the redevelopment site, followed by a memorial dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Community Center.

Miss Kentucky Emily Cox is also scheduled to make an appearance at the festival.

On Saturday, the popular car show will begin at 9 a.m. at US Bank, and the Allen Central ROTC will perform a flag raising ceremony at noon. The Red, White and Blue parade is scheduled to start at 3 p.m., and a huge fireworks display will begin after the sun sets.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 79 • Low: 52

Tomorrow



High: 81 • Low: 53

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Kentucky Arts Council to visit Elkhorn City for community conversation on the arts

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council welcomes citizens interested in the arts from Eastern Kentucky to join them for a discussion about the arts in local communities. This forum will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Artists Collaborative Theatre, 207 North Patty Loveless

Drive, Elkhorn City. The "Arts & Community Meeting" is a way for the Kentucky Arts Council to hear about the successes and future opportunities for the arts in Pike County as well as communities in other counties in the region.

"We are interested in letting people know about the work of the arts council, as well as finding out how our agency might be of assistance to artists and communities in making more arts experiences available to Kentuckians throughout the state," says Lori Meadows, executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council.

"I'm really excited that the Kentucky Arts Council is coming to eastern Kentucky, especially that they have chosen to meet at the new Artists Collaborative Theatre, in Elkhorn City," says Stephanie Richards, Fine Arts Extension Agent for Pike County.

"Although Pikeville is the first town most people think of when they hear Pike County, it isn't the only place in Pike County where the arts are growing. To have this meeting in the new theatre will give people that come to the meeting from various parts of eastern Kentucky the chance to see what is possible. We are very proud of our 120-seat black box theatre."

The meeting is free and open to the public. Accessibility services for this meeting are available with prior request to the Kentucky Arts Council at (888) 833-2787 or kyarts@ky.gov.

The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet that creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National

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Card of Thanks

The family of Cora Lee Click would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergyman Joe Ryan for his words of comfort; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF CORA LEE CLICK

Obituaries

Glenn Preston "P-Conn" Conn

Glenn Preston "P-Conn" Conn, age 41, of Ivel, husband of Connie Henson Conn, passed away Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born November 24, 1966, in Prestonsburg, a son of the late Charles Edward "Bob" Conn Sr., and Gerlia Bea Conn, of Ivel.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Gary Dean and George Richard Conn; and a sister, Brenda Jean Conn.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Glenn David Conn of Tram; a daughter, Katarina Nicole Conn of Tram; a brother, Charles Edward Conn Jr., of Harold; and five sisters: Debbie Warrix and Bobbi Jean Conn, both of Prestonsburg; Kaye Johnson and Lela "Ruthie" Ray, both of Ivel; and Rita Bradford of David; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday, October 17, at noon, in the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Ivel, with James Harmon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conn Cemetery, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation will be after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

A "thank you" is so inadequate to express how we, the family of Violet T. Moore, feel toward our neighbors, friends, and family, who humbly gave their expressions of kindness during our time of sorrow.

To all who sent the delicious food, the beautiful floral arrangements, or eased our grief with kind words, consoling hugs, and the many prayers, we are sincerely grateful to each and everyone of you. To the clergymen, Ted Shannon, Gene Bracken, Jimmy Hall, Clinton Moore, and all the singers, we were truly blessed and comforted by God's words and beautiful songs. To Dr. Mary Hall and the McDowell ARH staff, we are indebted to you for the compassionate care that you gave Mother. We want to express our gratitude to the Sheriff's Department for its efficient escort to the cemetery; and especially to the Hall Funeral Home directors and staff for their professional service. To those of you who made contributions to the Violet T. Moore Scholarship Fund, we are extremely appreciative for this gracious tribute to our loved one. She was always so proud to say, "those are my students!"

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Dr. Castle attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY. He graduated Cum Laude in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry. In 2005, Dr. Castle graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine to become a Doctor of Medicine. Most recently, Dr. Castle completed his residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center before joining the Highlands Medical Offices team. We are proud to welcome Jason Castle, MD to our community.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 Fall Cookout, Oct. 21
Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, invites you to a Fall Cookout, Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and more! All food and drinks will be provided.

Cookout will be held at the George P. Archer Memorial Shelter at Archer Park, Prestonsburg. (This is the shelter beside the War Memorial and Fountains.) All members and friends of AARP are welcome to attend.

Prayer releases God's power
Come and Pray with us
Come and pray for spiritual awakening and for the many needs in our state and in our nation on Thursday, October 23, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (EDT); Friday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (EDT), at the Haven of Rest Family Ministries, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Contact: Eileen Mullins, director at 606-298-0520; email: havenofrestfamily@bellsouth.net. If you are unable to come to each prayer session, come when you can. Come and see what the Lord has done and is doing. Experience His power in united prayer.

Fall Festival/Health Fair

to be held Thursday, Oct. 30
National College in Pikeville is hosting a Fall Festival/Health Fair on Thursday, October 30. Come join us for an exciting, fun-filled day! There will be food, fun, games and best of all a haunted house! Visitors will also be able to take advantage of free health screenings. Times for the Fall Festival/Health Fair are 12 p.m.-3 p.m., and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome!
For more information, please contact National College, at 606-478-7200.

Elder Abuse Council meets Tuesday, Oct. 21
Join us in standing up against Elder Abuse. Big Sandy Council on Elder Maltreatment meets 3rd Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is October 21, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Meeting place: Big Sandy ADD Building, Prestonsburg. Contact: Leslie Caudill, R.N., 606-889-1729.

Shelton-McSurley reunion
A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 5 p.m., at Eddie and Nell Shelton's homeplace in Cow Hollow at Drift. Anyone wanting to have input into the planning of the next reunion on June 14, at the Minnie Park, is invited to attend the planning meeting. Snacks will be served.

If you are unable to attend, but still have suggestions you want brought up, contact: Pat Shelton at 859-873-7682 or email him at Pshe605014@aol.com

VFW Post 5839, available for meetings, celebrations
The VFW Post can be rented for birthday parties, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, meetings. We have a good sound system. For more info, call 606-297-5666, ask for Paul or 606-226-0187, ask for Larry.

VFW Post 5839 Events Calendar for October
Monday: open from 5 p.m., till 10 p.m.

Tuesday: Line Dancing Classes from 6:30 p.m., till 8:30 p.m.;

Wednesday: Karaoke from 8 p.m., until 11 p.m. Bring your own CD's, please.

Thursday: Closed.

Friday: Line Dancing from 7 p.m., till 11 p.m.

Saturdays: Tim Michaels 8 p.m. till 12 p.m. On October 31, Line Dancers will have a costume party from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m.

On the 25th of October, there will be a costume party at VFW from 8 p.m., till 1 a.m., with Tim Michaels to entertain you. There will be a prize for the best costume!!!!

Must be 21 years old to enter.

Marsillett Family Reunion to be held October 18
The Marsillett Family Reunion will be held at Ramada Inn in Paintsville, on

October 18, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please contact: Alpha Poe, 606-886-9827, before October 6, for seating. Also bring auction items.

Free Bible Lessons
Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With

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

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

Need help with addiction?
Lifetime of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-cen-

tered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

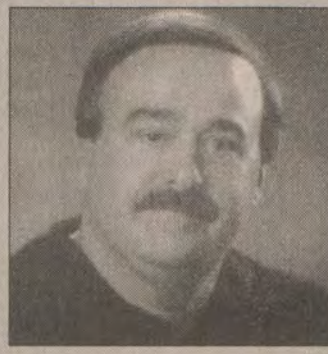
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen

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A Message from Jeff Stumbo (School Board Member, Educational Dist. 3) Keeping The Promise (A Matter of Trust)

TO THE VOTERS OF EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT 3:

Eight years ago you placed your trust in me and elected me as your School Board member. You trusted me to address the educational needs of our children and provide for them a safe/modern learning environment. That trust was not forgotten. As a full-time board member, I visited the schools on a regular basis, seeking out their needs. While striving to meet the needs of each individual school, I also began to work on larger projects that I had promised during my campaign. Listed below are the promises I made, and the fulfillment of each:

- ★ To remove state management from our school district. FULFILLED.
- ★ To remodel John M. Stumbo Elementary and include a new gymnasium. FULLFILLED. (est. cost, \$8,000,000.00)
- ★ To replace the old W.P.A. building at Betsy Layne Elem. with a new addition. To connect all three structures together under one roof. FULFILLED. (est. cost, \$3,000,000.00)
- ★ To bring air conditioning to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse, or what we called the Dome. FULFILLED. (est. cost, \$207,000.00)
- ★ To construct a new access road from Betsy Layne Elem. to U.S. 23, thus making it safer for our school and community as a whole. Plus, preventing the old state proposed road from affecting our citizens in the Velocity/Betsy Layne bottom. FULFILLED. (est. cost \$578,000.00)
- ★ To install new bleachers at Betsy Layne High School gymnasium. FULFILLED. (est. cost \$50,000.00)
- ★ To renovate Betsy Layne High School. Phase 1 completed/FULFILLED. (est. cost \$3,000,000.00)
- ★ Other minor projects too numerous to mention.
- ★ To strive for academic excellence. Eight years ago our school district ranked 150 out of 170 in the state (not so good). Today we rank 64th and are within reaching-distance of being in the top 50 in the state.

It's an honor to serve the children of Floyd County and to provide for their educational needs. This is something an elected representative should never take lightly, however, my oponent, Wes Gilliam, may not see it that way. In 2004 my opponent was elected as a parent representative on the Site Base Council at Betsy Layne Elem. His term was for one year. The parents trusted that he would fulfill his promises and obligation to the children as a Site Base Council member. As we review his record, it's obvious why he has not mentioned his educational experience as a council member. His failing to attend meetings and his abrupt resignation could be the reasons why. Listed below is a copy of his site base attendnace and resignation:

July 5th, 2004PRESENT	Nov. 1st, 2004ABSENT	Feb. 7th, 2005ABSENT
Aug. 2nd, 2004PRESENT	Nov. 8th, 2004ABSENT	Feb. 24th, 2005ABSENT
Aug. 5th, 2004ABSENT	Nov. 19th, 2004ABSENT	March 7th, 2005ABSENT
Sept. 13th, 2004PRESENT	Dec. 6th, 2004ABSENT	March 18th, 2005ABSENT
Sept. 29th, 2004ABSENT	Jan. 3rd, 2005ABSENT	March 22nd, 2005 ...PRESENT
Oct. 11th, 2004PRESENT	Jan. 26th, 2005ABSENT	April 5th, 2005ABSENT

Wesley Gilliam Resign from Site-base at Betsy Layne Elem School effective immediately on this date 4-25-05 due to personal reasons.

Wesley Gilliam
4-25-05

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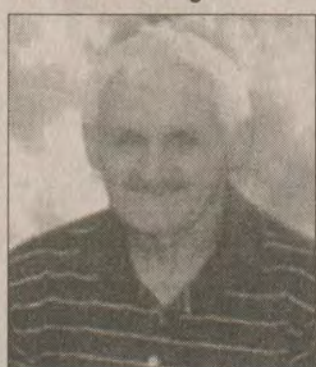
Card of Thanks

The family of Patricia Ann "Patty" Hunter Campbell would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. To those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. To those who visited us at the funeral home; to Clergyman Bobby Carpenter for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for escorting us safely to the graveside; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF
PATRICIA ANN "PATTY" HUNTER CAMPBELL

Morgan McKinney

Morgan McKinney passed away on August 24, 2008, due to a heart attack. He left behind his loving wife, Nadine, and a grandson, Brett, whom they were raising. A special expense account has been set up at First Guaranty Bank in Martin to help Nadine and Brett.



For more information, please call 606-285-3294, or stop by First Guaranty Bank in Martin. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

FAMILY OF MORGAN MCKINNEY

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They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal, But neither time nor reason, will change the way I feel.

For no one knows the heartache, that lies beneath my smile, No one knows how many times, I have broken down and cried.

I want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to live without.

I cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together, The family chain is borken now, but memories live forever.

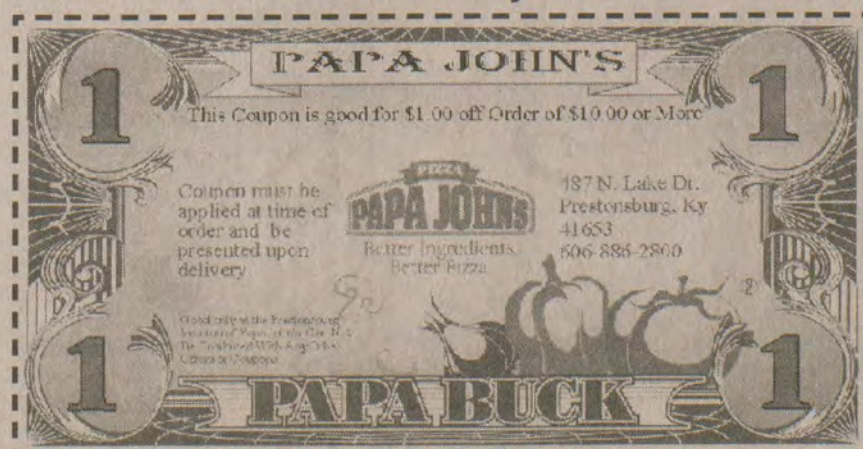
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Worth Repeating ...

The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable.

— John Kenneth Galbraith

Our View

Second Sunday a real treat

Hats off to the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service and the city of Martin, for hosting the Second Sunday event this past weekend.

In case you missed it, Second Sunday was an event designed to promote active lifestyles by offering Floyd County residents a day of fun activities. From mountain biking and skateboarding, to disc golf and cornhole, even to simply stretching and walking, the day had something for everyone. And for those who completed at least five activities, there was an opportunity to win one of the many prizes.

In fact, you could say that Second Sunday offered everything except an excuse to keep your butt on the couch.

We applaud the extension service for organizing this event, which statistics show is sorely needed in Floyd County. And we are happy to hear that the event will become an annual affair.

However, we would be happier if more such events were on the schedule. Ideally, we would like to see the second Sunday of every month devoted to promoting exercise in the community.

Such events would not need to be as elaborate as the affair held this past weekend. The extension service and its sponsors obviously spent a great deal of time and effort planning and pulling off this event, and it would be unrealistic to expect it to be duplicated each month.

But a monthly Second Sunday event need not be so elaborate. The idea behind Second Sunday is simple — communities promoting exercise by simply blocking off a street one day a month, giving walkers, joggers and cyclists a safe area to go to get their hearts pumping.

Other communities in Floyd County could take turns offering simple Second Sunday events to area residents each month, just by blocking off a street. And all of those monthly events could culminate in the annual event in Martin.

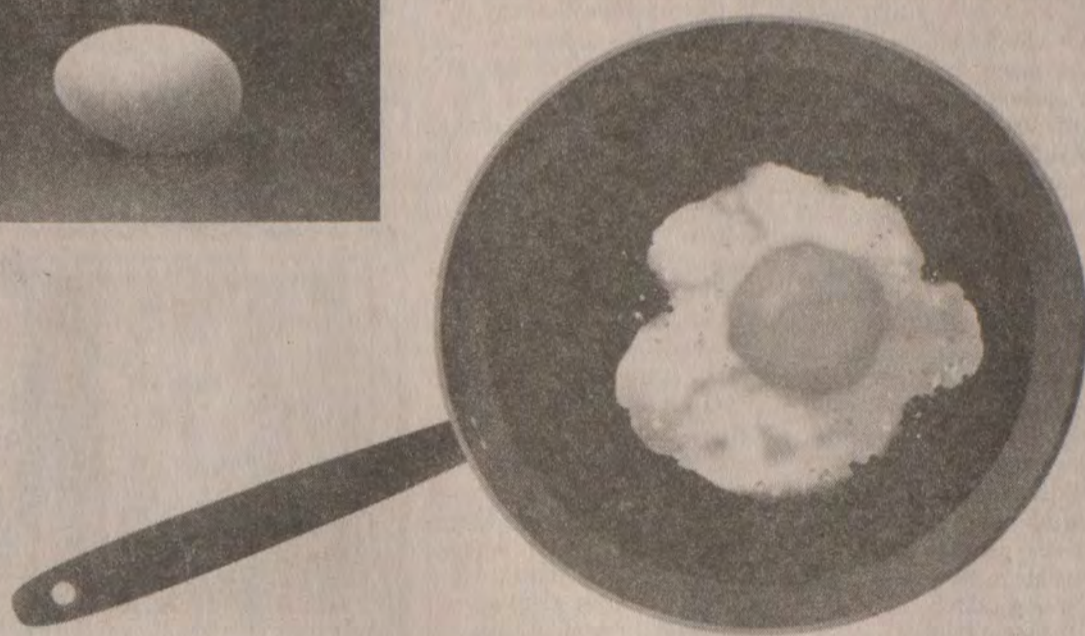
Let's face it — a lot of Floyd Countians need a kick in the pants when it comes to living healthier lifestyles. Local statistics in obesity, heart disease, diabetes and cancer are alarming, and they point to the dangers of poor diet and sedentary living. Local officials should be concerned about promoting exercise, because we cannot build healthy communities with sickly residents.

This past weekend's Second Sunday event was a good first step toward promoting health in Floyd County. But just like with walking or jogging, while that first step is the most important and sometimes the most difficult, it will require a whole lot of steps afterward to get the job done.

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Guest Column

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Looking for Kentucky at the top of any list that ranks states by educational achievement would have been like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack 20 years ago. Our state was nowhere to be found.

Not so today. Education in Kentucky has changed so much in recent years that within the next 11 years our state could possibly be ranked among the top 20 states in school performance. A recent report by one of the state's leading education advocates, the Prichard Committee on Academic Excellence, explains that the state now has the foundation to move from the bottom to the top of the national rankings and be in the company of top tier states by 2020!

We are already pretty close to being in that elite group in some areas, having already surpassed or met the performance of these states in science and fourth-grade writing. Plus we are only a few points behind Top 20-ranked Iowa in 4th grade math performance, catching up with top-tier Delaware in the number of students earning AP college credit in high school and almost tied with Illinois in the area of preschool enrollment for three and four year olds.

The reason for this success has much to do with our work in 10 areas that the report calls the "Ten Steps Forward." Improved performance by Kentucky students on state and national tests, better classroom performance, an increase in high school graduates and increased college

enrollment and graduation rates are among the 10 areas, which are as follows:

- National ranking. We have the nation's 34th best education system, based on a 2005 index developed by the Kentucky Long Term Policy Research Center. A matching index had us ranked 43rd in 1992.

- Science education. Kentucky students have the highest science test scores in the nation. They are also tied with the nation in reading, 4th-grade writing and 8th-grade mathematics.

- State tests. Every student group in Kentucky improved their accountability test performance from 1999 to 2006.

- AP exams. Students across the state making passing scores on Advanced Placement exams rose by 76 percent since 2000, a growth rate surpassed by only seven other states.

- Preschool. Before 1990, there was no state-funded preschool in the Commonwealth. Today, more than 21,000 children attend free preschool statewide.

- Technology. Our state is a leader in school technology, tying for fourth place among all states in the 2008 ranking of "Technology Counts", an annual report of the national newspaper Education Week. Our individual technology score was a B+ compared to a C+ national average.

- College enrollment. Over the last decade, college enrollment at our four-year colleges and universities has increased 40 percent. At the community and technical college level, the increase in enrollment has soared 106 percent. Of the individuals included in those enrollments, the number receiving bachelor's degrees annually increased 28 percent while associate degree holders increased 53 percent over the period.

- High school graduates. The number of adults under age 25 who are high school graduates in Kentucky has risen to 80 percent, up 10 percent since 1980. Up by five percent over the 28 year period are the number of adults under age 35 who hold at least a bachelor's degree.

- Investment by the state. Over the past 18 years, the state of Kentucky has invested over \$2 billion in the replacement and renovation of school buildings to give our children a safe, modern study environment.

- Return on academic investment. In 2005, Kentucky ranked 8th nationally in the return we received on our investment in education from preschool through 12th grade. The ranking was based on reading and math performance versus spending and student challenges.

Other achievements that the Prichard Committee celebrated in its report — although they cannot be tracked statistically — are changes in state law made by the Kentucky General Assembly that affect school governance: the creation of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, school councils, and eradication of nepotism in school hiring, to name a few. By changing the culture of education, we lawmakers believe that we can make our schools a better place. And indeed, that seems to be true.

What is also true is we have much work to do. There are many areas in which we still fall short. We still need to raise teachers' salaries, we have a student "achievement gap" to bridge, and we need to prepare more students for careers in the math, science and technology fields. I will speak more about that next week, along with other challenges that the Prichard report has flagged. Have a great week ahead.

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Lawmakers get closer look at math and science academy

BOWLING GREEN — A year after its students first arrived on campus, lawmakers got an up-close look at Kentucky's Carol Martin Gattion Academy of Mathematics and Science where members of the Interim Joint Committee on Education held their monthly meeting Monday.

The academy, now in its second year, hosts 120 students from across the commonwealth on its campus at Western Kentucky University.

The students, all high school juniors and seniors, take half their classes with regular WKU students. Other courses contain solely academy students, while others are part of the WKU honors program. By the time they graduate high school, students can earn two years of college credit, saving their parents money.

Academy director Tim Gott noted that the first class of graduates accepted \$2.6 million in scholarships, or nearly \$50,000 per student on top of

their earned college credit.

Students from 81 counties have already taken part in the program, said Gott, and efforts are made to attract students from every county in the state. While the school's focus is on math, science, technology and engineering, Gott said he was proud of students' social studies and arts and humanities CATS scores, which ranked among the top in the state. "Our students are gifted in many areas," he beamed.

Gott and assistant director

Corey Alderdice noted that while students have a measure of freedom because of the class schedule, they are still monitored. There is a 10:30 p.m. curfew during the week and separate wings for male and female students within the academy's Schneider Hall dorm. Although separation from their families could cause anxiety, "it's amazing how quickly students adjust to the environment," Gott said. "The transition has been very smooth."

Last year's first graduating class finished with 54 of the 55 seniors it began with, he noted.

WKU President Gary Ransdell pointed out the benefits to the state. "First and foremost, this is an economic development strategy for the commonwealth," he said. Of the first graduating class, 42 of 54 students attended Kentucky colleges, with 25 of them staying at WKU.

Familiarity with the cam-

pus and ongoing research are incentives to stay, academy administrators said. Many students conduct research projects, and some are producing published papers, Gott said. Alderdice noted that students have a number of math and science electives they can complete, allowing them to study any field with a science component, from astronomy to agriculture.

Students are chosen for the program in their sophomore year, with applications due in February. Legislators received a tour of the academy and WKU from students, met with academy students from their districts, and received a packet of information, including application materials detailing the rigorous nature of the program and its admission process.

29th Senate District students benefit from student financial aid

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, announced Monday that 29th District students received \$4,732,532 in fiscal year 2008 from the state's major grant and scholarship programs administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and The Student Loan People, the state's only public nonprofit student aid providers.

Awards for these programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue. KHEAA and the Student Loan People were created by the state legislature to make higher education more accessible to Kentuckians.

"Rising college costs have made student financial aid programs more important than ever to help Kentuckians achieve their education and career goals," said Turner, a retired educator. "I am proud that these funds are helping our students realize their dreams by achieving successful educations."

During 2008, KHEAA disbursed \$2,034,586 in Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarships (KEES) to 29th District Students to help pay college costs. Through the KEES program, high school students can earn up to \$2,500 for each year of higher education based on good grades and ACT (or SAT) scores. Beginning this academic year students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches during any year of high school may qualify for a bonus award based on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam scores. No application is

necessary; awards are sent directly to the college when the student begins attending.

For students with financial need, KHEAA disbursed \$1,883,333 in College Access Program (CAP) Grants and \$805,613 in Kentucky Tuition Grants (KTG) to 29th District students. CAP is based on financial need and provides awards to Kentucky students whose families demonstrate that the amount they should be able to contribute is not enough to cover the cost of college. KTG equalizes tuition of Kentucky's private colleges and offers students with financial need a choice of attending a broad range of independent Kentucky schools.

In addition to awards funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue, KHEAA disbursed 37 awards totaling \$172,989 from other grant and scholarship programs funded by other state and federal sources.

To help meet college costs not met by other student aid programs, The Student Loan People disbursed \$5,580,141 in low-cost student loans to 29th District students and parents, including \$3,127,147 in Subsidized Stafford Loans (for students with financial need), \$2,282,599 in Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, \$159,646 in PLUS Loans for parents of undergraduate students, and \$10,749 in PLUS Loans for

graduate and professional students.

The senator said an investment in education is an invest-

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Calendar

Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.
"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or

older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

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

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30

p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.
Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.
•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more

info.
•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.
•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.
•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.
•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).
•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.
•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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The 1978 Betsy Layne High School graduating class held their 30th reunion on Oct. 4 at the May Lodge. The classmates had the buffet while visiting and reflecting back on their Bobcat years.

Online videos provide General Assembly info

FRANKFORT - Online videos that provide Kentuckians with information about the legislative branch of state government are now available on the Kentucky Legislature Home Page.

"Inside the Kentucky General Assembly" is a video that focuses on the organization of the State Legislature, the process by which bills become laws, and ways that citizens can stay in touch with legislative action. The video can be viewed at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/orgadm.htm>.

"History of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission" focuses on the evolution of the General Assembly into an independent and co-equal branch of government, as well as the development of the legislative staff arm into a premier service agency. The video can be viewed at http://www.lrc.ky.gov/org_adm/lrc/aboutlrc.htm.

"Adding online videos to the Kentucky Legislature Home Page gives us another way to use the Web to strengthen the connection between Kentuckians and the General Assembly," said Legislative Research Commission Director Robert Sherman. "Citizens have already been using the Kentucky Legislature Home Page to view and track legislation, see how legislators have voted on bills, and get information about upcoming meetings and legislative agendas. The online videos provide another convenient way for people across the state to find the information they need about their state legislature."

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Sen. Turner represents the 29th Senate District, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.

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Second Sunday

Over 100 people gathered in Martin Sunday for "Second Sunday," a community health program hosted by the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service. During the event, local residents had the opportunity to take part in a variety of active games to get some exercise and win prizes. Above, County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall welcomed attendees and read a proclamation from Gov. Steve Beshear in support of Second Sunday. At left, Lisa Music, of Hueysville, and Linda Elliott, of McDowell, were the winners of two mountain bikes donated by the city of Martin.

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This is a nice 3 bedroom home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and 1 bath. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$13,400.00

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Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, at 648 Dodson Branch, Prestonsburg, KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$72,005.08 principal, plus interest credit subsidy in the amount of \$1,788.27, plus interest in the amount of \$3,762.38 as of February 8, 2008 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.5318 per day from February 8, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.25% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:08-CV-56 on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on July 14, 2008, in the case of the United States of America vs John Jenkins, et al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:
 House and Lot located at 648 Dodson Branch, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated March 7, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 521, Page 699 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.
 Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 2.25% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.
 This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.
 Inquires should be directed to: Peggy T. Meade, Area Specialist
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Mating season puts deer on the move, on highways

PIKEVILLE — Deer become a greater roadway hazard this time of year as mating season arrives. Each year the mating season, which lasts from October through December, accounts for a spike in deer-related crashes in the Commonwealth.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, there were 2,797 deer-related crashes reported in Kentucky in 2007 — leading to three fatalities and 76 injuries. This year, 1,430 deer-related crashes have been reported thus far, resulting in one fatality and 56 injuries. Nationally, about 150 people die each year in motor vehicle accidents involving deer.

"Many times these accidents are unavoidable, but motorists can reduce the risk by taking extra time to drive carefully and by staying alert — especially during dawn and dusk when visibility is lower and when deer tend to be on the move," said Kevin Damron, Highway District 12's Chief Engineer.

Highway officials attribute the increase of deer-related crashes to multiple factors:

- Mating season puts deer on the move.
- Farmers are harvesting crops, reducing food supply and potential hiding places.
- There's an increase in hunters and hikers in the woods.
- Deer tend to move at daylight and dusk when visibility is at its poorest for motorists.

While deer tend to cross



This fawn showed up on US 119 last year during preparations for the John George Stratton bridge dedication. It was looking for water — and its mother, who was killed on the roadway several days before. It tried to cross the highway, but workers from the Canada Maintenance Facility in Pike County gave it crackers and water and led it back into the hills, probably saving its life.

highways along regular trails most of the year, they can show up in towns, subdivisions and other unexpected places during the fall rut. The Insurance Information Institute offers several defensive driving tips to help avoid striking a deer:

- Be attentive from sunset to midnight and around sunrise.
- Watch out at deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population, and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland.
- Use high beam headlights to better illuminate the

eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

- Slow down and blow the horn with one long blast to drive deer away.

- Brake firmly if a deer is in the road, but stay in the lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.

- Always wear a seat belt. Most people killed in deer-related crashes were not buckled.

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Rep. Gooch, other legislators oppose civil disobedience of new coal-fired power plants

FRANKFORT — Environmental activists urging potentially illegal acts to block new coal-fired power plants that don't offer carbon sequestration have drawn the unanimous opposition of the General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Co-chairman Jim Gooch, D-Providence, offered the resolution voicing the committee's displeasure during its meeting last Wednesday. It calls for "civil restraint and order in the face of the current energy crisis and to reinforce the national resolve to find workable solutions to satisfy current and future energy demand."

"I realize there are differing opinions when it comes to building new coal-fired plants, but to actively urge civil disobedience, as former Vice-President Al Gore is doing, is a step too far," Rep. Gooch said. "The approach these environmentalists are recommending does absolutely nothing to help us become more energy independent."

"Whether they like it or not, coal provides about half of the country's electricity, and other fossil fuels like natural gas and oil increase our reliance significantly," he added. "Those who say we can be fossil-fuel free within the decade are unrealistic, and they do not take us a step closer to improving the environmentally-friendly technology we all want to see. They ignore the fact that our energy needs are currently increasing faster than we are seeing gains in alternative fuels. If we have the means to meet that growth -

and we do - we need to do that instead of needlessly putting higher costs on the backs of citizens who are financially strapped already.

"I felt it was my responsibility

to act since the media have not criticized these activists for encouraging people to break the law and threaten public property and safety," he concluded.

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Candidates offer views on health care policy

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Ron Sanders says his business picks up the entire tab to provide health coverage for his workers because it's a good investment to attract and retain a quality staff.

But he's not sure how long he can stay so generous.

High premiums, he said, are straining his family-owned company, People Plus Inc., a Madisonville-based temporary staffing service operating in several Kentucky cities.

"Providing health care insurance for our employees has continued to be one of our fastest-growing costs," said Sanders, the company president. "It's a real burden for any company to provide that coverage."

And Sanders isn't sure the next president or Congress can tackle the problem.

Kentucky's U.S. Senate candidates — Republican incumbent Mitch McConnell and Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford — outlined their plans to improve access to health care in responding to a recent AP questionnaire.

The number of uninsured Americans totals about 45 mil-

lion. On average, 14 percent of Kentuckians were uninsured from 2005 to 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Frankfort bakery operator Charlie Schwartz is among the uninsured. He dropped out of his family's plan after his insurer raised the premiums so high after his cancer diagnosis several years ago.

"They eventually just scooted me out," he said, adding that the last time he spoke with an insurer, he was told he'd have to pay \$900 a month for individual coverage.

Now Schwartz and his wife, Alice, have a for-sale sign in their bakery.

After 35 years, they're ready for a change, he said. But another reason they're selling out is his wife hopes to get a job offering affordable family health coverage, he said.

McConnell, the top-ranking Senate Republican, said Congress can take several "common sense steps" to lower health costs and increase access to insurance coverage, but opposes a more dramatic role by government.

"I do not support a one-size-fits all government plan that will increase taxes, destroy jobs and limit patient choice in doctors and care," the four-

term senator said.

Lunsford, founder and former CEO of a large nursing home and hospital company, said one of his top priorities if elected would be to ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care.

"Health care is one of the biggest issues affecting Kentucky's businesses and economic competitiveness," he said, adding that many businesses "are feeling the crunch" as health care costs escalate.

Lunsford said he would push for tax incentives to help small businesses offer coverage to employees.

Both candidates support letting small businesses band together, using the negotiating clout to purchase employee coverage at lower costs. McConnell said about half the country's uninsured work for small businesses.

McConnell said he also supports expanding access to health savings accounts, which he said protect families from catastrophic health costs. He said more than one-third of account holders were previously uninsured.

High-deductible coverage plans often are coupled with health savings accounts. Consumers enrolling in such

plans can set aside money on a pretax basis and then use the savings to help pay for some of their medical expenses. Also, the accounts can be used to help pay for retirement.

Supporters, including the Bush administration, have pushed the accounts as a way to lower health inflation. But critics question whether the poor and those with high medical expenses can afford all the up-front costs.

McConnell said more should be done to encourage preventative care and healthy lifestyles.

He also advocates a change in tax policy to help improve access. The tax code gives large companies a tax deduction for health expenses, but doesn't do the same for uninsured working families, he said.

"We should act to level that playing field," McConnell said.

Sanders has tried to rein in health costs by starting a wellness program for his employees. Still, his business spends about \$12,000 a month to pro-

vide health coverage for employees and their dependent children.

He's not banking on the next Congress and president providing relief from sky-high coverage costs.

"I don't see it happening," he said.

Neither does Schwartz, who said: "The only way you're going to fix health care is get the lobbyists out of bed with Congress."

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But, the fundraising didn't stop there. The Volley-Knights continued their pink plan for the home game that evening. Students in attendance wore pink as did the players. Even the competition for the evening, the Paintsville Tigers, and the officials for the game left their normal attire at home and showed up in rosy hues.

The idea for the fundraiser came from a very personal source for the students. Piarist School Outreach Director, Audrey Collins, is a breast cancer survivor. Collins works closely with many of the students and for them, it was only fitting to support a cause so close to their hearts.

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by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

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The event began on Tuesday at the Prestonsburg office, and will run until Oct. 17. Clients and members of the community can visit AppalReD from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during the appreciation event.

Cynthia Elliott, director of AppalRed, wants the clients to know how much they are appreciated.

"It's just an honor to be able to serve the clients in our area," Elliott said. "It's an opportunity to say thank you to them for trusting us, and that we really appreciate them. We have refreshments, and it's great that clients can come in and visit when they don't have a legal problem. They can ask questions, pick up brochures, and just talk with us."

Law students from the University of Cincinnati are also at the Prestonsburg office,



photo courtesy of AppalRed

Law students from the University of Cincinnati are currently visiting AppalRed's office in Prestonsburg. The students are shadowing AppalRed attorneys and helping with the client and customer appreciation event when started on Tuesday.

and Elliott, who worked with the Breathitt County office of AppalRed for 11 years, hopes they decide to take the AppalReD route when it comes to entering the law profession.

"The law students are shadowing our attorneys, and we hope we can get them to consider public interest law," Elliott said.

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Robbery

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According to their criminal records, both Cyrus and Hill have previous robbery charges.

Court records show Cyrus has a longstanding charge of third-degree robbery pending in Pike County dating back to 1994, while Hill's background records reveal that he was once sentenced on a robbery charge.

The charge for which Hill was sentenced dates back to 2001 when he was indicted for first-degree robbery by a Pike County grand jury and again for first-degree robbery by a

Floyd County grand jury.

Hill was found guilty in 2002 in the Pike robbery case and sentenced to 10 years in prison, according to court records.

Cyrus, like Hill, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment. Both are scheduled to appear in court again for preliminary hearings on Oct. 22.

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Crum told those in attendance for the hearing that Pente had "went into the hills thinking he was trying to see his kids." The 37-year-old was taken into custody by force with a taser and saw charges of resisting arrest and menacing tacked onto the murder charge, Crum said.

"He knew he was in trouble so he was trying to get home to see his kids," Crum said.

Crum said there had been witness statements saying Pente had been spotted exiting his pickup and leaving the scene on foot.

But the statements from Pente that he was attempting to reach his kids at the time the accident occurred were brought under scrutiny during Monday's court hearing.

Crum said a conflicting account of what happened leading up to the crash from an unnamed friend of Pente's questioned during the investigation pointed to another scenario. Pente had been drinking at the friend's house, accord-

ing to the testimony, became involved in an argument and then left in the friend's truck.

Pente remains held at the

Floyd County Detention Center on his original cash bond of \$500,000.

Festival

The festival will also feature arts and crafts, a mechanical bull, inflatables, a bungee trampoline, rock climbing wall, a gyro ride, laser tag, and more. A free trolley service will also be available for transportation on all three days.

A week after the festival, the Red, White and Blue Bowl game between the Allen Central Rebels and the South

Floyd Raiders will kick off at 7:30 p.m. August 24 at South Floyd.

Along with the fun and excitement, Robinson wants people to know about the real reason behind the festival.

"I want everybody to come out and honor our veterans," Robinson said. "That's what it's all about. That's why we do it."

Shooting

Howard gave a criminal complaint to the office of Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley.

One month after the event allegedly took place, Owens is scheduled to appear in Floyd County District Court on Oct. 29 for arraignment on the charges of first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief.

It was ordered by the court that Owens will have no contact with Howard by phone, person, or third party.

"When somebody issues a complaint where a gun was involved, I always get a little leery," said Jimmy "Blue" Marcum, assistant county attorney. "I always issue a restraining order just to be safe."

Wreck

es interviewed after the collision was reported said that nobody had been found in or around the vehicle shortly after the accident.

It was not stated how long after the wreck the body was found.

Floyd County Coroner

Roger Nelson pronounced Tackett dead at the scene Monday and no other injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

Tackett was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and toxicology reports are pending, police said.

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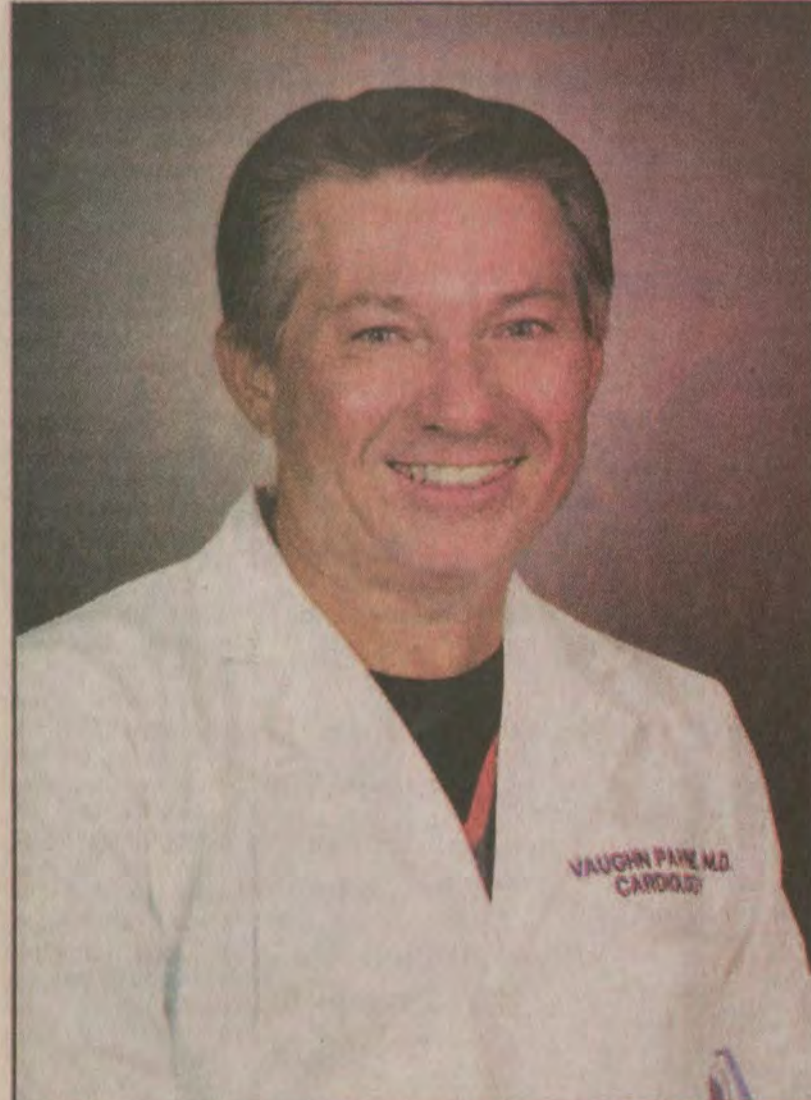
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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 08-CI-00928 Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., fka Countrywide Bank FSB Plaintiff vs. James C. Manns aka James Curtis Manns; Leigh Ann Manns Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and

Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of September, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$64,868.97, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Parcel No. 028-00-00-013.00

Legal Description:
The following described property located in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Beginning at the corner of the barn lot, above the barn, thence across the branch a straight line up the point to a large white oak

on the corner of the point; thence up the center of the point to a rock marked with an X; thence on up the point to the Hays line, running with said Hays line around the flat to a black walnut stump and a rock marked an X, being a corner to the Hays Whittaker and Martin lines; thence following the Whittaker line down the point to Banner Manns Mae and Cora Reeds line; thence with a straight line to the beginning.

There is excepted front the above described property those portions of some previously conveyed by the following five (5) deeds as follows:

1. Deed from predecessors in title, Banner Manns and Gladys Reed Manns, his wife, to Jerry Manns and Lenice Manns, his wife, dated August 6, 1973, of record in Deed Book 213, Page 394, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

2. Deed from predecessors in title, Banner Manns and Gladys Reed Manns, his wife, to Gladys Mae Manns and Leaster Manns, dated

September 21, 1971, of record in Deed Book 221, Page 211, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

3. Deed from predecessors in title, Banner Manns and Gladys Reed Manns, his wife to Roy Manns, dated July 30, 1979, of record in Deed Book 240, Page 568, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

4. Deed from predecessors in title, Banner Manns and Gladys Reed Manns, his wife to Clovis Manns, dated July 30, 1979, of record in Deed Book 240, Page 570, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

5. Deed from James Curtis Manns, to Gladys Mae Manns Gibson and Lora Lee Gibson, dated June 1, 1992, of record in Deed Book 358, Page 159, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Terms of Sale:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said

property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to

Application No. 836-0351

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 60.97 surface acres, and 123.86 acres of auger area, making a total permit area of 184.83 acres, located 0.5 mile north of Emma, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from Cow Creek Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Merritt Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will

use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Prestonsburg Church of Christ, Cheryl Lewis, Sandra and Michael Barkan, and Alta Leslie. This operation will underlie land owned by Prestonsburg Church of Christ, Cheryl Lewis, Sandra and Michael Barkan, and Alta Leslie. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow

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INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5536

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Indeva-Corp Energy, Inc., has applied for a permit for an underground and surface coal mining operation, which includes a closed-circuit coal wash plant system. The operation is located 1.1 mile southeast of New Allen in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 76.20 surface acres, and underlie 784.00 acres, with the total area within the permit boundary being 860.20 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 mile southeast from KY Rt. 1428's junction with U.S. 23, and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37°36'39". The longitude is 82°41'52".

(3) The proposed operation is on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Yancey L. Clark, et al., LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Yancey L. Clark, et al., LLC, Daniels Creek Development Corp & Browning Family Partnership, Jimmy Burchett, Dale & Tylina Mullins, B.B. Burchett, Paul Aiken, Patricia & Susan McGary, Pauline Foley, Edward & Nannie Burchett, Vernon Powers, Able & Hester Goble, Phyllis Grace, Norma Stepp, Joe B. Garrett, Wornie Garrett, Roger Garrett, Raymond Lowe, B.M. Compton Estate, c/o Troy Compton, Jerry and Wanda Lowe, Elmer Harless, and Oakey Harless. The operation will affect an area within 0 feet of public roads U.S. 23 (460/80) and Cemetery Public Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of either of the

public roads.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5314 Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, intends to transfer permit number 860-5287 to Deane Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502, the new permit number will be 860-5314. The operation disturbs 3.86 surface acres, and underlies 898.56 underground acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 0.8 mile east of Hall, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The operation is located approximately 0.75 mile east of KY Route 122's junction with KY Route 1498, and located 0.0 mile east of Daves Branch. The operation is located on the Wheelwright and Kite U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°18'12"N. The longitude is 82°45'24"W.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5318 Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, intends to transfer permit number 860-5291 to Deane Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502, the new permit number will be 860-5318. The operation disturbs 147.01 surface acres, and underlies 1070.00 underground acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 2.5 miles southeast of Halo, in Knott, Floyd and Pike Counties. The operation is located approximately 1.5 mile southeast from KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 7, and located on Arnold Fork. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°17'04"N. The longitude is 82°43'57"W.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

No. 860-5319 Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, intends to transfer permit number 860-5292 to Deane Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502, the new permit number will be 860-5319. The operation disturbs 7.00 surface acres, and underlies 700.00 acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 1.80 mile east of Hall, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The operation is located approximately 1.00 mile east of KY Route 1498's junction with Arnold Fork Road, and is located on Mudlick Branch. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°17'49"N. The longitude is 82°44'25"W.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Floyd Circuit Court Division No. II C.A. No. 07-CI-00818 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Plaintiff vs. Chi Colby

Spears Cloteen Sloane Commonwealth of Kentucky-Finance and Administration Cabinet County of Floyd Unknown Defendants, who are the Heirs or Deviseses of Legatees of Earliest Hayes and their Spouses and any Unknown Person who may have an interest in the property which is the subject matter of this action Defendants Notice of Commissioner's Sale

By VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of September, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$95,816.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract One:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Kentucky Route 80. Beginning at an iron pin set, being a

common corner of this tract and the property of the Hayes heirs, thence with the line of the Hayes heirs, North 47 deg. 08, minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 37 deg. 25 minutes 19 seconds east for a distance of 185.46 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 46 degrees 32 minutes 58 seconds east for a distance of 13.63 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 23 deg. 23 mins 56 seconds East 30 deg. 06 mins 03 seconds east for a distance 55.23 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 28 deg 06 mins 19 seconds east for a distance of 108.03 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 32 degrees 11 mins. 09 seconds East for a distance of 29.06 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 22 degrees 14 mins. 36 seconds east for a distance of 64.85 feet to an iron pin set, being a common corner of this tract, the property of the Hayes heirs and the right-of-way line of Kentucky Route 80; thence with the right-of-way line North 28 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds east for a distance of 37.83 feet to an iron pin

found, being common corner of this tract, the right-of-way of Kentucky Route 80. The property of Macarthur Jacobs, and the property of Hayes heirs; thence with the line of the Hayes heirs South 17 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 106.96 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 05 degrees 31 min. 53 seconds West for a distance of 229.09 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 42 deg. 48 mins. 56 seconds West for a distance of 66.06 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 14 deg. 49 mins. 56 seconds east for a distance of 22.84 feet to iron pin set; thence South 17 deg. 59 mins. 23 seconds West for a distance of 14.17 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 46 deg. 32 mins. 58 seconds West for a distance of 27.24 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 11 deg. 55 mins. 47 seconds West for a distance of 26.75 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 42 deg. 14 mins. 15 seconds West for a distance of 186.39 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described tract contains 49,888.7 square feet or 1.15 acres, as deter-

mined by any state of facts, which constitute an objection to title might be disclosed by an accurate survey. Being the same property conveyed to Chi Cody Spears, single, and Cloteen Sloane, single from Ron and Joan Hayes, husband and wife, and Sandy and Clarence Sheffield, wife and husband, by Deed dated January 11, 2007, and recorded March 30, 2007, in Deed Book 533, Page 417, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Terms of Sale:

(a) At the time of the sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in

the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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Court officials reviewing records retention

by JOE BIESK
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LAWRENCEBURG — Only a few shelves are empty in one of Anderson County's two cramped records vaults. Both sides of a nearby hallway are crowded with filing cabinets, leaving a narrow path to get by.

Boxes crammed with legal records from routine traffic tickets to complicated divorce proceedings and felonies are mounting. And, with an increasing court docket, the situation isn't easing up.

"We're an old courthouse," Jan Rogers, Anderson County's circuit court clerk, said. "We have maximized every inch of space that we can use."

It's becoming an increasingly familiar scene throughout Kentucky as court officials look for an answer on how to properly save and protect official court records. For nearly 18 months, court officials across Kentucky have been under a moratorium from destroying any court records.

That means all paperwork for traffic violations, felonies and misdemeanors. Everything.

The issue first erupted nearly two years ago after judges and prosecutors in Jefferson County were upset by the destruction of thousands of misdemeanor and traffic records that were five years old or older. An amendment to state policy allowed for the destruction of electronic records.

Court records haven't been destroyed since the Administrative Office of the Courts announced a moratorium in April 2007. Now, a commission set up by Kentucky Chief Justice John Minton Jr. and consisting of court officials from across the state is studying exactly what records should be kept and how.

With a steadily increasing court docket across the state, files are brimming and space is shrinking.

The issue is how to properly and efficiently preserve records that defendants or prosecutors may one day need

without running out of space, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Wine, who is heading up the records retention group, said. Previously, all records were kept on a staggered schedule with different retention periods before they were destroyed.

Misdemeanor records, for example, were kept five years before being destroyed. Some others were archived indefinitely. Traffic tickets alone generate about 400,000 records per year, Wine said.

It's not a simple question. Officials are looking at keeping certain records longer.

Someone with a past criminal record that gets expunged may need a court record for a future employer, Wine said. Prosecutors, on the other hand, may need to see if a defendant has a criminal history, possibly warranting enhanced penalties, he said.

"If you've got a court

record we want to make sure that we're keeping what's necessary for effective prosecution and effective public safety," Wine said. "Until then, they're just sitting there stacking up on floors and taking up shelf space."

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives houses more than 33,000 cubic feet of court records. That costs more than \$150,000 per year. Nearly 28,500 cubic feet of those records are permanent that cannot be destroyed, while about 5,000 cubic feet would have been destroyed if the order against destruction was not in place, according to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Boxes filled with records are piling up in Kenton County which is one of Kentucky's busiest courts in Kentucky, John Middleton said. Kenton County's court system can generate about 40,000 records

in a year, Middleton said. And, one case file can range from a couple pages to reams of paperwork.

"We're just running out of space," Middleton said. "Sometimes it can be difficult because we're getting loaded up with files and sometimes there's no place for them to go."

Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk Sally Jump, whose court handles most cases involving state government, said storage space for court records was virtually gone. But they've begun a new system of rotating cases that are on appeal, and files are stored on every floor of the courthouse, Jump said.

"From a historical standpoint they're all worth something to someone," Jump said. "We're just kind of stuck."

County court officials have been cataloging records, preparing them for destruction

and, then, finding a place to store them, Wine said. The panel has suggested that some records that were ready for destruction before the moratorium went into effect be destroyed.

Another answer may be in storing electronic court files, Wine said. Currently, they're not considered official records, but that could change, Wine said.

Already there are plans to switch over to electronic citations and warrants, Wine said. Court officials seem to want to get away from paper in the future, although converting the old paper records may be more troublesome, he said.

"The good news is we're not trying to be static here," Wine said. "Eventually we're switching over, but until then we've got the hard copies to deal with."

Newspaper: 14 percent of released inmates charged

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — At least 14 percent of inmates let out of prisons under the state's early release program have since been charged again with crimes, according to a newspaper report.

The Courier-Journal in Louisville found that of the 1,004 inmates released as of mid-September, 146 have been arrested or charged again by grand juries. The newspaper examined records from the state Administrative Office of the Courts.

At least 16 of the 146 new offenders are accused of committing violent crimes, including rape, robbery and domestic violence.

Kentucky's early release program was authorized by this year's budget bill in an effort to save \$30 million over the next two years.

State statistics show that about 30 percent of the state's inmates commit new offenses within two years of release, the newspaper reported.

The early-release program gives credit against inmates' sentences for the time they were out on parole before being sent back to prison for parole violations.

Attorney General Jack Conway has filed a lawsuit in Franklin Circuit Court to halt the program.

Conway said it puts the public at risk and violates the state's truth-in-sentencing law, which requires juries to be given information about how long prisoners actually serve before becoming eligible for parole.

"I'm trying to be responsible here," Conway said. "It's trite to hear politicians talk about being tough on crime.

It's about being smart on crime."

The program also has been challenged in a lawsuit filed by a commonwealth's attorney in southeastern Kentucky. A judge there has temporarily stopped the state from releasing prisoners in Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties while the suit is pending.

Among the prisoners released early who have since been charged with a crime are a McCracken County man who was charged Sept. 13 with raping his wife; a Jefferson County man who was charged July 28 with robbing a gas station at gunpoint; and a Nelson County man who was arrested after police say he struck a police cruiser with a vehicle, then nearly crashed into a school bus full of children.

A spokesman for Gov. Steve Beshear said the administration is simply carrying out the will of the legislature.

"Our job is to implement the mandate the legislature gave us in the budget," said spokesman Jay Blanton. "That's what we've been doing."

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he plans to amend the provision during next year's legislative session to limit it to non-violent, non-sex offenders.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he is also opposed to the credit being applied to violent and sexual offenders.

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UK debuts new unis at Big Blue Madness

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A year ago, Kentucky's Big Blue Madness was about showing off a new coach. This time, it was about showing off a new look.

Billy Gillispie's Wildcats donned new blue and white checkerboard-patterned uniforms as the nation's all-time winningest team kicked off their preseason preparations Friday in front of more than 23,000 of their closest friends.

While crowds arrived before 9 p.m., it wasn't until

11:18 that the second-year coach finally made his appearance.

Last year, four large banners descended from the rafters, and when they finally dropped, there Gillispie stood, waving to the crowd.

This time, the banners fell while pyrotechnics and horn noises filled Rupp Arena, but Gillispie was nowhere to be seen. Instead, he entered moments later, jogging through the crowd in his gray jumpsuit, dishing out high fives along his path.

"I know they're excited to be here," Gillispie, already

seemingly short of voice, said of his players. "They love being here at Kentucky."

Gillispie's entrance was far humbler than that of UK women's coach Matthew Mitchell, who appeared riding a fire truck.

The men's team first took the floor with a dunk contest that Ramon Harris clinched with an off the backboard follow he jammed home.

Then, there was a defensive-minded scrimmage, in which both sides took more than three minutes to score. It was a troubling reminder of the team's slow starts at times last

season, which ended with a loss to Marquette in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Although the checkerboard pattern on the new uniforms is subtle, those who designed them for Nike said they were intended as a nod to jockey silks representing the state's signature industry, horse racing. Penny Chenery, who owned 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat, received an honorary jersey from Gillispie at midcourt during the festivities.

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photo by Paula Goble
Prestonsburg senior Austin Gearheart (7) and his teammates will return to the gridiron Friday night at home versus Pikeville.

Bethel spoils Homecoming for host Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Sophomore tailback Justin Woodard ran for 175 yards and a touchdown Saturday afternoon as Bethel College spoiled homecoming at Pikeville College with a 42-10 win.

Woodard carried the ball 24 times in the win, only the second in six outings for the Wildcats, who were preseason No. 6 in the NAIA poll and a national quarter-finalist a year ago.

Pikeville fell to a dreadful 1-5.

Bethel wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, going 51 yards on seven plays with the final 41 coming on a pass from senior quarterback Chad Lamping to senior wide receiver Will Cripps. It was the first of two touchdown passes Lamping would throw to Cripps and the PAT by senior Sean Fraser made it 7-0 with only 2:15 off the clock.

The Wildcats led 14-0 after Woodard's one-yard scamper ended an 89-yard drive in the first period, and it was 21-0 after freshman tailback David Brown scored from 13 yards out to close an 83-yard drive.

Pikeville got on the scoreboard late in the first half when junior Kyle Chilton made a 24-yard field goal.

The third period was more of the same for Bethel. Lamping hit senior Joevaris Carter on a five-yard pass, Brown scooted in from five yards out and Lamping found Cripps for 21 yards to make it 42-3 by the end of the third period.

Pikeville scored its only touchdown on a 15-yard pass from sophomore Dan Wideman to freshman Lamar Brown with 12:48 left to close out the scoring. It capped a seven-play, 70-yard drive.

Woodard's efforts led a 254-yard rushing day for the Wildcats, who averaged 6.2 yards per carry. Lamping was 12-of-22 for 191 yards with three touchdowns. His favorite target was Carter, who caught five for 79 yards, and Cripps, who had 71 on only three catches.

Pikeville, meanwhile, had a season-best 206 yards on the ground, with Wideman picking up 78 on 16 carries. Senior tailback De'Rail Sims finished with 65 yards on only nine carries.

In the air, Wideman was 17-of-32 for 182 with two interceptions and the one score. Montrel Jones caught five for 40 yards, while Brown's touchdown was one of four catches for 58 yards.

With the five catches, the freshman Jones has 40 on the season, tying him for the second-most in a season since Pikeville began varsity football in 2001. He is 11 shy of teammate Justin Lamb's single-season mark of 51, set in 2006.

Bethel's defensive attack was led by defensive back Johnathan Deberry's 10 tackles. Nine of those were solos and he had one of Bethel's interceptions. Junior defensive back Antonio Wardlow had eight tackles, all solos, with one tackle for loss, an interception and a blocked field goal.

Pikeville got six tackles from junior linebackers DeVaughn Whitley (four and two) and Kenny Harris (two and four). Harris added a sack for a nine-yard loss.



Prestonsburg started hosting the 54th District Volleyball Tournament Tuesday evening.

The matchups pitted Allen Central versus host Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne against South Floyd at D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

The championship match is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m.

A complete recap of the district volleyball tournament will appear in Friday's edition. Allen Central is the defending 54th District champion.



San Diego defeats Morehead State, 41-17

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Three first-half Morehead State University turnovers led to University San Diego scores, and the Toreros were never headed in a 41-17 win over Football Eagles Saturday evening at Torero Stadium.

San Diego raised its perfect record to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Pioneer Football League, in winning for the 28th consecutive time at home. MSU fell to 3-3 overall, 1-1 in the PFL.

After the Eagles forced San Diego to a three-and-out punt on the opening series of the game, Torero defensive back Al Adeyemi picked off a pass by MSU quarterback Evan Sawyer and returned it 37 yards for the first score of the game at the 13:43 mark of the

first quarter. James Cullen's extra point kick made the score USD 7, MSU 0.

The teams then exchanged punts, MSU return specialist Nick Feldman fumbled a punt return and USD recovered at the Eagle 28-yard line. Three plays later, Torero running back Phil Morelli scored on a four-yard run, and another Cullen PAT made it 14-0 with 5:30 left in the first quarter.

San Diego added another score in the first quarter to lead 21-0 at the end of the first 15 minutes. The Toreros tacked on 14 second quarter points and led 35-0 at intermission. The final USD score of the half came after an MSU fumble.

"You can't turn the ball over the way we did

against an outstanding football team line San Diego," said MSU Coach Matt Ballard. "But, we did show what we are made of in the second half. We've got to learn from this game, then put it behind us and get ready for another very athletic team in Jacksonville."

MSU outscored the Toreros 14-3 in the third quarter to cut the lead to USD 38, MSU 14. Eagle Erick Fitzpatrick scored on a 51-yard run at the 9:28 mark of the period, and Mason Webb kicked the extra point. John McSorley kicked a 26-yard field goal for San Diego with 3:39 remaining in the quarter. Then, Fitzpatrick caught a 20-yard pass from Sawyer and Webb added the PAT with only 22 seconds remaining in the

third. Webb (34 yards) and McSorley (25 yards) matched field goals for the only scores of the final quarter.

San Diego had 405 yards in total offense to 253 yards for MSU. Morelli rushed for 115 yards on 25 carries. Torero quarterback Seb Trujillo passed for 198 yards and three touchdowns.

Fitzpatrick rushed for 94 yards on seven carries and caught five passes for 48 yards for the Eagles. Sawyer passed for 107 yards and rushed for 70 yards.

It will be Homecoming next weekend on the MSU campus. The Football Eagles will play host to Jacksonville at 1 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18).

COPPERHEAD RIDGE HILLCLIMBERS



Copperhead Ridge hillclimbers recently attended the Nashville Nitro East vs. West Shootout in Nashville, Ind. Local riders got their chance to compete against some of the best hillclimbers from the West Coast. Nine local riders from Copperhead Ridge were entered in eight classes, ranging from 50cc to Open Bike. The local riders claimed five first-place finishes, two second-place finishes and one third-place finish. The NAHA held its championship Sunday, Oct. 5. The event featured riders from as far away as California. Cody Blair (50 cc), Johnny Curry III (85 cc) and Bertha Wright (Women's) claimed first-place finishes. Jacob Crider finished first in the 250cc and 600cc classes. Johnny Curry Jr., Graham Burchett and Brock Riffe claimed second- and third-place finishes. Copperhead Ridge will host the Kentucky State Championship on Saturday (Oct. 18) beginning at 1 p.m.

High School Football Scoreboard Friday, Oct. 10

- Bath Co. 41, Morgan Co. 0
- Belfry 55, Magoffin Co. 8
- Breathitt Co. 48, Fleming Co. 6
- Corbin 14, Middlesboro 7
- Harlan Co. 32, Powell Co. 21
- Haysi, Va. 65, East Ridge 0
- Lynn Camp 25, Harlan 17
- Pikeville 62, South Floyd 0
- Pineville 48, Jenkins 14
- Raceland 55, Paris 13
- Rowan Co. 46, Lawrence Co. 0
- Russell 34, Lewis Co. 0
- Shelby Valley 48, Tug Valley, W.Va. 8
- Sheldon Clark 49, Pike Co. Central 0
- Whitley Co. 22, Letcher Central 14
- Saturday, Oct. 11
- Beechwood 43, Prestonsburg 14

Spurrier beats Kentucky again with 24-17 victory

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — As Captain Munnerlyn lined up to return his first kickoff of the season, he said he had a feeling it was going to be a "wacky day."

"I saw the ball bouncing to me and just kept thinking, 'I can't let the kicker get to me,'" Munnerlyn said. "I turned on the speed and felt like I had it. And then, I got tackled."

Not until 84 yards down the field, though, setting up an easy touchdown. The return was the first of Munnerlyn's two game-breaking plays that propelled South Carolina to a 24-17 victory over Kentucky on Saturday, improving Steve Spurrier's record against the Wildcats to 16-0.

In addition to the kick return, Munnerlyn picked up a blocked field goal and ran it 81 yards for a score.

South Carolina (5-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) won its ninth consecutive meeting against Kentucky (4-2, 0-2), which came in with momentum after nearly upsetting Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Instead, the Wildcats' string of futility against Spurrier remains longer than any in the country against coaches not named Joe Paterno.

"It was a good victory, even though we played lousy

offensively," Spurrier said.

The game, billed as a field position showdown between two of the Southeastern Conference's top defenses, lived up to that hype, at least until midway through the third quarter. That was when Spurrier, always quick with the hook on his quarterbacks, looked at backup quarterback Stephen Garcia on the sideline and told him to get ready.

"I was pretty excited, and pretty nervous," Garcia said.

Garcia replaced a struggling Chris Smelley and led four consecutive drives into Wildcats territory, which the Gamecocks turned into 10 points. It could have been more if not for three missed second-half field goal attempts by Ryan Succop, one of the nation's top kickers.

"The team certainly bailed me out," Succop said.

With the game tied at 17, South Carolina took the lead for good when Garcia found Weslye Saunders open in the end zone off a play-action pass from 7 yards out. The play was set up by a 37-yard completion from Garcia to Jason Barnes. Garcia completed 10 of 14 passes for 169 yards in limited duty.

Kentucky quarterback Mike Hartline got the ball back with an opportunity to tie the game, but the second interception of the day by Chris Culliver clinched it for

the Gamecocks.

"It was like we were making mistakes, and then we corrected those mistakes and stopped them," Culliver said.

The teams combined for six turnovers. Kentucky's defense got three of its four takeaways in the first quarter but still trailed by a touchdown at the beginning of the second.

First, Smelley appeared to connect with Kenny McKinley for an 8-yard gain, but Kentucky's Trevard Lindley ripped the ball out of his hands and took it 28 yards to put the Wildcats ahead 7-0.

It didn't take long for South Carolina to respond. Munnerlyn returned Tim Masthay's kickoff 84 yards and was stopped only when Masthay shoved him out of bounds at the Kentucky 16.

Given new life, this time Smelley threw the ball to a place only McKinley could get it — the corner of the end zone, tying the game at 7.

It was one of few highlights for Smelley, coming off an SEC offensive player of the week performance at Ole Miss. He completed 9 of 23 passes for 105 yards and two interceptions. Spurrier has already named Garcia as the starter next week against No. 4 LSU.

"There is no one to blame but myself for the way I played," Smelley said.

Hartline wasn't much bet-

ter, completing 23 of 43 passes for 152 yards and two interceptions.

"We were a little off on the pass and a little off on the reception," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "We have got to work to get better. We are close, and we need to execute."

That was partly due to an injury to Dicky Lyons Jr., the team's top receiver. Lyons tore his medial collateral ligament during a second-quarter reception and will be sidelined indefinitely, Brooks said.

"You have to play with the guys you have and hope it goes well," Hartline said. "We have to persevere as an offense."

On South Carolina's next drive, McKinley broke Sterling Sharpe's South Carolina record with his 170th career reception but immediately coughed up the ball up again. It was recovered by Kentucky's Marcus McClinton.

After the teams combined for three turnovers, the Wildcats had a chance to grab momentum. But Ryan Tydlacka's 29-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Jordin Lindsey and returned 81 yards for a score by Munnerlyn.

Tydlacka later connected on a 51-yard attempt — the Wildcats' longest since 2004 — to put Kentucky ahead 17-14 at halftime.

Madness

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The uniforms feature a shoulder patch that says "Mr. Wildcat." The reference is a tribute to longtime equipment manager Bill Keightley, who died earlier this year at 81. A lasting memorial to Keightley was painted on the Rupp Arena floor in front of his familiar spot on the Wildcat bench.

His daughter, Karen, wept at that honor and as fans stood and politely applauded while a tribute video to Keightley played on the large screens.

Although the official opening practice of the college basketball season isn't until Oct. 17, Kentucky is one of a handful of schools using a technicality in the NCAA rules to hold its bash a week earlier. The NCAA allows two hours

of team workouts per week, starting in mid-September.

The early Madness events could be short-lived, though. National Association of Basketball Coaches spokesman Rick Leddy said the rule was intended to give coaches and players extra time working on their skills, not holding a pep rally.

Gillispie said before the festivities that he planned to have fun at this year's Madness after feeling a little too apprehensive ahead of last year's event.

"I didn't know what to expect last year," he said. "I've been to a lot of Midnight Madness at different places, but Big Blue Madness is something special. I'm very excited about it."

Jones' 3 TDs lead Jets past Bengals, 26-14

by DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre and the New York Jets were far from flashy on offense, and they didn't need to be against the winless Cincinnati Bengals.

Thomas Jones ran for two touchdowns, including a 1-yarder late in the game, and caught a pass from Favre for a score to lead the Jets to a 26-14 win Sunday.

"It wasn't our best performance on offense, but it was a win," Favre said. "We did some good things. ... Thomas Jones, he had one of those days."

The Jets (3-2) improved to 3-0 in games immediately following a bye under coach Eric Mangini, but this one was far from easy. With New York holding a tentative 20-14 lead, the Jets needed a 10-play, 41-yard drive by Favre that ate up the clock to seal the victory over the Bengals (0-6).

"I don't believe in ugly wins," Favre said. "I believe in a win's win. That one felt as good as any win I've been a part of in recent memory."

Ryan Fitzpatrick couldn't get much going for the Bengals in place of an ailing Carson Palmer. He was 20-of-33 for 152 yards as Cincinnati dropped to 0-6 for the third time since 2000.

"O-and-anything stings," linebacker Dhani Jones said. "We just want to get the bad taste out of our mouths. O-and-6 is not a position anybody wants to be in."

The Bengals gained just 43 yards rushing on 21 carries, with Fitzpatrick's 23 leading the way.

"Everyone will say that with a backup in there, we need to run the ball better. We will," said Fitzpatrick, making his second start in three games with Palmer resting a sore right elbow. "It was a struggle out there today. We have to go back to the drawing board and figure it out."

Despite their struggles, the Bengals were still in it late. The Jets had a third-and-4 from the Bengals 7 when Favre hit Chris Baker for 6 yards. Jones followed with a 1-yard rumble into the end zone with 2:22 left and the 2-point try fell incomplete to make it a 12-point game.

Favre, coming off a six-touchdown performance in a 56-35 victory over Arizona, wasn't nearly as explosive in this one. He finished 25-for-33 for 189 yards — throwing mostly short passes — a touchdown and two interceptions.

"I'm not here for stats," Favre said. "I'm here for wins."

Jones finished with 17 carries for 65 yards and had his first career three-TD game for the Jets, wearing their navy and

gold throwback New York Titans uniforms for the second straight game.

"Last (game), we threw the ball really well and scored a lot of points and today wasn't that exact same situation," Jones said. "We had to kind of grind it out a little more. The good thing is we're able to do both."

Cincinnati took a 7-0 lead on the third play from scrimmage, when Antwan Odom sacked Favre and forced a fumble. Chinedum Ndukwe picked it up and ran 15 yards into the end zone to give the Bengals the lead 1:24 into the game.

It didn't last long as New York tied it with a 2-yard touchdown reception by Jones.

"The whole point is to be out there with the ball in your hands," said Jones, who had two TDs all last season. "It always feel good to get touchdowns, get into the end zone and contribute to the team winning."

The score capped a strange drive during which Favre had thrown two other touchdown passes that were called back by penalties.

Favre tossed a pass to Dustin Keller in the end zone on third-and-goal from the 4, but right guard Brandon Moore was called for being an ineligible man downfield. On the next play from the 9, Favre hit Jerricho Cotchery in the end zone, but the play was called back because of offensive pass interference by Chansi Stuckey.

"We're not going to throw six touchdown passes every week," Favre said with a smile. "We might throw three on one drive, which was different, but we've got to be able to win games like that."

After Jay Feely gave the Jets a 10-7 lead with a 38-yard field goal early in the second quarter, New York took advantage of a costly mistake by Fitzpatrick. The Bengals quarterback fumbled when he was sacked by Hank Poteat, and Calvin Pace recovered the ball. Two plays later, Jones ran it into the end zone from 7 yards.

Fitzpatrick's 1-yard run made it 17-14 with 8 seconds left before halftime. Feely added a 43-yarder in the third quarter to put the Jets ahead 20-14.

"We've got to do better," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's not good enough."

Notes: The Jets won the battle of field position, too, with their average start at their own 46, while the Bengals' average start was their 20. ... Cotchery and Laveranues Coles each had eight catches for the Jets, while T.J. Houshmandzadeh had seven and Chad Ocho Cinco five for the Bengals. ... Cincinnati cornerback Jamar Fletcher and safety Herana-Daze Jones injured hamstrings in the first half and didn't return.

Cards survive scare from Memphis, 35-28

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Louisville defensive end Rodney Gnat spent three quarters waiting for just one clean shot at Memphis quarterback Arkelon Hall.

When Gnat finally got it, he didn't let it go to waste.

Gnat drilled Hall early in the fourth quarter, knocking the ball free and into the awaiting arms of cornerback Johnny Patrick, who raced 21 yards for the winning touchdown in the Cardinals' 35-28 victory Friday night.

It was redemption for the Cardinals (3-2), who lost to Connecticut two weeks ago on a late interception return for a score. It also was a bitter end for Hall, who played brilliantly against the nation's ninth-ranked defense but couldn't rally the Tigers (3-4) all the way back from a 14-point halftime deficit.

Louisville wide receiver Trent Guy, three months removed from a gunshot wound to the back that nearly took his life, returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and caught a 43-yard scoring pass from Hunter Cantwell to help the Cardinals survive against their former Conference USA rival.

"It's amazing," Louisville

coach Steve Kragthorpe said. "It's a great story. Trent's a great testament. He's worked hard and done everything we've asked him to do. He's gotten up against a little adversity and he's fought back."

Hall threw for 350 yards and completed a rare trifecta — throwing for two scores while adding a touchdown rushing and receiving — but couldn't lead the Tigers to their fourth straight win.

Memphis rolled up 481 yards but the Cardinals made up for it with a pair of spectacular plays on special teams and a couple of late stops to overcome an uncharacteristically sluggish offense.

"We were on the field a bunch, but we found a way at the end to pick up a fumble and run it in," Kragthorpe said.

For three quarters, Louisville seemed to have no answer for a creative Memphis game plan that pulled from the deepest pages of offensive coordinator Clay Helton's playbook.

Wide receiver passes. Screens. Throwback screens. Tackle eligible tosses. Direct snaps to running backs. The only thing missing was a drop-kick. The trickery led to plenty of yards, but not always points.

"Look at the stats, 481 to 299 (in yards) but we can't make those errors we made and win a game like that," said Memphis coach Tommy West.

Though Memphis roared back from a 28-14 deficit to tie it late in the third quarter, the Tigers couldn't get over the top no matter how hard Louisville's offense tried to help.

The Cardinals appeared to take a 35-28 lead on a 13-yard touchdown run by Brock Bolen. A holding call brought that back and Ryan Payne's 36-yard field goal attempt changed off the right upright.

Memphis couldn't take advantage of the reprieve. Hall was drilled by Gnat four plays after the missed field goal and Patrick picked the ball up and raced to the end zone.

Memphis had two chances to tie. The first drive ended on a failed fourth down at the Louisville 9 with 6:24 to play. The Tigers quickly forced Louisville to punt, but Hall — who completed 33 passes to 10 different receivers — missed on three straight passes from the Memphis 32 and the Tigers decided to kick it away with 3:52 remaining.

Louisville's running game made sure Memphis never

got it back, churning out a pair of late first downs to run out the clock. Victor Anderson had 81 yards rushing and Cantwell finished with 133 yards and two touchdowns on a gimpy left ankle.

Though the offensive struggled, Guy and Patrick picked up the slack.

After the Tigers took a 14-7 lead on a 1-yard touchdown pass from wide receiver Maurice Jones to Hall, Guy responded with a nifty return up the middle to tie it.

Cantwell hit Pete Nochtka for 23-yard score to put Louisville up 21-14 when Patrick made the play that turned the game after Memphis brought in walk-on freshman kicker Vinny Zaccario for a 47-yard attempt with 13 seconds left in the half.

Patrick, however, got a hand on the kick and the ball bounced right into the arms of teammate Brandon Heath, who raced 60 yards for a touchdown on the last play of the half to put Louisville up 28-14.

"Our special teams didn't show up and that cost us the game," West said. "There's no question about it and there's no way to sugarcoat it."

Buckeyes seeking more offense against Spartans

by RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — This was supposed to be Ohio State's foray into a high-tech spread offense and away from its staked-to-the-ground past.

So far, it's been a dud.

"Offensively we didn't get near as much done as we're going to need to get done," coach Jim Tressel said after Saturday's punchless 16-3 victory over Purdue.

The combination of sprinter-quarterback Terrelle Pryor and burly, shifty tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells has had trouble getting off the ground in the three games they've been together.

The still-No. 12 Buckeyes have won all three, but not so much because of anything the offense is doing.

In the Purdue game, special teams blocked a punt resulting in the only touchdown. The ledger proved how ineffective the

Buckeyes' attack was.

Pryor looked tentative at times and made bad decisions at others. He completed 10 of 14 passes for just 97 yards. He missed one wide-open receiver at the goal line when he threw a pass behind him. Another time he over-threw open wide receiver Brian Robiskie in the end zone.

He was sacked three times for 19 yards in losses and ended up adding only 27 yards on 14 carries with his legs.

"We've really got to execute," Pryor said later. "It's frustrating for us that we didn't click today. We just looked bad. That's the only way to put it."

Wells missed practice with the flu but still mustered 94 yards on 22 attempts.

Still, with both in the lineup the Buckeyes twice failed to score a touchdown after getting a first down inside the Purdue 10.

"It's frustrating in the red

zone," Wells said. "It's been frustrating all year. It's about not executing."

The Buckeyes punted six times in their 11 possessions. They also missed a field goal.

Tight end Jake Ballard and Wells both think the Buckeyes need to throw the ball more — and more effectively.

"Terrelle needs to have more confidence," Ballard said. "He's doing well on his feet, but he has to believe in his arm."

Wells frequently jokes that he'd like to carry the ball 40 times a game. He wasn't joking when he said the passing game needed to get a lot better before next week's game at No. 20 Michigan State.

"We have to pass the ball better," Wells said. "That might be surprising coming from a running back, but we have to get the ball downfield. We have to use our receivers better."

Tressel was asked if had contemplated putting sixth-year senior Todd Boeckman — a much better passer — into the game to replace Pryor.

"There weren't any huge discussions about that," he said.

The main goal for the Buckeyes — particularly after the 35-3 black eye they took at Southern California in their third game — is to capture a fourth consecutive Big Ten title, including an unprecedented third outright championship in a row.

They survived a big test at Wisconsin despite not playing terribly well on offense other than their first and last drives. Now they're faced with the prospect of going to Michigan State, which will certainly stack the line unless Pryor proves the can deliver the ball to his receivers.

"All in all, the guys have to step up," Wells said. "It's the Big Ten. We have to play better."



Jacob Crider (Prestonsburg) is pictured at the East vs. West Shootout during his first-place run. Crider recently won the District 11 Championship in the 600cc and Stock Wheel Base classes.

Burton uses win to get back in championship chase

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — Jeff Burton failed to win a championship when he was anointed NASCAR's next big star, the guy everyone thought would challenge for multiple titles.

He couldn't win one year later, when, after years of mediocrity, he suddenly found himself back in the mix.

A win Saturday night at Lowe's Motor Speedway rocketed Burton onto Jimmie Johnson's bumper with five races to go to decide the championship, and Burton is convinced he's as capable of winning a title now as he was when he was a young hot-shot.

"No one's ever proven to me why you can't do at 41

what you could do at 23," Burton said. "We're lucky to be in a sport that you can be successful in your 40s. You can convince yourself you're too old to do it. Trust me, a lot of people will try to convince you you're too old to do it.

"But with age comes a lot of advantages, too. And we'll try to take those advantages every chance we get."

Burton's peak started 11 years ago, when he started a string of five consecutive multiple-win seasons. In that period, he notched 17 victories and 102 top 10 finishes while slowly moving up in the standings.

He finished fifth in the standings twice, including his six-win season in 1999. He'd moved up to third in the final points the next season, and went into 2001 as the

prohibitive favorite to win his first Cup title.

But Dale Earnhardt died on the final lap of the season-opening Daytona 500 that year, and many people believed it adversely affected the safety-conscious Burton. He became a proponent of industrywide improvements, and for the next several years became more known for his stances on safety than his on-track performance.

The wins dried up — he didn't reach Victory Lane from 2002 through 2005 — and left longtime car owner Jack Roush for a fresh start with slumping Richard Childress Racing.

Like Burton, RCR had fallen off following Earnhardt's death, and Childress needed new blood to help revitalize the program. Many told the car

owner he was crazy to hire an aging driver who had failed to meet his potential and presumably lost his edge.

Childress didn't balk.

"Someone asked me a while ago about age, why I pick drivers — not in their golden years, but in their good years, as I call 'em," Childress said. "But Dale Earnhardt in 2000, we finished second (in the standings). I think he was 49. We were going to win the championship the following year.

"So age, like Jeff said, is only in your mind. If you take care of your body like Jeff does physically, your mind will be good."

Burton has proven that the past three seasons, steadily becoming relevant again.

He made his first Chase in 2006, and used a victory in Round 2 at Dover to take

over the points lead. He stayed on top of the standings almost a month, then an engine failure at Martinsville sent him tumbling to fifth and opened the door for Johnson to win his first title.

Burton finished seventh, and can look back at that failed championship run and find what not to do this time around.

"It had been a while since I had been in the mix. So we were getting accustomed to all that again," Burton said.

"As relaxed as we wanted to be, you know, I wasn't as relaxed as I thought I could be. I was saying all the right things, I was doing all the right things, I thought. But at the end of the day, I was still kind of tensed up about it.

"So lesson learned and we won't do that again."

This time he's relaxed,

secure in his spot as an afterthought among the title contenders. Nobody predicted Burton would be a factor in the Chase — not after the stellar seasons Johnson, Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards had.

Burton had sort of hovered inside the top 12, never making a strong surge to the front. His win Saturday night moved him into second, gave him his first multiple-win season since 2001, and the confidence to make a run at the title.

"There's a lot that's going to happen between now and then," Burton said. "Everybody wants to give somebody a trophy right now. Just hold on for a little while. We're halfway through this thing. Anything can happen.

"And, by the way, it probably will happen."

Big Brown's racing career ends after injury

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown's racing career is over after injuring his right front foot during a workout at Aqueduct on Monday.

Trainer Rick Dutrow said the 3-year-old colt, who was preparing for the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 25, appeared to kick himself while working on the turf course at Aqueduct with stablemate Kip Deville. Big Brown was able to complete the six-furlong work when Dutrow noticed blood coming out of the foot.

"It looks like he grabbed himself in a bad spot," Dutrow said.

Though the extent of the injury is unknown, Michael Iavarone of IEAH Stables, co-owners of Big Brown, said the horse who captivated the racing world during his Triple Crown bid will not race again.

"It's in the best interest of the horse to let him recover and move on to his breeding career," Iavarone said.

It means there will be no showdown in the BC Classic

between Big Brown and 4-year-old star Curlin. The race was expected to be Big Brown's last before retiring to stud at Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky.

"This is devastating. He had a great work this morning, and we were very excited about going to Breeders' Cup," Iavarone said. "This is not only devastating to us, but to all of his fans who won't get to see him run in the Classic."

The injury caps a brilliant but somewhat controversial career for Big Brown, who won seven times in eight starts including dominant runs in the Derby and the Preakness.

His bid to become the first Triple Crown champion since 1978 ended during a bizarre Belmont Stakes in which he was eased by jockey Kent Desormeaux at the turn and he trotted across the finish line far behind the rest of the field.

The Belmont came after Dutrow admitted he took Big Brown off the anabolic steroid Winstrol, though Dutrow claimed the decision had nothing to do with Big

Brown's poor performance. The horse was also dealing with a painful quarter crack in his left front hoof. That injury is unrelated to the one he sustained Monday.

Big Brown bounced back from the Belmont with wins in the Haskell Invitational and the Monmouth Stakes and was poised for a shot at Curlin, horse racing's all-time leading money winner. Not anymore. Dutrow expressed disappointment but said the horse's health is the highest priority.

"The best case scenario is he lives a real good life," Dutrow said.

Case Clay, president of Three Chimneys, said he's saddened by the news and isn't sure when Big Brown would arrive at the farm.

"We're just going to let the horse kind of dictate that, let him heal from his foot injury and whenever he's healed and ready, he'll come," Clay said.

The injury could also affect Big Brown's stud fee. The farm negotiated a breeding deal reportedly worth \$50 million. A win in the BC Classic could have upped the asking price, though Clay is

sure Big Brown will still command a high-dollar fee.

"He's the best of his generation," Clay said. "I think his stud fee will be different if he won the Classic, what that'll be, I'm not sure."

Big Brown isn't the first star 3-year-old to miss the BC Classic due to injury. Smarty Jones, who won the Derby and Preakness in 2004, missed the Classic that year with a bruised foot and retired to Three Chimneys. Also, Mineshaft missed the 2003 Classic as a 4-year-old due to a minor ankle injury.

Racing officials were hoping a duel between Big Brown and Curlin would provide the sport with a little public relations boost right in the middle of football season. The sport has struggled along with the economic downturn, with both wagering and purses down during the third quarter according to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

NTRA president Alex Waldrop, however, said Big Brown's injury won't necessarily take away from racing's biggest two days.

"I'm thinking of the Ryder

Cup when everyone said not having Tiger Woods would kill the Ryder Cup when the opposite happened," he said. "New stars were able to step up and there will be plenty of great horses at Santa Anita."

Big Brown's retirement leaves the spotlight squarely on Curlin, who became the first North American horse to eclipse \$10 million in earnings with a victory in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park last month.

Curlin is already at Santa Anita. He was scheduled to have a five-furlong work over the track's artificial surface Monday.

Alwajeheha wins Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Filly Alwajeheha beat Backseat Rhythm by 1 1/4 lengths Saturday to win the \$500,000 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland Race

Course.

Jockey John Velazquez, who had a concussion after a fall last weekend at Keeneland, guided the 3-year-old Alwajeheha over the 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.09 on firm turf.

"I'm very blessed that nothing very serious happened to me (last week)," said Velazquez, who won earlier on the card with Baroness Thatcher. "This filly did it great every time I asked her for a little more, she kept giving it to me. I was very, very impressed with her."

She paid \$25.20, \$11.20 and \$8.40. The late-closing Backseat Rhythm returned \$5.40 and \$4, and My Princess Jess paid \$6 to show.

Velazquez was thrown from his mount, Tap Dancing, on Oct. 3, during the seventh race on Keeneland's opening day of the fall meet. Fellow jockey Jamie Theriot also was thrown but able to walk off.

Also Saturday, Nickel Shooter, an allowance runner running in the Perryville Stakes, sustained multiple fractures of his left front fetlock and was euthanized.

Kinzer celebrates age 80 at 150-plus miles per hour

by DARRELL PRATER

Mr. James "Willard" Kinzer recently celebrated his 80th Birthday. I guess we could just write a story about him still showing up for work everyday and running a successful natural gas production company. That would probably be a full plate for most folks, Willard just doesn't fit the mold for "most" folks.

The Kinzer family has always had a tradition of racing. Terry Kinzer with several US and Canadian Motorcycle Hillclimb championships. Jerry Kinzer racing motorcycles in both hillclimbing and drag racing. Jerry's son, Brandon, currently running dirt late models. Of course when Terry retired from motorcycle hillclimbing, Willard, in his 50s at the time, decided to start professional motorcycle hillclimbing. As with Terry, Willard also won several US and Canadian motorcycle hillclimb titles. This would have probably satisfied most peoples need for speed. Again, Willard is not "most" people.

So, what does Willard do to celebrate turning eighty? Well, start drag racing of course. Doesn't everyone? Willard started out racing his Porsche 911 twin turbo participating in the Street Fights and King of the Strip series at Bristol Dragway. Willard finished second in the King of the Strip points standings. He made the Charter Bandits (quickest eight cars) several times during the summer in his

Porsche. Something that drag racers may go their entire career without achieving is a "Perfect Light" (this refers to a 0.00 reaction time off the line when you get the green light, probably close to the same odds as a hole-in-one in golf). Willard has already managed to pull this feat off at Bristol Dragway. He did so July 19. Willard was quick to become a fan favorite. When the officials at Bristol found out he was eighty, their response was "what did he do for a mid-life crisis?" The answer of course was "win a few motorcycle hillclimb championships." Willard also ran several races at the Mountain Parkway Dragway in Clay City.

Willard's Porsche was very quick with runs in the quarter mile in the low eleven seconds at speeds of around 130 MPH. Pretty quick for most people; there's that word again, "most". With several races under his belt it was time to step it up a notch. Willard acquired a 2000 Twin Turbo Corvette and had a welcome to the next level. Willard began testing and tuning on his "Black Bull" (he jokingly refers to the Vette as his black bull he was going to have to "break"). This is probably a good time to introduce his race crew, Earl Cline, Lonnie Fugate, Brad Barker, and Bill Barker (I try to lend a hand every now and then). These guys have put in a lot of hours to get the "Bull" ready. I believe Brad told me that his dad, Bill, mentioned the phrase "Eighty & Eights," referring to

Willard's age and turning 8.91 Seconds in the quarter mile at 150 MPH, folks, that's fast! So fast in fact, Willard had to get his NHRA license, which he achieved with no problems at Bristol. Jack, the Bristol Official, told Willard that he was thrilled that he was successful in getting his license but, "you have no ideal how many calls I'm going to get stating that I put down the wrong age on the paper work. When I tell them it's correct, then they will ask 'can he drive?', and I will have to answer 'better than most of the young people here.'"

Well, to wrap things up, Willard got to enter his first race on Oct. 2, the final Bristol Street Fights and Charter Bandits race of the season. At last count, we heard the announcer mention that there was about three hundred and fifty cars there and out of all these Willard made the Charter Bandits (Quickest Eight) with a run of 9.02 at 153 MPH to a standing ovation from the spectators. Something to be proud of, but he wasn't done yet. Willard drove his "Black Bull" to the winners circle, besting all three hundred and fifty cars to take home the trophy! Not bad for the first race in a new car!

I would like to congratulate Willard but also to thank him for an unforgettable summer. We have met some wonderful people at the race tracks, both track officials and fellow racers. I just can't wait to see what he does at Eighty One!



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POISON OAK

Billy Graham: 'Preacher from off'

When you're traveling on I-26 west, if you're not real careful and happen to be in an inside lane, it's real easy to miss the U.S. 23 north exit in Ashville, N.C., and end up on the Billy Graham highway. It's one of those exits that sort of sneaks up on you, if you're not paying real close attention.



Clyde Pack

Even though his name may be familiar, Billy

Graham's is not the most comforting name to see, especially when you're driving 75 miles per hour...in the opposite direction of where you want to be. That's happened to me a couple of times. Guess I'm a slow learner.

Even though I never saw him live and in person, nor likely ever listened to one of his TV sermons clear through, I guess I've always known who Billy Graham is, figured him to be sincere in his endeavors, and just a notch or two above most of those other prime-time-religion TV evangelists. In order to get his own highway, others must have felt the same way.

But as desirable as being in the congregation at one of his sermons might have been, at least I didn't feel neglected as a youngster in that regard, because I sat under some hard preaching at the local Free Will Baptist Church. But our little pulpit never featured anyone the stature of a Billy Graham, and as far as I know, none of the preachers I ever heard ever had a highway named after him. However, many times the visiting preacher delivering the message was considered a bit special, especially if one of the deacons referred to him as a "big preacher from off."

Now, I was smart enough to know that "from off" meant he was from somewhere other than Muddy Branch. How far "off" didn't matter. I mean, he could have come all the way from Paintsville or Prestonsburg, or even Pikeville. If you didn't have to listen to his preaching on a regular basis, he was "from off" and he was acceptable.

I've often wondered when one of our regular preachers would visit other churches and hold revivals, if they too were considered by that particular congregation as "big preachers from off."

And speaking of revivals, except for the carnival that came to town on the Fourth of July, those week-long (and sometimes longer) assemblies were often the social events of the year, and were always well attended, with me being among the attendees. Unfortunately, as a kid, I'm afraid I was there more for entertainment, than to be edified. Oh, I did sometimes hear parts of the sermons, how could I have helped it, but I also remembered that my purpose for being there was also to see if the preacher measured up to his billing, and to find out for myself just how "big" he really was.

Sometimes he measured up, sometimes he didn't.

Too bad Billy Graham never made it to one of our Muddy Branch revivals. We would have certainly considered him a "big preacher from off," and might have even named one of our hollers after him.



Allen Elementary football team.



Crowds lined up early to get a good spot along the parade route.



The Tabernacle Church's Cross Beat drum corps kept the beat during Saturday's parade.

Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival & Parade

photos by Ralph B. Davis
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Jenny Wiley Tiny Miss runner-up Ryleigh Daniels and Timothy Bryce Ferguson, who won prettiest smile and best costume in the Tiny Master contest.



Night Train provided the lunchtime entertainment prior to the parade.



County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, waving, traveled the parade by way of a horse-drawn carriage.



Little Miss Jenny Wiley Haley Alexis Ratliff.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Oct. 16 and 21, 1998)

With a demand for a \$15,000 penalty for non-compliance facing the city, the Martin City Council met in special session, Tuesday, to head off further sewer problems

An odd-shaped boundary line, "a big square rock," and a barbed-wire fence, were central points to a three-way tree-cutting dispute that played out in Floyd Circuit Court this week. Landowner Edna Harris of Corn Fork, in the Brandy Keg community, brought suit against tree harvesters Stony Newsome of Hi Hat, and Forest Hall of Topmost, for cutting timber on her property without permission

In conjunction with the Red, White and Blue Days celebration in Martin, this week, Opportunities Unlimited, Floyd County's public alternative school, conducted a flag pole dedication on Wednesday. Student Justin Jones introduced invited speakers who spoke on the flag, and what freedom means

Muncie Meade Jr., 51, of Dema, a coal operator in Floyd County, has been sentenced to four months of home incarceration for allowing safety violations at a mine where a miner died, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. He also must serve two years of supervised probation. The gold shovel brigade will be out in full force, next Wednesday, for the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Prestonsburg Recreational and Economic Development project, commonly called the Mountain Top Project

Just as the passing of community leaders Kathryn and Chalmer Frazier left a void in this region, so will the passing of their landmark home leave a void in downtown Prestonsburg. The house will be leveled this fall for a much-needed parking lot

Samuel and Donna Terry and their grandson, Lane Terry, enjoyed their place atop the float for Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Kentucky Organ Donor Association, at Saturday's Red, White, and Blue Day Parade in Martin. Samuel Terry is a successful organ transplant survivor

It is believed that an environmental problem at the Dollar General Store in Prestonsburg, caused flu-like symptoms for several employees of the store

For the third straight year, the Floyd County Fiscal Court has been able to chip away at the county tax rate. Meeting in regular session on October 16, county leaders adopted a rate of 13.8 for real property taxes and 16.3 for personal property. The rate is down by one point

Two Johnson County men, a father and son, were found dead at their home in Staffordsville Monday morning, each the victim of an apparent gunshot wound. A Kentucky State Police report identified the men as Herbert Witten, 77 and his son, Joel Witten, 44. Both were reportedly shot in the back

In its monthly meeting on October 15, the Wheelwright City Commission voted to ensure that this year's Halloween party would be held in a safe and comfortable setting. The party will be this Saturday, in the old city hall

Garland Thornsbury of Weeksbury, was presented with a Floyd County PRIDE award by Mike Vance, coordinator of Floyd County Solid Waste, and Lon May, coordinator of the local PRIDE project. He oversaw and paid for the clearing of about a hundred yards of creek bank along the Left Fork of Beaver Creek

There died: Taylor Calhoun, 63, of Ijamsville, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg; Grace Patton, 66, of Weeksbury, Tuesday, October 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Grace Floyd, 87, of Grayson, Wednesday, October 14, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland; Ralph Hale, 47, of Greenwich, Ohio, Wednesday, October 14, at his home; Geneva "June" Elsworth Williams, 77, Monday, October 12, in Baltimore, Maryland; Violet Prater Trusty, 63, of Oil Springs, Tuesday, October 13, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Charles Claude Collins, 60, of Pikeville, Tuesday, October 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Alice Hicks Frazier Kitchen, 97, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Wednesday, October 7, at Whispering Meadows Rest Home; Wayne "Bud" Griffith, 63, of Martin, Saturday, October 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bernard Phillip McKinney, 58, of Minnie, Thursday, October 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Larry Sanford Carroll, 54, of Pikeville, Monday, October 19, at his residence; Roland Jones, 65, of Printer, Tuesday, October 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Elmer Case, 61, of Printer, Thursday, October 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Waddles, 82, of Eastern, Wednesday, October 14, at his residence; Forrest Martin, 72, of Creola, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, October 18, at the O'Bleness Memorial Hospital in Athens, Ohio; Hazel Risner Baldrige, 93, of Rock Island, Illinois, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, October 12, at Trinity Medical Center West, in Rock Island.

Twenty Years Ago

(October 19, 1988)

In an historic show of widespread solidarity

among teachers in Floyd County, more than 70 percent of the district's classroom instructors failed to report to work, Thursday

Charging that Ed Patton, Floyd County School Superintendent of Transportation, was insubordinate and in neglect of his duty, District Superintendent Ronald Hager recommended that Patton's contract be terminated

A Floyd County jail inmate was charged with 42 counts of first degree arson, after a fire in the solitary confinement cell of the Floyd County jail

The State Elections Commission's deadline to have county precinct officers appointed was in September, but the Floyd County Board of Elections has yet to make its appointments

The City of Wheelwright will apply for an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to help fund the construction of a waste-water treatment plant

There died: Dewey Akers, 69, of Dana, at his residence, October 15; Lee Akers, 66, of Dana, October 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hassel Case, 70, of New London, Ohio, October 16, in Cleveland; Jean Allen Danflous, 74, of Prestonsburg, October 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lemuel Edward Foley, 76, of Prestonsburg, October 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Mabry Hicks, 73, of Topmost, October 11, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Angel Kay Innis, daughter of Nathan and Brenda Burgess Innis of Ivel, October 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John Kenis Kidd, 87, of Tram, October 7, at his residence; Lottie Francis Fitzpatrick Wells, 55, of Prestonsburg, October 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Richard Wells, 66, of Auxier, October 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(October 25, 1978)

A special conference on the problems of Dewey Lake, and possible solutions to those problems, held here, Tuesday, between Army Corps of Engineers representatives and officials of several state conservation related agencies, was marked by an air of futility and frustration

Governor Carroll's approval of the establishing of a Job Corps Center at the US Shoe Company site here, was made last Thursday, and the governor made his approval an enthusiastic welcome to the federal project

The dwelling occupied by the custodian of Garrett Elementary School, and his family, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning, and this was followed by a locker blaze at Allen Central High School

Floyd County is in a group of six eastern Kentucky counties, which have experienced population increases of 15 percent or more, from 1970 to 1976, the Appalachian Regional Commission annual report for last year says

There died: Lawrence (Bud) Niece, 52, of Garrett, Saturday, at his home; Tom Calhoun, 38, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Water Gap, October 16, in a Ft. Wayne hospital; Sheridan Tackett, 83, of Kendallville, Indiana, formerly of Harold, Monday, at his home; Charles E. Hopkins, of Hobe Sound, Florida, formerly of Topmost, Saturday, at Martin Memorial Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(October 24, 1968)

Destruction by fire of a fourth building in the Hueysville-Salt Lick section, this week, caused mounting concern among residents that a fire-bug is operating in the community

Toll-free telephone service between the Wheelwright section, and a large part of Floyd County, including the Prestonsburg area, will become a reality next spring, when equipment, ordered this week, is installed

Floyd County will have 26,202 voters eligible to vote in the November 5 election, County Clerk C. Ollie Robinson said this week

The Nixon-Agnew ticket polled a heavy lead in the mock election held Oct. 16-17, at Prestonsburg Community College, receiving 40 percent of the 272 ballots cast

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Short, of Garrett, a son, Oct. 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Lenville Mosley, of Printer, a daughter, Oct. 17

There died: William Roberts, 31, Floyd County native, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Alifaire Moore, 77, of Grayson, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at Ashland; Mrs. Nancy Anne Roope, 87, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Annabelle Eckert, 72, of Wayland, Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Virgie Patrick, 71, last Thursday, at her home at Martin; Mrs. Minnie Stephens, 80, of Hite, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Delphia Moore, 58, formerly of McDowell, Monday, at Dayton, Ohio; Has Slone, 47, formerly of Martin, Tuesday, at Ashland.

Fifty Years Ago

(October 23, 1958)

A 40-ton rockfall crushed two men to death in an abandoned Middle Creek coal mine, Tuesday morning. The dead are Charlie Pennington, 65, and his neighbor, Paul Thurman Dotson, 36, whose homes are near the mine in which they were killed

Burglaries became frequent in the Beaver Creek area within the week, and one of these, Wednesday night, featured the theft of a 500-pound safe from the C.&O. Railway depot at Wayland

Purchase of the Hutsinpillar Drug Store by the Burke brothers, owners of the Fountain Korner here, was announced this week

Prestonsburg will operate, next year under a budget for the first time in many years, if a move started at Monday night's meeting is carried on to its full conclusion

There died: Mrs. Oma Tackett Allen, 34, last Wednesday, at her home at Melvin; Kinner Wireman, 70, Floyd native, and former resident of Auxier, Sunday, in St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Julia Conley, 78, of Langley, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Joe Branham, 80, of Emma, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(October 21, 1948)

With the closing of 40 truck mines, Floyd County and eastern Kentucky, coal production was crawling toward a new post-war low. The slack run is thought to be temporary

July 11, next year, has definitely been set as completion date of the Dewey dam, and the official birth of Johns Creek reservoir. The entire project is 85 percent finished

Site of the salt spring, at David, where Daniel Boone and a companion camped through the winter of 1767-68, on the explorer's first trip into Kentucky, officially became a

historic shrine, Friday, with the dedication of a Boone Memorial marker

Floyd and Knott county dogs ranked high in the bench show of the Central Kentucky Association at Carlisle, last week. Lonnie Herald's dog placed second as the best derby dog

Of 20 prizes awarded at the Perry County Fish and Game Club's annual fish fry, Sunday, at Hazard, exactly half were brought home by Floyd Countians

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Brown Sr., Oct. 11, at Paintsville hospital, a son, Eugene P. Brown Jr.; to Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Stewart, a son, William Allen, at Prestonsburg General Hospital, on Oct. 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, a daughter, Zella Faye, on October 15, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Terry, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of this county, a daughter, Sharon Kay

There died: Robert Penix, Weeksbury mine foreman, when caught under a slatefall in the Koppers Coal Company mine, last Thursday; Sal Spradlin, 67 years old, at Estill; Morgan Allen, 68 year-old Risner farmer, Tuesday, at home; Roy Hyden, 68 years old, at his home, here, Monday; Leonard Daniel, 71 years old, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Seventy Years Ago

(Oct. 20, 1938)

A party of eight U.S. army engineers, from the Huntington district office, began making a survey of the site at Dewey, near John's Creek, for the proposed dam. To be constructed to a width of 470 feet, and a height of 81 feet, the dam will be built at a cost of \$3,940,000. With a reservoir capacity of 120,000 acre-feet, the dam will cover an area 3,450 acres

A jovial Senator Alben W. Barkley shunned "copyrighted" campaign speeches, here, Tuesday night, and humorously "chatted" to an

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tit-for- —
- 4 English channel?
- 7 Binge
- 12 In bygone times
- 13 "— the ramparts ..."
- 14 Game venue
- 15 Play with Bubble Wrap
- 16 Chair protector
- 18 Savings acct.
- 19 Surf 'n' turf's turf
- 20 Heckle
- 22 Screw up
- 23 Rude look
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UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health announces clinical laboratory sciences academic program

HAZARD — The University of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Rural Health will begin offering an academic program next summer that is designed to prepare students for a variety of laboratory positions in clinic and hospital settings.

The Clinical Laboratory Sciences program, which is scheduled to begin in July 2009, is intended for students who have demonstrated an undergraduate interest and aptitude in areas such as biology and chemistry. Graduates of the 10-month program, which requires substantial college prerequisites, earn a bachelor's degree from UK's

College of Health Sciences and are eligible to take national certifying examinations.

Registration will begin in December, with up to 10 students being accepted into the program during the first academic year.

"I am thrilled that we can offer a bachelor's degree that will allow Eastern Kentucky residents to stay at home while obtaining a higher education," said Dr. Baretta R. Casey, director of the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health, located at 750 Morton Blvd. in Hazard. "It is our hope that this program will address a critical workforce need within our region's health care sys-

tem."

Among other things, clinical laboratory scientists ensure the accuracy and validity of laboratory information, direct and supervise laboratory resources and operations, and collaborate in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

"Our faculty in the Department of Clinical Sciences continues to support the center's efforts in helping to meet the health workforce training needs of the region," said Karen O. Skaff, chair of UK's Health Sciences Education and Research Department.

The admissions process for prospective students begins with an application to UK by April 1, 2009, for summer enrollment. Courses to be offered next summer are Laboratory Techniques, Blood Collection, Basic Chemistry and Basic Hematology. Instructors will be on-site for some courses, while other



Dr. Baretta R. Casey

classes will be taught using a combination of interactive television and Blackboard technologies.

Besides additional coursework, students must complete clinical practicums during the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center and Pikeville Medical Center will

serve as clinical rotation sites for students.

"The College of Health Sciences at the University of Kentucky is committed to providing education that benefits all Kentuckians," said Lori Gonzalez, dean of the college. "By expanding the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program into Hazard through a satellite program, we hope to provide educational opportunities that are 'close to home' and may not have been possible otherwise."

Academic offerings currently available at the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health include a bachelor's degree in clinical leadership and management, a master's degree in social work, a doctoral degree in physical therapy, and residency programs in family medicine and dentistry. The center also houses Kentucky Homeplace, the Kentucky Office of Rural Health and the UK North Fork

Valley Community Health Center.

Additional information about the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program at the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health, including prerequisites and other admission criteria, can be found at www.mc.uky.edu/CLS or by calling Pam Bates at 1-800-851-7512, ext. 83508, or Marilyn Underwood at (859) 323-1100, ext. 80546.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Judy Parsons, Director of Pastoral Care/Chaplain, has been named Employee of the Month for August by Saint Joseph - Martin. Judy, originally from Texas, came to Saint Joseph - Martin (formerly Our Lady of the Way Hospital), in 1979. When asked what brought her to the eastern part of Kentucky, she stated, "I felt God leading me to 'Our Lady of the Way' and obviously He thinks I should stay." Judy enjoys outings with her husband Bill to take in the beauty of the hills, particularly the changing of the seasons; but her ultimate enjoyment is spending time with family in Kentucky and in Texas. Judy and Bill live at Allen.



Saint Joseph - Martin (SJM) honored Dolly Carroll as Employee of the Month for July. Dolly is a physician billing clerk and a member of the physician billing team. She was first employed at Saint Joseph - Martin (formerly Our Lady of the Way Hospital) in 1977, and after a brief break in service, she returned in 1984. She has worked in several departments and when asked to comment on her time at SJM, she stated, "I have grown-up here. There is no better place to work." Dolly went on to share that she has many wonderful friends at SJM and she thinks of them as family; a family that helped her celebrate her wedding at the hospital in February 2007. Dolly lives at Langley and enjoys reading her Bible and attending church.

Yesterdays

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audience, crowding the courtroom


The Inland Steel Coal Company's mine rescue team of Wheelwright, placed third in the safety contests at Pikeville

The fall semester enrollment at Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond, for 1938, included the following 14 students from Floyd County: George W. Akers, Amba; Pearl Allen, Printer; Beverly Collins, Lackey; Zebrum S. Dickerson, Prestonsburg; Ruth Flannery, Martin; Roger

Henkel, Betsy Layne; Pauline Hereford, Prestonsburg; Chester Hill, Cliff; William Donald Music, Auxier; Eula Mae Nunnery, Prestonsburg; Ann Osborne, Martin; James Prater, Lackey; James Vance, Drift

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hall of Myrtle, a 7 1/2 pound son, who has been christened Forrest Edward

There died: Samuel Lee Hopkins, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins of Myrtle, in a Paintsville hospital.



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The flu shot clinics will begin the week of September 29th. Below is the location and day to arrive for your flu shot.

<p>Chris Bailey, D.O. Jeff Potter, D.O.</p> <p><i>93 Dewey Street Prestonsburg, KY</i></p> <p><i>(606) 886-3831</i></p> <p>EVERY FRIDAY 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Kate Shutts, M.D. Brian Hunter, P.A.-C</p> <p><i>HRMC Medical Bldg. Suite 2162 Prestonsburg, KY</i></p> <p><i>(606) 889-6111</i></p> <p>EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Dustin Devers, D.O. Leslie A. Devers, D.O.</p> <p><i>313 West Street Paintsville, KY</i></p> <p><i>(606) 789-2427</i></p> <p>EVERY FRIDAY 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>
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Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Parade



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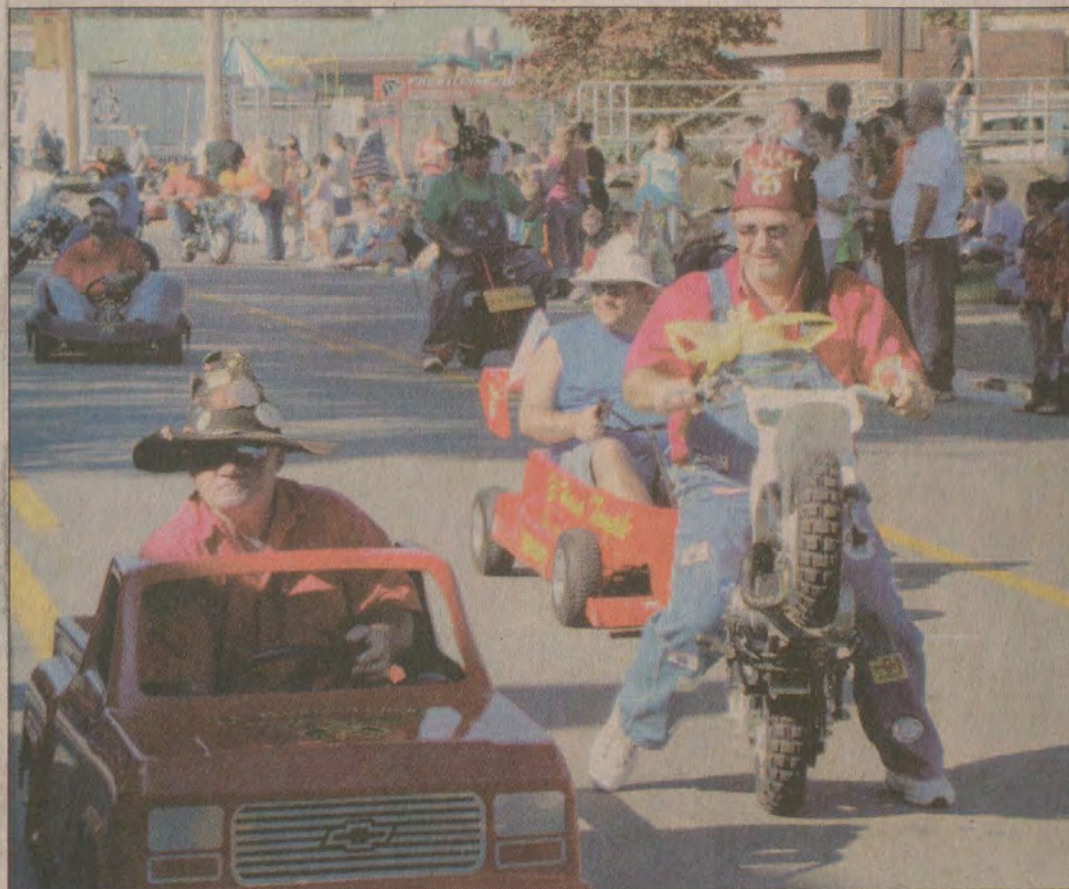
Adams Middle School cheerleaders.



Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the Floyd County Rescue Squad was featured prominently in this year's parade.



Prestonsburg Elementary football.



It just wouldn't be a parade with the Shriners and their little cars and bikes.



Prestonsburg Elementary cheerleaders.

Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Parade



Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts kept the colors flying high.



Miss Teen Jenny Wiley Kaitlyne Hackworth.



Jenny Wiley Tiny Master Connor Napier.

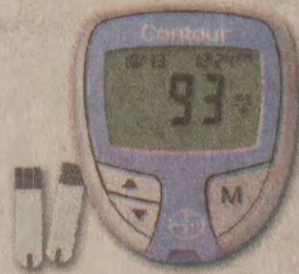


Riverview Health Care Center had one of the more creative floats in Saturday's parade.



The parade began with the Floyd County Firefighters Association serving as honor guard.

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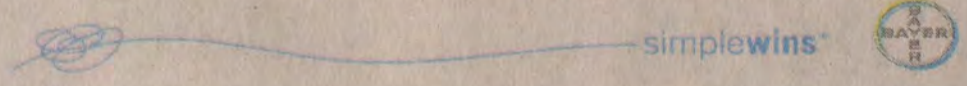
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