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In brief

Did you forget?




Daylight Saving Time ended at 2 a.m. this morning. Clocks should be set back one hour.

Correction

In an article relating to Highlands Regional Medical Center's planning for an autism center, it was incorrectly stated that the center's director would be Barry Newill. Newill is actually the current director of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
 **Sunny**
 High: 71 • Low: 43

Tomorrow
 **Partly cloudy**
 High: 71 • Low: 40

Tuesday
 **Partly cloudy**
 High: 69 • Low: 43

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LAST-MINUTE STOP



Sen. Mitch McConnell was joined at a Thursday rally in Martin County by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and state Senate President David Williams. Rogers, who touted his and McConnell's long working relationship in Washington, offered a tongue-in-cheek refrain for those in attendance. "The thing to remember," Rogers said, "is McCain, McConnell and ... McRogers!"

photos by Sheldon Compton

McConnell asks crowd to 'hold down' Floyd vote



Two younger McConnell supporters held signs during the senator's speech at the Big Sandy Regional Airport Thursday afternoon.

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD — Sen. Mitch McConnell asked supporters at a rally in Martin County Thursday to "hold down the votes in Floyd and Pike County," as they approach the polling booths Tuesday.

The Republican leader of the U.S. Senate is in a tight race against Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford for his seat in the upper house and says he has always struggled to wrangle votes in the two counties.

"I know it's an uphill battle," McConnell told supporters at the Big Sandy Regional Airport in Debord Thursday. "If I didn't get them (Floyd and Pike counties) before, then I probably won't carry them this time."

During his last bid for the Senate, McConnell won by a landslide, taking 86 percent of the vote and carrying 113 of 120 counties across the commonwealth. However, Floyd and Pike were not among them. McConnell offered a

(See MCCONNELL, page three)

Full ballot awaits voters on Tuesday

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Though much of Floyd County may be joining the rest of the nation in watching this year's historic presidential election against the two major party's candidates Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain, there are certainly a number of state and local races that will hold a great deal of interest close to home.

One of those races will be the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Mitch McConnell and Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford, a race Republicans, including McConnell himself at a rally Thursday, referred to as the "second most important race in the nation."

The majority of Floyd Countians have traditionally voted against McConnell in past senatorial races.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, a veteran Republican figure in Washington, faces one opponent Tuesday — independent candidate Jim Holbert, of London. Holbert filed to run in March.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner is unopposed in this year's election, but former state Attorney General and longtime state Rep. Greg Stumbo faces Floyd County attorney Larry D. Brown.

Stumbo defeated Brown by a large margin in a special-election to regain his seat in the House after a failed bid for lieutenant governor last year. Many are anticipating a repeat of those special-election numbers Tuesday.

Other areas of Floyd County will find their district's state representative, Hubert Collins, unopposed on the ballot.

In school board races, perhaps one of the highest profile races pits Floyd County School Board Chairman Jeff Stumbo against challenger Wes Gilliam in the District 3 race, while Doug Hopkins and Kathy Terry are vying for an open seat left open by Sherry Robinson, who is not running for re-election. In District 4, Rhonda Meade and Lucy Reynolds

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Federal prison to get new warden

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD — As union organizers at the United States Penitentiary Big Sandy plan protests on the heels of the attacks of two correctional officers in the past month, the federal prison has announced its own plans to put in place a new warden.

The current warden, Henry Rios, will be leaving his post in Inez to assume

duties as warden of the United States Penitentiary Atwater in California, according to the Big Sandy prison's information officer Phil Heffington.

A new warden has not yet been officially named, but Heffington has confirmed in reports that Jerry Zuercher, previously a warden for a federal prison in Illinois, will be interviewed for the position.

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Group offers hope to female inmates

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Women of Magdalene, a recovery program for former female inmates, recently came to Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright to offer inspiration to the prison's population, and multiple inmates were emotionally moved by the visit.

"The program taught me that I can find encouragement in the knowledge, that there are support groups outside of prison that are willing to guide me in the right

direction with no expectations of me other than to excel in a positive lifestyle," said Jennifer Edwards, an inmate at Otter Creek.

Magdalene is a two-year residential community founded in Nashville, Tenn. in 1997 for women with a history of prostitution and drug addiction. The community also operates Thistle Farms, a non-profit business operated by the Women of Magdalene, where residents create natural bath and body products.

Dr. Rick Seiter, chief corrections officer and executive vice president

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photo by Ralph Davis IV

One of the more popular stops along Arnold Avenue Thursday night was at the residence of Alan Gullett, where each year a popcorn machine is set up, to the delight of trick-or-treaters.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Linda B. (Whitaker) Adams, 66, of Silver Lake, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Saturday, October 25, at Mason's Health Care, Warsaw, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Bill Adams. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel.

■ Randy Dillon, 35, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, October 25, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Earl Hall, 62, of Grethel, died Sunday, October 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Clara Sue Newsome Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Dempsey Hamilton, 65, of Plymouth Township, Ohio, a native of Floyd County, died Tuesday, October 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Ducro Funeral Home.

■ Cecelia Hamilton, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Elder Green Howell, 68, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, October 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Ray Howell. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Lowe, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, October 28, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Annette (Ann) Bowen McCoy, 50, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 23, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Harry L. McCoy. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Leonard Osborne, 56, of Grethel, died Friday, October 24, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lois Parsons Osborne. Funeral services were held Monday, October 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Riley Adkins, 91, of Greasy Creek, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Adkins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Thomas L. Anderson, 60, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, Oct. 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sue Wolford Anderson. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Ann Belcher Blackburn, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, October 29, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Larry Coleman, 73, of Kimper, died Friday, Oct. 24, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Claudine Thornsbury Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Oct. 28, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Jim "Donald James" Cummins, 71, died Thursday, October 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Edith Damron, 77, of Pikeville, died Friday, Oct. 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Damron. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jo Deskins, 82, of Pikeville, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Garth Charles "Duke" Estridge III, 57, of Canada, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 30, under

the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Alfred Aaron Fields, 62, of Phyllis, died Friday, Oct. 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Judy Carolyn Griffith Fields. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Jack R. Gilbert, 69, of Belfry, died Friday, Oct. 24, at Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Terra Mitchell Hall, 75, of Little Robinson Creek, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 30, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Myrtle Tackett Johnson, 92, of Virgie, died Monday, Oct. 27, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 30, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Katherine Brewer Morris, 84, of Pikeville, died Saturday, Oct. 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Frank R. O'Brien, 75, of Belfry, died Thursday, Oct. 23, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, under the direction of the R. E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Gale Sue Ramsey, 69, of Collins, died Saturday, Oct. 25, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Ramsey. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Opal Sowards, 90, of Lick Creek of Beehide, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Pricy Jane May Stanley, 85, of Canada, died Saturday, Oct. 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Jefferson F. "Frank" Taylor Sr., 75, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, October 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 1, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Elray J. Thacker, 75, of South Shore, a Pike County native, died Saturday, Oct. 18, at Community Hospice Care Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 21, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Paul Tucker, 22, of Virgie, died Thursday, October 30, at Virgie. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Ann Hess Weeks, 55, of Raccoon, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 29, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ James A. 'Baldie' Arms Sr., 78, of Erin, New York, a Paintsville native, died Monday, October 27. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Scholtisek Arms. Funeral services were held Friday, October 31, under the direction of Lynch Funeral Home, of Horsheads.

■ Dorothy Blair, 96, of Denver, died Tuesday, October 21, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 24, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Donald K. Colvin, 66, of Delaware, Ohio, a Paintsville

native, died Tuesday, October 28, in Riverside Methodist Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Sarah "Sally" C. Colvin. Funeral services were held Friday, October 31, under the direction of Rodman Neepner Funeral Home, Delaware.

■ Geneva Flint, 73, of Offutt, died Thursday, October 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, October 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lorena Elizabeth Badgett Horne, 91, of East Point, died Tuesday, October 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 31, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Shirley Meddings, 64, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Paintsville, died Monday, October 27, at her residence. Graveside services were held Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

■ Danny Porter, 50, of Hager Hill, died Friday, October 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, October 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wannie Eugene Short, 40, of Midway, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, October 26, in Midway. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Euel Bussey, 91, of Salyersville, died Thursday, October 23. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Sibbie E. Conley, 76, of Salyersville, died Monday, October 27. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Earl D. Lynch, 93, of

Salyersville died Sunday, October 26. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Troy Chester Prince, of Louisa, died Saturday, October 25, at Highlands Regional

Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Graveside services were held Monday, October 27, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Kenneth Salyer, 89, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Blaine, died Saturday, October 25, at Park West Court

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In Loving Memory of Alex Anthony "Tony" Michael Soler

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The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.

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Son, Chase Anthony Soler; Mother, Vicky; Stepfather, Doyle Handshoe; and friends



Obituaries



Bertha Stephens Clifton

Bertha Stephens Clifton, age 75, of Spurlock Creek, Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, October 30, 2008, following an extended illness.

She was born February 7, 1933, a daughter of the late Hubert and Bessie Ousley Stephens.

She was the wife of the late Henry Clifton.

She is survived by four children: Kathie Daniels of Lexington; Chris Laferty of Prestonsburg; Samuel Compton of Memphis, Tennessee; and Hubert D. Clifton of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; three brothers: William Hager Stephens of Pleasant Hills,

Florida; Hubert Stephens Jr., of Rives Junction, Michigan; and Jim Stephens of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Katherine Crisp of Martin; and Joan Storey of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, George P. Stephens; one sister, Rachel Stephens Ison; and two brothers-in-law: Delbert (Red) Ison and Bill J. Crisp, both formerly of Martin.

She was a member of the Thornton Union Association of the Old Regular Baptist Church on Left Beaver Creek, Martin.

Services will be held under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 p.m., at the funeral home, with Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Samuel George Ousley Family Cemetery, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Johnny Ison, Delbert Ison, Greg Ison, Robert Stephens, Jason Storey, Henry Clifton Jr., C. K. Dingus, Dana Stephens, Dennis Crisp, Steven Reynolds, Tim Justice, and Zachary Sanders. (Paid obituary)



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2008 PRIDE Awards go 'Green with Envi'

SOMERSET — The 8th Annual Eastern Kentucky PRIDE Envi Awards is set for Monday, Nov. 10, at the Hal Rogers Center in Hazard. The "Green with Envi" celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. All past and current volunteers are encouraged to join PRIDE once again to highlight new environmental achievements across the region. The public is invited to join PRIDE for a day of great ideas and to meet special guests.

The awards celebration will bring national and local icons together in early November.

With national attention mounting for the accomplishments of Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, more civic and government leaders are finding ways to get involved with the organization.

Special guests for the event include Paul P. Bollinger Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Partnerships, and Tim Couch, former NFL and University of Kentucky quarterback.

Bollinger, a Kentucky native, oversees Army installation privatization initiatives. He also created the U.S.

Government InterAgency Working Group on Alternative Fuels.

Tim Couch is a Leslie County native who restored pride in athleticism on football fields across the state. Couch was a Heisman Trophy candidate in 1998 and became the number one NFL Draft Pick in 1999 for the Cleveland Browns.

Bringing two men together from extremely different careers is testament to the rising awareness of environmental education and clean-up efforts.

Seven Envi Award winners will be announced Monday, November 10, at the Hal Rogers Center in Hazard. The Award winners include individuals and organizations who creatively found solutions to environmental problems and education.

The PRIDE Envi Awards are presented annually to honor the individuals and organizations who excelled at pursuing the PRIDE mission - Personal Responsibility In A Desirable Environment.

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In A

Desirable Environment) is an environmental cleanup and education initiative serving 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. Kentucky Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, started PRIDE to provide government resources to local citizens as they work to clean up the region's environment. PRIDE is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

McConnell

straightforward request to the 30 or so locals in attendance for the rally.

"Run the score up in Martin and Johnson and hold the score down in Floyd and Pike!" McConnell said, pumping his fist in the air.

The battle cry was applauded by McConnell's wife, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, who joined him Thursday, and fellow speakers U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and state Senate President David Williams, the first Republican to serve in this capacity.

A large focus during the roughly 30-minute rally was placed on McConnell's experience and clout in Washington, D.C. over the course of his 24-year political career.

Rogers, who is considered by his party a key component in securing funding for various projects during his own 28 years of public service, said this could not have been possible without McConnell as a "partner."

"A lot of the work I've done only happened because this man helped," Rogers said, motioning to McConnell and applause.

"He has never once turned me down for help on anything ... I can't afford to lose my partner."

In contrast, both McConnell and Rogers, as well as Williams, took jabs at presidential candidate Barack Obama and Lunsford, saying "too little is known" about Obama and that voters would be handicapping themselves in choosing Lunsford.

"You trade me in for a rookie, he's not going to have a chance in this world," McConnell said of Lunsford. "He's going to have a seat in the

back of the room and be saluting Harry Reid and asking how to vote."

Democratic Sen. Harry Reid is the current U.S. Senate Majority Leader, serving in this position since 2006.

However, Rogers spoke fondly of watching McConnell's progress in Washington from a freshman senator to an influential standard-bearer of his party, joking that when McConnell first arrived, he could hardly "help find the bathroom."

Election

are running to fill the seat left vacant by veteran board member Carol Stumbo, who also opted to leave her name off the ballot this year.

By far, the largest number of hopefuls will be candidates for city councils and commissions across the county.

In Prestonsburg, three current city council members will not be on the ballot Tuesday, Morris Copley, C.E. "Shag" Branham and Chris Slone are not among the 16 candidates vying for the city's votes. Candidates include current council members Gormon Collins Jr., Donna Blackburn Wells, B.D. Nunnery, Don

Willis and Kelly Moore.

Officers hoping to win seats on the council will be Jimmy J. Derowett, Otis Hassel Cooley, Harry A. Adams, Steven G. Porter, Robert B. Goodman, Bucky Collins, Diane Blankenship Fish, Freddie L. Goble, Phillip L. Chaffins, Toney Conn and Ray Roberts.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson faces no opposition for her long-held seat as Martin's top government official, while six residents will be trying for places on the city council. Those candidates include Amanda Stumbo, Mahendra Varia, Ginger Halbert, April L. Grayheart,

Eulene H. Rattliff and Deborah L. Bentley.

Another city with five hopefuls their its government body is Allen. Clyde Woods, Michael W. Crum, Raymond Parsons, Cindy Bentley Parsons and Ernestine "Tina" Burchett Hall will try for seats on the commission.

Four names - Edie Moore, Mary Murphy, Tommy Murphy and Mary A. Lee are on the ballot for the Wayland City Commission race.

In Wheelwright, voters will choose from a field of seven candidates including Bobby Joe Hall, Don "Booty" Hall, Vernon Smallwood, Lonzie

Tackett Jr., Andy Wayne Akers, Rodney Hall and Bill Newsome. Current commissioner Amy Tackett is not running again for a seat on the commission.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh has published notices to those who may need assistance in voting. Those who may assist voters are either election judges or a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of the employer, officer or agent of voter's union or a candidate for any position.

Polls across the county will open at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Warden

The changes come just after an announcement was made by Big Sandy's 612 Union Officer Billy Farthing, a five-year veteran of the Inez facility.

Farthing announced last week there would be a picket staged along the Route 3 entrance to the prison to inform the public about some of the things he says are occurring at the prison.

The key events leading up

to the protest and informational effort were two attacks against correctional officers at the Big Sandy location Farthing said have taken place in the last month.

On Oct. 23 Officer Bryan Adkins was stabbed five times by an inmate. Adkins is still recovering from five stab wounds to his head, neck, lung and arm.

Farthing said the situation could have been avoided if

administrators would have pulled Adkins from the unit he had been assigned after the officer reported threats against him. Usual protocol following such updates is to place the threatened officer in another unit for a period of time. Farthing said this was not done in Adkins' case, and a gang member attacked as promised with a homemade, metal knife.

Though Adkins was the most recent officer attacked,

three weeks prior, fellow officer Oliver Crum suffered a broken jaw after an altercation with an inmate.

Farthing could not be reached for comment on news of the administrative changes as of press time.

Obituaries

Apartments. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Kenneth Campbell, 62, of Lovely, died Wednesday, October 22, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Howell Campbell. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Frank Fletcher, 96, of Pilgrim, died Monday, October 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Olga Maynard Fletcher. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Matt Fletcher, 75, of Pilgrim, died Tuesday, October 21, at Salyersville Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Sada Spence Maynard, 89, of Inez, died Tuesday, October 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Robert Murphy, 82, of Liberty, formerly of Martin County, died Saturday, October 25, in Liberty. He is survived by his wife, Alice Stephens Murphy. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan

Funeral Home.

■ April Dawn Marcum Stepp, 28, died Thursday, October 23. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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Our view

Your future is calling

Election Day is Tuesday, and it is time once again for us to remind our readers of their duty to vote. But we get the feeling that we do not really need to do that this year.

With seemingly so much going wrong in the world, we're pretty sure most people already have all the impetus they need to get off their keisters and head to the voting booth on Tuesday. But just in case you have forgotten, here's a list of just a few of the issues we face today, which the leaders we elect Tuesday will have a hand in deciding:

- The looming economic recession that the nation moved one step closer to last week, when figures were released showing that the Gross Domestic Product contracted 3 percent.

- The crisis in the global financial markets, which points to serious internal weaknesses in the economy, as well as future troubles ahead.

- Our addiction to foreign oil, which not only puts a pinch on family pocketbooks, but also threatens our security in the world.

- The quagmire we stumbled into in Iraq, as well as the war that remains unfinished in Afghanistan.

- The record debt our nation has run up, which will inevitably be repaid by our children as well as ourselves.

That's just a "top five" list, as it were, and we haven't even touched on global warming, health care, Social Security and Medicare, education or government corruption. The fact remains that we face huge challenges along the road ahead, and we will likely encounter more pain before experiencing any relief.

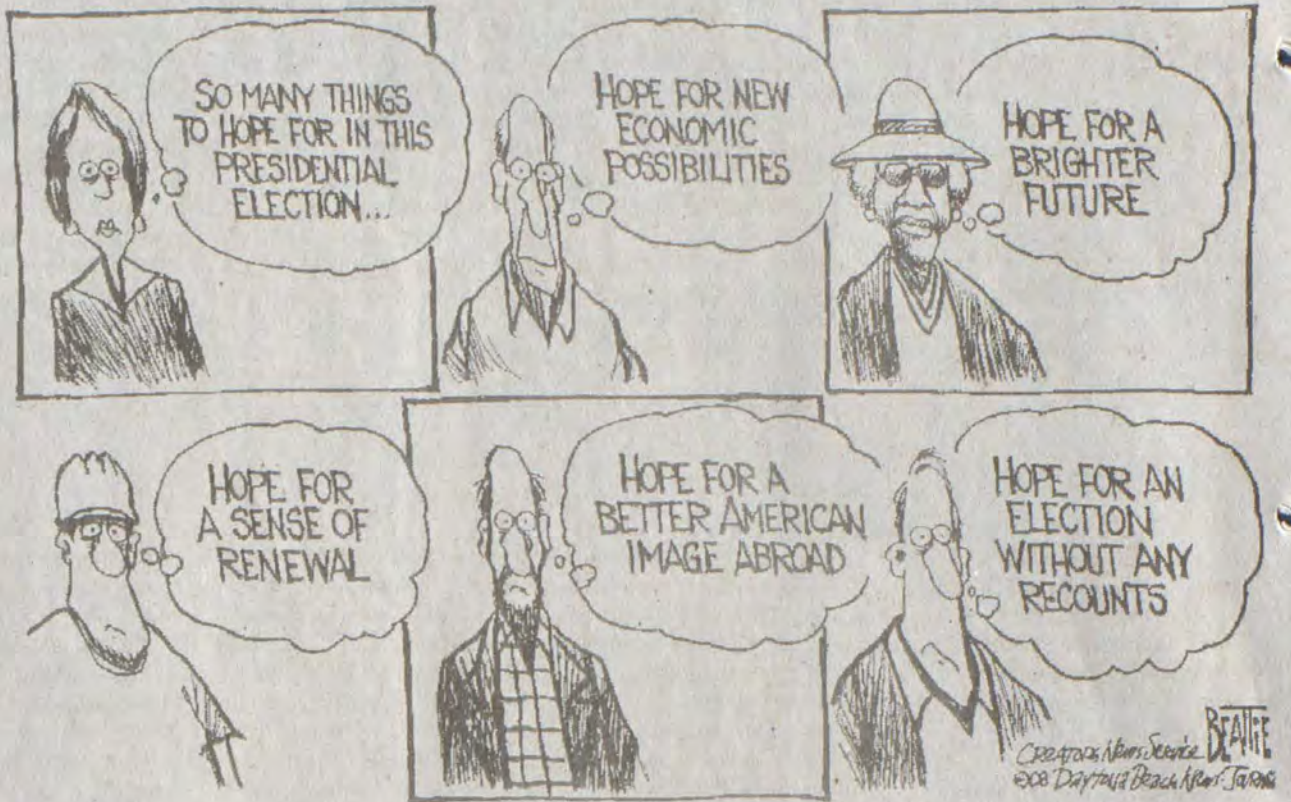
And all of that is true regardless of who comes out on top on Tuesday. The problems we face loom so large to be solved on Election Day, whatever person, party or ideology we collectively choose.

What we can do on Tuesday is set the stage for the solutions we need to be discovered and implemented. The choices we make will influence how we approach the problems of the present and the future, and we must therefore choose wisely.

However, the one choice we cannot afford to make is the choice of nonparticipation. The problems we face are too significant for anyone to not take part.

Our future is being decided now. Whatever other choices you make on Election Day, make your first one the choice to vote.

— The Floyd County Times



— Chuck Norris

I'm voting for those not yet born

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS-SYNDICATE

My, how the landscape of elections has changed. Remember when the issue of abortion used to matter to conservatives in political races? Today presidential nominees can get away with murder, literally. They can smoke, toké and hang out with terrorists who do. What were once considered legitimate leadership litmus tests are now regarded as off-limit character assassinations and hate language. Recently, some nonprofit organizations have been threatened with the withdrawal of their tax-exempt statuses because their leaders merely voiced opposition to what they consider a moral issue: abortion.

Some people think after 35 years of ceaseless controversy since the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade* that abortion is an "old" issue better dropped. I disagree. I do believe the economy is an important issue in this election, but it's certainly not the only issue. We can't just be concerned about our finances. We also must be concerned about America's future and those who will occupy it. Our posterity matters. Their rights matter. And that includes their "unalienable Rights," with which they have been "endowed by their Creator," and among them are the quintessential rights: "Life,

Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Abortion is not about a woman's "right to choose"; it is about a more fundamental "right to life," which is one of three specifically identified unalienable rights in the Declaration of Independence (and the Constitution, through Article VII and the Bill of Rights). And it is a violation of government's primary purpose: to protect innocent life.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1809, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." He was not, of course, writing about the America of today, with state-sanctioned and even subsidized abortion and a movement to promote the killing of the elderly through euthanasia. But he could have been. His belief in what should be "the first and only legitimate object of good government" still should stand. Like Jefferson, our next president needs to uphold those same concerns, not say that such arenas are "above his pay-grade." If he and his administration won't protect the rights of the living (even in the womb), then who will? A left-leaning Congress?

The truth is if Obama is elected, we will place a man in the highest office in the land who has the most liberal views and voting record on

abortion of any president in American history. As a state senator in Illinois, he led opposition three years in a row (2001-2003) to a bill similar to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which prevents the killing of babies unintentionally left alive by abortions. He also opposed the ban on partial-birth abortion and strongly disapproved of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the partial-birth ban. He also voted to block a bill that would have required a doctor to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor from another state. He does not support the Hyde

Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid. Before a Planned Parenthood Action Fund last year, Obama promised to give first priority as president to the signing of the Freedom of Choice Act, which would make partial-birth abortion legal again. Strangely, Obama even once said he would not want his daughters to be "punished with a baby" caused by an unwanted pregnancy. With the next president likely adding two justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, it is clear that as president, Obama would appoint and support the most liberal judges and legal eagles, resulting in a pro-abortion advantage in our courts

(See NORRIS, page six)



Chuck Norris



— beyond the beltway

U.S. elections need better vote tallying

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I have long been astonished and dismayed at how carelessly we, the oldest continuous democracy in the world, treat elections. We spent months and millions preparing for them but when it comes time to actually count the vote, we turn away and yawn.

Vote's in: game over. On the contrary, it may just be starting. There is considerable evidence that at least three of the past twelve national elections were frauds. (Remember I said "evidence," not proof.)

The first of these was 1960 when John F. Kennedy beat Richard Nixon by a razor-thin margin. In both Illinois and Texas, states carried by Kennedy, there seemed to be questionable goings on — broken seals on ballot boxes, oddly lopsided results in certain counties — that suggested ballot stuffing in favor of Kennedy. The results cried out for a recount. There was none.

Why didn't Nixon, a fierce campaigner, call for one? He said later, much later, that he was afraid that if he protested too much and still lost he would be labeled a "sore loser" and his political career ruined. (Ha!)

As a long-time Nixon hater, I was happy with his decision whatever the reason and not disturbed by the charges of fraud. All's fair in love and politics, I thought. Boy, was I wrong.

The full extent of my mistake became apparent to me some 40

years later when the Republicans — having embraced the rancid election strategy of South Carolina and Lee Atwater — strong-armed the vote in Florida and, with the collusion of the Supreme Court, stole the election from Al Gore in favor of George Bush.

Sour grapes, you say? Perhaps, but I remember ballots in Democratic precincts looking like MENSA exams, then being thrown out when improperly marked.

I remember a gang of congressional staff members, all Republican, coming down to Florida to physically stop election workers from conducting a recount.

I remember the United States Supreme Court stopping the recount in a decision so nonsensical that it also said the ruling should never be used as a precedent.

Does that pass the smell test for you? If it does, you should see a doctor. You may have a cold.

The 2004 election was even worse. It was the year of the electronic voting machine. This marvel not only allowed you to vote by tapping a video screen, it counted your vote.

Or did it? The problem was it produced no paper trail; there was no way of checking whether your vote had been properly recorded. And, as computer experts have testified to Congress, it is entirely possible, easy even, to program the machines so that they produce a desired result, regardless of how people actually voted.

The scenario reminds one of the craps game in "Guys and Dolls,"

when Big Julie from Chicago, produces his own set of dice and demands his fellow players use them.

"These dice ain't got no spots on them," one of the players complains.

"That's OK," says Big Julie. "I got 'em memorized."

In Ohio in 2004, the machines used were manufactured and programmed by a company owned by the chairman of the "Bush for President" committee in Ohio.

Remember how the exit polls in Ohio showed Kerry beating Bush? When the vote count came in, giving Bush the election, the "left-wing media commentators" all said, "Oh, I guess our exit polls were wrong."

Or, perhaps, the polls were accurate and the vote was rigged. We'll never know.

The so-called ACORN scandal of this year's election seems pretty weak beer. If you register as Mickey Mouse, for example, you still have to produce a valid identification at the polls if you want to vote. It seems more like a money scam on the part of the people collecting names.

But whatever it is, we really should start taking our elections seriously on Election Day. The ballot is the Lego block with which our democratic society is built.

Without an honest election, we are just a banana republic with Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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This Town, That World

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

After Clifford Wright had on two occasions warned me that "slow time" would return the last Saturday midnight in October 1, in usual form, forgot to mention the fact in last week's Times. But the oversight wasn't fatal. It did not, for instance, cause some 40,000 Floyd Countians to show up an hour early for Sunday school and church, next day. Fact is, that many didn't show up at all.

I QUIT THE FIGHT

A word which I haven't used yet is "opt." I really must try to "opt for" something soon, before they go back to plain "choosing" or "electing" or "deciding" to do it, whatever it is.

For all that, I am not as gung-ho for preserving the purity of the English language as I was once was. I have been descending from the empyreal heights, so to speak, over a period of months while the wife and I have been engaging in Scrabble, with results that I find very humbling. One night, she spells out "wo." I stand on my rights and challenge—and lose. It's another way of spelling "woe." Then, on the heels of that, she trots out, "wae," and when I challenge, I learn that that's, "woc," too.

How can you defend a polyglot language such as that? Woe is me?

A REMARKABLE MAN

Who is Joe Doakes? You and I know who John Q. Public is, but we don't know Joe. Carl Perkins does. Knows him by name, not as just another blurry figure in the crowd; knows where he lives, in town, up a country road, wherever, and knows his problems.

I have not always agreed with Congressman Perkins on every issue, and am pretty certain we shall not always be as one on other issues in the future. But nobody admires the man more than I.

His dedication to the people he represents, his enthusiasm for the work at hand, his deep interest in the ordinary Joes, not to mention his ability go get things done, continue to amaze me after all these years.

LET THE MEMORY STAND

Began a story, the other day, which had an unusually well-written Chapter I. The principal character, an old woman, surveyed the family home and its surroundings. There was the old front-yard fence, where it once stood. She remarked:

"I won't build it back. I want to remember."

(See ALLEN, page six)



photo by Randy Bentley

A monument honoring Garrett Elementary and Garrett High was recently unveiled at the former location of both of the schools. Pictured are Jan Draughn Shepherd, Rick & Seth Bentley, Troy Conley, Ronnie Slone & Joyce Lafferty Slone, Danny Slone, Mrs. Annis Clark, Floyd Holbrook, Sally Davis Adkins, Ellazene Pratt Richie, & Julius Ritchie, Lowell & Pauline Conley, Sue Reffett, Ralph Scott, Kathern Gearheart Howard, Paul & LaRue Pratt Lafferty, and Cyril Colburn.

SCHOOL DAYS

Former students remember Garrett Elementary School

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

GARRETT — Randy Bentley fondly remembers his time at Garrett Elementary School, and a new monument at the site where both the elementary school and Garrett High School used to stand honors the place that used to be the hub of education for many residents of the Right Beaver area.

"To me, school is just not like it used to be," said Bentley, who graduated from Garrett Elementary in 1974. "It was a fantastic experience to go to school in Garrett, which is where I am from. I have many wonderful memories of my time there."

The monument, sculpted out of black marble imported from India, was paid for by donations sought by Lowell Conley, a retired teacher, and Sally Davis Adkins. A reunion was held for those who went to school in Garrett this summer, and Conley and Adkins asked for donations by putting flyers in with the reunion invitations. The total cost for the monument was \$8,000.

Garrett High School closed in 1972, with its students heading to the newly constructed Allen Central High School. Garrett Grade School graduated its last students in 1990, with Duff Elementary serving as the new elementary school for the area.

The text inscribed on the monument echoes Bentley's fond memories of the school and the effect that the faculty and staff had on the students that passed through the halls from 1929 until 1990.

"We, the former students, leave this historical marker in recognition to all former citizens hard work in



securing this school. We would also like to thank all the principals, faculty, coaches, cooks, and custodians who helped shape our lives and made us better able to advance ourselves, our families, our county, our state, and our nation. We are forever grateful to you."

For those looking to share their

memories, Bentley also operates a website dedicated to Garrett and the schools, and the site includes over 3,000 pictures. The site is invitation only, and Bentley asks that anyone who went to school at Garrett to email him at randy_bentley@yahoo.com to obtain access to the site.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Atlantis Interceptors'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A pair of adventurers get drawn into a plot to rediscover the lost continent in this so-so action yarn that offers plenty of eye candy but little that you can digest.

Director Roger Franklin employs a bold strategy to tell this thin tale, which amounts to never letting the audience in on what's going on, and it keeps you interested if not entertained.

It all begins with a title card that tells us we're watching a story set in Miami, in 1994. That said, there are no futuristic conceits, so you just have to take their word on it.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Next we meet our heroes, Mike and Washington, hereby shortened to Wash. We know they're cool because they dress like they're auditioning for "Miami Vice" and can effortlessly cut their way through a pair of guards, whose sole purpose appears to be guarding an old man. Mike and Wash effortlessly steal the old gentleman and seal him in a plastic bag before delivering him to a faceless benefactor named "The Colonel."

The movie then drops this plot element, leaving me to wonder what old men are worth to shady guys who use military ranks as synonyms and hide their features behind overly tinted windshields.

Meanwhile, a scientist named Cathy is brought aboard a sea station, where a quasi-military operation is intent on raising a downed Russian submarine. The chief scientist explains that she is needed to decipher a tablet found at the scene, which appears to from the lost continent of Atlantis.

Trouble ensues when they try to lift the submarine. Atlantis comes rising up too, and for some unexplained reason it causes a storm and power outage. Actually they never explain anything in this movie so the next bit shouldn't shock you.

Back on the mainland, a gang of leather-clad punks appears on motorcycles and begin laying waste to the cityscape. They are led by a guy who sports a skull mask and they have some connection to Atlantis, though they also rock lots of face paint, which could just make them angry clowns or "Kiss" fans. Either way they are all that's left of the city by the time Mike, Wash and the scientists make it to the mainland.

The film now turns into "Escape From Miami," as our group must outrun the gang. They are soon whittled down by the shotgun-bearing fiends who then steal Cathy (hey I thought it was old men that were valuable).

Mike decides to go after her and the group steals a chopper to fly out to Atlantis, where they find more shotgun-toting thugs and plenty of bullet

(See LAGOON, page six)

Sundae confessions: Breaking the ice cream rule

by ANDREA D'ASARO
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SISTER'S SOUL"

As the hottest days of the year approach, my thoughts turn to ice cream. For me, ice cream holds the same fascination as illicit sex.

My mother, a zealous nutritionist, held all refined sugars in the category of unmitigated evil. When I was a child, she would call the hostess before I arrived at friends' birthday parties. "My daughter isn't allowed any cake or candy," she would warn sternly. I would sit alone at the end of

the table while the other girls gobbled their goopy treats. When the hostess offered me an apple, I tried to look happy and avoid unwanted sympathy. I didn't want to cry.

My mother's goal was to raise pure, untainted children. Avoiding sugar — and the resulting flab and tooth decay — was more important than life itself. She would prophesize with morbid glee: "When you're lying in your grave, you won't have a single cavity in your mouth."

For my sister, Lisa, and me, breaking the rules was the super glue that held us together. When we weren't

fighting for scraps of parental attention, we were scheming to sneak candy and ice cream.

On Halloween, our mother allowed us to harvest trick-or-trick candy if we handed over all the contraband upon arriving home. Always practical, she would give it back out to the goblins and astronauts who came to our door. One year, Lisa and I contrived to hide half our hoard under our beds. At night, we gorged ourselves on Reese's peanut butter cups and miniature Snickers bars.

Even as teenagers, sugary treats held more allure than drugs or sex.

Ice-cream sundaes, the most evil of confections, offered a sensual pleasure without the risks of intimacy or pregnancy. I first learned the dangers of sex from my mother. In sixth grade, on a long walk, she told me about all the rubbery and plastic forms of birth control and the importance of using them when "with" a man to prevent pregnancy. As a prepubescent girl, with no whisper of breasts or sexual urges, I was terrified.

Although we are both happily

married, Lisa and I still take great joy in breaking the rules and indulging in the sensual depravity of ice-cream sundaes. On a summer visit to our parents' house, we decide to sneak away to Friendly's. At the counter, with the sinful delight of the deceitful, Lisa and I contemplate our sundaes.

"I'm considering hot butterscotch and fudge with Swiss almond crunch and butterscotch ice

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Allen

LOST AND FOUND

Looking for a missing item (which I found four days later in an unsuspected spot!), I emptied a desk drawer, the other afternoon, and among other things, found:

1. A Reader's Digest dated December, 1968.
2. A copy of Mother-

Shipton's Prophecy (which I may again print).

3. A 1-cent, postal card.
4. One half-dozen Baitholder, fishhooks, size 2 (which I also may use).
5. Missing ballots from the campaign for Poke Warden.
6. A clipping of a Wall Street Journal story about

Loving County, Texas, where if the population stood shoulder to shoulder, the line would extend "from steps of the courthouse clear back to the water cooler"—all 112 of 'em. A place where there is no crime, no debt, no welfare. Also no water.

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Soup

cream," I tell Lisa. She is lost in thought, staring up at the selection of ice creams. I suspect she is trying to decide between mint chocolate chip ice cream with hot fudge or vanilla with caramel sauce and chocolate jimmies.

The waiter, a bored high-school student, brings the glossy sundae menus. The bright scoops slathered with sauces reel before my eyes. "Are you ready to order?" he asks. He is looking toward the entrance, perhaps expecting his girlfriend or his gang. He could care less about our high moment. He is tall and thin with brown hair falling over his pimply forehead.

"Let me ask a few ques-

tions," I say in a feigned voice of calm. "Does this sundae have two scoops or three?" I hold back an urge to order the super-duper-five-scooper. My mouth is watering, my hands are cold, my speech is high-pitched and wavering.

The waiter slowly gets into the spirit of the thing as I press him with questions about the temperature of the hot fudge and the saltiness of the nuts in the Swiss almond fudge. Lisa wants to know if the mint ice cream is very minty or mildly minty. Our taste buds are whipped into frenzy.

The waiter leans over us, jotting notes on his pad. He carefully explains the types of sauces and options for whipped

cream, leaving to check on supplies in the kitchen. After finalizing our orders, he asks, "How about if I just go wild on these sundaes?" We agree.

We fidget until our sundaes finally arrive: pure bliss. With my long spoon, I pluge through the frilly whipped cream and the hot sauce covering the frozen scoops nestled below. It's sweet, cold and hot, all at once. We trade tastes, making sure we scoop equal amounts of ice cream and sauce on each spoon. We gorge ourselves until our spoons clink on the bottom of the thick glass dishes. I see the waiter looking over at us. We sigh contented. No need for cigarettes.

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Norris

that would push abortion liberties to every extent of the law and land.

America's Founders shared a basic view of human life and conception: Humanity is special, unique and should be set apart from the rest of creation. In fact, in early America, there were two basic beliefs that shaped most people's views of humanity: God created us equal, and we are the highest creation of God. Their views were based on creation narratives in the Bible and

expressed in the Declaration of Independence. In order for us to get back to our Founders' understanding, we need to get back to a view of humanity that emphasizes the immortal worth of every human being. (That's why I've devoted an entire chapter to "Reclaim the value of human life" in my new cultural manifesto, "Black Belt Patriotism.")

My friend and prolific author Randy Alcorn recently was asked by a young woman, "Should we vote for who we think should lead our country solely based on their stance on abortion?" You can read Randy's insightful response to that question on his Web site and blog (www.epm.org). I would respond to it by simply

saying we all will answer that question in just one week, when we go to the ballot boxes.

Winning the election is not just about what the underdogs — such as John McCain and Sarah Palin, two maverick pro-life advocates — should do. But it's about what the citizens who are fighting for the underdogs can do. We the people must stand up, go back to the basics, and once again vote our values.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

The brother and sister duo of Gabe and Miasha Garrett took home first and second prize for their costumes at a Food City costume contest. Miasha won first place for her Raggedy Ann costume, and Gabe took second as the Scarecrow from The Wizard of Oz. Miasha and Gabe are the children of Kevin and Veronica Garrett.

Lagoon

ballets as they brave a series of traps to enter a fortress and rescue Cathy.

I enjoyed the action scenes in this one, but it is hard to tell you much about the plot, as the film kept it to itself. That said, this movie may reveal more information to viewers who

have the courage to view it several times over. However, I'm pretty sure it won't be worth the effort.

At least it's packaged alongside 19 other movies in a set called "Grindhouse Experience 2." Brave viewers will find plenty of diversions

in this collection, but those of you who insist on little things like structure are encouraged to look elsewhere.

Best line: "Hey Wash. If you were an island, where would you be?"

1983, rated R.

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Two enter MSU Athletic Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Two individuals who made outstanding contributions to Eagle athletics were inducted into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame during the MSU-Valparaiso football game Saturday. The newest members of the Hall of Fame are Willie "Hobo" Jackson (basketball) and Lauren Mackey Rust (volleyball). Jackson was a three-year starter and letterman (1966-69) for the Eagles at a time when freshmen were not eli-

gible to play varsity competition. He is commonly regarded as one of the most outstanding athletes to ever play basketball for the Blue and Gold. MSU's record during his three varsity years was 46-26, and the Eagles were Ohio Valley Conference co-champions his senior season. He scored 1,049 points and still ranks 23rd on MSU's all-time scoring list. His 16.9 point average in 1968-69 was tops on the squad. Jackson had 793 career rebounds and still ranks ninth on MSU's all-

time rebound list. Jackson and three other natives of Birmingham, Ala., Lamar Green, Bruce King and Howard Smith, were among the early African-American basketball players at MSU and in the OVC. They were known as the "Birmingham Four" and led Eagle basketball to much success in the 1960's. Rust is one of the most honored volleyball student-athletes in the history of Eagle volleyball. She was a four-year starter and letterwinner (1995-98) who earned First Team All-Ohio

Valley Conference honors three times, Second Team All-OVC once and All-OVC Tournament once. Rust is the all-time conference leader in kills and ranks in the top 25 all-time nationally in that category. She holds MSU career and single-season records for kills in total attacks and led the team in those categories for four consecutive seasons. Rust was an Academic All-District selection and was one of 30 student-athletes to be selected for the NCAA's National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL REGULAR-SEASON FINALES

- FRIDAY, NOV. 8**
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Beth Haven at Betsy Layne
Magoffin County at Phelps
Letcher Central at Lawrence County
Belfry at Johnson Central
Hazard at Lexington Christian
South Floyd at East Ridge
Jenkins at Ervinton, Va.
Knott County Central at Estill County
Shelby Valley at Breathitt County

Four returning starters back to lead Lady Raiders

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Four starters are back for the South Floyd High School girls' basketball team. Team captain Faith Little was the lone Lady Raider starter lost to graduation. South Floyd has been busy with preseason practice since mid-October. "As far as our preseason practice, we have had some players out with injuries and illness," South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac confided. "I hope it runs its course right now instead of when the season starts. Nevertheless, the girls are working hard and looking forward to the start of the season."

The Lady Raiders are expected to make some significant noise in the 58th District. South Floyd will feature four seniors and two juniors.

Seniors back for the Lady Raiders are leading rebounder and shot blocker from last season, Jessie Tackett; sixth man Daniel Tackett; backup center Trista Damron and guard/forward Lindsey Dye. In a backup role last season, Damron made a push for additional playing time, logging many minutes.

Kayla Hall and Andrea Conn are returning juniors for the Lady Raiders. Hall ranked in the top-five in the state in three-point field goals per game last season. Conn was the starting point guard for the Lady Raiders, averaging three assists per game.

Sophomore Chelsie Tuttle started as a freshman and ranked as the team's second-leading scorer last season. She is expected to lead the Lady Raiders.

A five-player freshman class has now moved up to the high school ranks.

Ashley Castle, Kiana Hall, Gabby Bailey, Branda Hamby and Kelsey Dye make up the Lady Raider freshman class.

Seven to eight middle school players are also practicing with the South Floyd High girls' varsity team.

Crisp set to guide Harrison girls

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

CYNTHIANA - High school basketball coaches with Floyd County ties lead programs around the state. In Harrison County, longtime boys' basketball assistant Jason Crisp has taken over the Harrison County High School girls' basketball program. Crisp, who played multiple sports at Prestonsburg High School, moved over to coach the Fillies following the departure of legendary head coach Mac Whitaker. Harrison County finished last season 16-14.

Crisp has a rebuilding chore in front of him. Harrison County lost four starters to graduation. Shooting guard Charley Hatfield is the lone starter back for the Fillies. Harrison County is picked 10th in the Kentucky Basketball Yearbook Preseason 10th Region poll. The Fillies are favored to win the 38th District title. The 38th District also includes Deming, Pendleton County and Nicholas County.



Five seniors - including senior Preston Simon (Stanville/Betsy Layne High School) are poised to lead the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team. Simon is pictured above in the middle.

ALC basketball teams ranked third

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The 2008-09 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Preseason Basketball Polls were released Tuesday. The seven men's coaches and six women's coaches submitted their votes for the regular season finish of the teams. Indiana University Southeast's men are a unanimous pick to repeat their first-place finish from 2007-08. Their partner in the 2008 K IAC Basketball Tournament Finals - Berea

College - is picked to finish second again. Alice Lloyd College and Asbury College both have new coaches at the helm (JR Hammond and Will Shouse, respectively) and are predicted to finish third and fourth in that order. Indiana College of Pharmacy rounds out the poll.

The women's top team vote was separated by one vote. IU Southeast edged out 2008 K IAC Tournament Champion Berea for the top spot in the 2008-09 preseason poll. Both teams received two first place votes. Alice Lloyd follows in third. Fourth and fifth-place have two things in common - new coaches and a first place vote in the poll. Asbury's team led by Bart Flener edged out Midway's team headed up by Karley Mohler by a 20-19 point total. In sixth, St. Louis College of Pharmacy finishes out the rankings.



PRESTON SIMON

Gray back home thanks to transfer

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Floyd County native Rebecca Gray made an immediate impact at the University of North Carolina as a true freshman. Gray, the 2007 Kentucky Miss Basketball, played extensively for UNC fresh out of the high school ranks. After one season in Carolina, Gray decided she wanted to return to play close to home in Georgetown where she starred at Scott County High School. She found her a new college and a new team in a familiar place. Gray landed at the University of Kentucky. She will begin play for the Wildcats following a mandatory one-year wait.

"It's good to be home and it's nice to have such a great facility to come back to in the Joe Craft Center," said Gray, who will have to sit out the 2008-09 season per NCAA rules following the transfer. "It feels like home and they welcomed me with open arms. It was tough to leave North Carolina because I committed to them and I felt bad leaving them, but it's great to be home and be around my family and people who know me and grew up with me. It's great to say I'm a Wildcat and play in front of my home crowd." Gray, who spent many summer days in Floyd

County visiting family, vows to contribute to her team despite not being able to take the floor on an official note during the 2008-09 season.

"As a competitor it's always tough to sit out and watch your teammates out there," said Gray. "There are ways I can contribute to the team. By sitting on the bench, I see things that maybe they don't see so I can help them with things like that. This season I will just help them vocally but next year I'll be ready to come in and make an impact and take this team to another level. I'm really excited about that."

According to Gray, she's still dealing with some health issues. "Since I am sitting out a year, they just want to make sure that I'm as healthy as I can be," Gray confided. "I'm going through a couple of cardiac tests to make sure everything is working like it should. These are things that a lot of athletes have that are curable with medication. We're just waiting for the tests to come back and hopefully everything turns out the way we expect it to."

UK Coach Matthew Mitchell has issued a challenge to his entire team. Gray was a prolific scorer during her prep career as a member of the Scott County High School girls' basketball program. "I love to shoot and the extent of my practice has been a little bit of shooting," Gray commented.

"Coach Mitchell has been incorporating a lot of shooting into practice and I can definitely see a difference in the girls' shooting percentage from the beginning of practice to now. It's only up from here and I feel really good about the season. It's a big commitment to make 35,000 shots and a lot of us have accomplished that. It just shows that we're taking steps forward to become a better team." Gray is one of six in-state players for the UK women's basketball team.



Rebecca Gray

Slone settles in with Wildcats

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Paintsville High School graduate Landon Slone graced the floor Saturday evening as part of the University of Kentucky men's basketball program's annual Blue-White scrimmage. Slone, a Floyd County native, joined the Cats this year as a preferred walk-on. The reigning 15th Region Player of the Year impressed members of the UK coaching staff during the 2008 Sweet 16 boys' basketball tournament, scoring 35 points in a first round win over an extremely athletic Jeffersonstown team.

Slone (6-3, 188) was a 2008 First Team All-State last season. He averaged 25.1 points and 7.2 rebounds as a senior and helped Paintsville to the 2008 15th Region title. He was the 2008 Adidas Appalachian Player of the Year and claimed a spot on the 2008 WYMT First Team All-Mountains squad. Slone chose Kentucky over Marshall, East Tennessee Tennessee and additional NCAA Division I schools. The Blue-White scrimmage ended too late to make this edition.



Landon Slone

Keathley Show set to return for second season on WYMT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Following a stellar debut season, the Coach Keathley Show is set to return for a second season on CBS affiliate WYMT-TV. The highly-popular show featuring East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley drew a 3.0 rating in its first season.

"I thought last year we gave the fans a very entertaining product to watch," said Keathley. "I'm looking forward to making the show just as exciting and fun to watch as our basketball games at the Expo Center." WYMT-TV sportscaster Derek Forrest is headed back for a second season as the show's host. "I'm glad we were able to have Derek back in the chair next to me hosting the show," Keathley added. "He did an excellent job last season."

The Coach Keathley Show is set to air Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning Saturday, Nov. 22. "We are nearing the start of season two of the Coach Keathley Show, and I am excited to be apart of it once again," Forrest commented. "Last year was a stepping stone for us, and with a full year under the belt now, this year will only improve on what we brought to the table last year. Coach Keathley, the Miners organization, and I look forward to bringing the Eastern Kentucky audience something brand new and exciting this year."

During its debut season, the Coach Keathley Show kept fans informed on the Miners organization while providing several intriguing segments.

"As far as what the show will be like this year, we hope that it will give our viewing audience a closer and more in-depth look at the team and the individuals," said Forrest. "We hope to bring the individuals and personalities out for all of the Miners fans to see exactly what their favorite players are like, and hopefully throw some surprises out there as well. You never know what Coach Keathley will do, and that makes for an interesting brand of television."

The East Kentucky Miners organization is headed into its second season in the Continental Basketball Association. East Kentucky reached the CBA Playoffs in its debut season. The Miners finished the 2008 regular-season 26-22.



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Sheppard named spokesperson for Kentucky National Insurance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky basketball player Jeff Sheppard has been named as a spokesperson for Kentucky National Insurance Company.

"When people hear about University of Kentucky basketball, they think of the many great championship teams including the 1997-98 squad led by Jeff Sheppard," said Enoch Roberts, President, Kentucky National Insurance Company. "We're excited to have Jeff as part of our championship team of more than 120 independent agents offering coverage from the Commonwealth's only insurance company owned by Kentucky shareholders: Kentucky National Insurance Company."

Sheppard will be featured in radio ads to run on the Big Blue Sports Radio Network and in print ads in the University of Kentucky basketball program and other publications around the state.

Sheppard had an outstanding career at the University of Kentucky, helping the Wildcats win two NCAA Basketball National Championships in 1996 and 1998. During his senior year Sheppard led his team in scoring, three point field goals made and attempted. Sheppard was named third-team All-SEC by the Associated Press and became the 44th player in Wildcats history to score 1,000 points. After playing professional basketball, Sheppard moved back to Kentucky and opened his own business.

Kentucky National Insurance Company (www.kynatins.com), based in Lexington, offers a variety of auto, home, boat and personal property insurance coverage through more than 120 independent agents across the Commonwealth.

ALC cross country team competes at UVA-Wise, Rio Grande

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College Cross Country men's and women's teams had two meets in one weekend in mid-October. The Eagles started their journey at the University of Virginia-Wise. The Eagles competed against Milligan College and Emory & Henry College. Both the Alice Lloyd College men and women were competitive in their meets. For the ALC men's team, Garrett Stroud (Ivey), led the way, finishing 14th in his first race of the season. Finishing behind Stroud for the ALC men's team was Josh Drake, who ended the event 19th. Matthew Corbett finished 20th and Patrick Chambers crossed the line 21st for the Eagles. The ALC women were also very competitive. The Lady Eagles improved all of the times from their first match. The ALC women raced on a 3-mile course against Milligan, UVA-Wise, and Emory & Henry. Kasey Blair, Rosalee Benavidez, and Miranda Horn represent-

ed Alice Lloyd well. Blair led the way for the Lady Eagles. The Eagles traveled to Rio Grande, Ohio, to compete on a longer course one day after the meet in Virginia. The Eagles — competing on the longer course — still managed to finish strong. Both the men and women competed against Walsh College, Rio Grande, Bethany, Charleston, Mountain State, Kentucky Christian and Ohio Valley. For the ALC women, Blair sprinted across the finish line first. Benavidez and Horn finished closely behind, once again representing ALC well. The ALC men's squad also ran strong, with Stroud paving the way. Corbett and Chambers followed Stroud's lead, finishing in solid fashion. ALC Cross Country Coach David Hatfield feels confident in his young squad and is encouraged by their rapid improvement.

"This group has worked extremely hard for me and we continue to get better at every meet," Hatfield commented.



photo courtesy of Pikeville College
NOT RUNNING ON EMPTY: The Pikeville College women's cross country team is winding down its season.



photos courtesy of SFHS
SOUTH FLOYD has one regular-season game remaining. The Raiders missed out on making the Class A State Playoffs.

Modern gun deer season to open Nov. 8

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's modern gun deer season will open statewide Nov. 8. For the state's estimated 254,000 deer hunters, it's the most popular weekend of the year to hunt.

"The deer harvest to this point is up from last year," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "That's partly due to good weather, but also indicative that we've got a lot of deer."

The state's total deer herd, estimated at one million animals, was not impacted by last year's outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD). Kentucky Fish and Wildlife received more than 4,000 reports of deer killed by the disease, and many hunters were concerned about its impact on deer populations.

"We didn't see anything in the harvest that would indicate that anybody got hit really hard at a county-wide level," Brunjes said. She added that after a severe outbreak, deer herds are largely immune to the disease for a few years. Although some cases of the disease occur every year, department biologists are aware of only a handful of suspected cases this year.

Hunters may wonder if the state's continued drought will impact their chances this gun season. "I don't think it will have as much of an impact as the weather and mast (nut) crop," Brunjes said. "Weather pretty much drives harvest. It affects how deer move and how hunters hunt. And whether or not we have rain, deer are going to stick close to mast."

Hunters should focus on white oaks this year when deer food sources, Red oak acorns will be scarce, due to the late freeze in the spring of 2007. Red oaks take two years to mature, so it will be another year before hunters will see them return as a key deer food source.

"The mast crop has been mixed, but most people are reporting a pretty good white oak crop," Brunjes noted.

Hunters should take note of several county deer zone changes this year. Hart County is now Zone 1, while Marion and Taylor counties are Zone 2. Casey and Grayson counties have changed to Zone 3. Season dates, bag limits and other restrictions may be different based on a county's zone assignment.

Before going afield for modern gun deer season, hunters should

be sure to pack their hunter orange hat and vest. Kentucky law requires all hunters and persons accompanying them, hunting any species during a firearms deer season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange clothing visible from all sides on the head, back and chest. It's one of the most important things hunters can do to keep themselves and others safe during the most popular deer season of the year.

Hunters should also review Kentucky's hunter education requirement. Hunter education is required for all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, except kids under 12 and hunters who are license exempt. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available for \$5 online, which allows hunting for one year from the date of purchase without a hunter education card while accompanied by a legal adult hunter who meets Kentucky's hunter education requirement.

Adults who plan to take a youth hunter with them should be sure to stay close by. The law requires kids 15 and under who hunt deer with a firearm to be accompanied by an adult at all times. The adult must be able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth hunter's firearm at all

times.

Finally, hunters should make sure they have the appropriate hunting license and permits, if required. For complete deer hunting information, including county zone assignments, equipment restrictions and licensing requirements, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide. The guide is available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Employees of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center will be available to assist hunters during special opening weekend hours, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Eastern time Nov. 8-9.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources manages, regulates, enforces and promotes responsible use of all fish and wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, an agency of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, has an economic impact to the state of \$4.5 billion annually. For more information on the department, visit our web site at fw.ky.gov.

Common Telecheck questions arise as modern gun deer season approaches

by HAYLEY LYNCH KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Every year around modern gun deer season, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Information Center is flooded with calls. These calls include questions about Telecheck, a system introduced in 1998 that allows hunters to report their game harvest by using a telephone.

"It's a very user-friendly system. It's up 24-7 and it's a toll-free number," said David Yancy, a biologist in the department's big game program. "The main problems now are people not thinking things through before making the call, or not listening to the question all the way through."

When hunters call the Telecheck number, they are calling an automated system that provides a series of prompts. Yancy encourages hunters to

take the time to listen to each automated question completely before choosing a response. It only takes about five minutes to Telecheck your deer. Accurate information is important to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists, who use Telecheck data to make sound management decisions, and to the department's conservation officers, who use the information to enforce hunting and licensing laws.

One common Telecheck mistake is entering the wrong hunting method into the system. Hunters may rush through the call, accidentally entering "modern firearm" instead of "muzzleloader" or "archery." If hunters realize they have made a mistake, they should not call and Telecheck the deer again. Wait until the following business day and call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 to correct the information.

Hunters sometimes wonder how they should Telecheck a button buck, which is a male

deer with small knobs on their heads instead of antlers. These deer should be checked as "male." The system will then prompt you to choose whether the deer has "visible antler" or "no visible antler."

Choose "no visible antler." Harvesting and reporting a button buck does not count against a hunter's antlered deer limit.

Public land hunters should listen carefully to the entire name of the area on which they took a deer before responding to this Telecheck prompt. For example, areas like Dale Hollow Lake Wildlife Management Area sound almost identical to Dale Hollow Lake State Park. It's easy for a hunter to choose the wrong one.

"This is how we get deer checked before the park's quota hunt has even taken place," said Yancy. "The system asks for the county, then whether the hunter took the deer on public or private land. It starts the list of areas in that

county and the hunter hears the first two words and chooses yes."

In this case, hunters should wait until the following business day to call the department and correct the mistake.

License exempt hunters such as kids under the age of 12 and military personnel on furlough should select "statewide license" when checking their deer. The department has clarified the Telecheck prompt this year to help hunters avoid confusion. Youth ages 12-15 who possess a Youth license should also check "statewide license."

Most Telecheck questions can be answered by simply listening to the entire prompt before responding. If you still have questions, call the department's toll-free number for help. Information Center personnel will be available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Eastern time Nov. 8-9 - opening weekend of modern gun season for deer - to assist hunters.

Samuels leads Red Team to 97-80 win in UofL scrimmage

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Highly-touted freshman Samarado Samuels led all scorers with 36 points, while pulling down a game-high 16 rebounds in the Red's 97-80 win over the White team in Louisville's annual Red-White intrasquad scrimmage held Sunday night at Freedom Hall in front of 11,600.

Freshman Jared Swopshire added 21 points, seven rebounds, and five assists for the Red team. Reginald Delk had 11 points and nine boards, while Andre McGee chipped in with nine points, eight rebounds, and dished out a game-high eight assists.

Pacing the white team was junior Earl Clark with 30 points and 14 rebounds. Terrence Jennings had 18

points and game-high four steals. Edgar Sosa and Kyle Kurie added 12 and seven, respectively.

"Well we got a lot out of Scrimmage," said Louisville Coach Rick Pitino. "We got a lot out of what we wanted to do. Let's just try to play non-stop basketball and get our

our first scrimmage, even though it's a Red-White

guys into shape to play that way."

After holding a 43-35 half-time lead, the Red team pulled away to an easy victory behind Samuels whose dominating presence proved to be the difference as he finished the night 13-for-22 from the field and 10-of-12 at the line.

"He's a very good basketball player obviously, because he's physically not a freshman," said Pitino. "He's mentally a freshman, but he's physically not."

Senior Terrence Williams did not play in the scrimmage due to a knee injury.

Louisville will tip off the regular-season campaign at home on Saturday, Nov. 22 against Morehead State in the first of two games of the Billy Minardi Classic. The game time will be announced at a later date pending the kickoff time for Louisville's home football game against West Virginia.



photo courtesy of University of Louisville
Veteran head coach Rick Pitino will guide Louisville into a season-opener versus Morehead State Nov. 22.

UofL WR Long out for season with knee injury

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville junior wide receiver Scott Long tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his right knee in practice on Tuesday and will be sidelined

for the remainder of the season. He will have surgery to repair the knee within the next two weeks.

"I'm very disappointed for Scott," said U of L head football coach Steve Kragthorpe. "He's worked so hard this year to get into shape. It (the

injury) occurred during a non-contact drill in practice. We have to move on from this situation and get ready to play a good Syracuse football team."

Long missed the first four games of the season while recovering from a broken

bone in his left foot, which he suffered during pre-season practice in August. He produced 11 catches for 201 yards in his three games this season, including a career-best 134 yards on five catches with two touchdowns against USF last Saturday.

2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series schedule released

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO Ohio - The ARCA RE/MAX Series, long recognized as the most versatile touring series in motorsports, has released its 2009 schedule to include 22 events in 13 states and Canada. A diverse combination of superspeedways, short tracks, dirt tracks and road course racing will make up the 2009 tour, in its 57th consecutive season of competition.

"We're extremely proud of the depth of quality of the venues on the 2009 schedule, each of which is very important to the identity and industry position of the ARCA

RE/MAX Series," said ARCA President Ron Drager. "The number of scheduled events remains stable at a level we've found to be appropriate, and we're pleased with the geographic coverage represented by the markets we'll be racing in."

The season, as it has since 1964, will open at Daytona International Speedway with the 46th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona on February 7, live on SPEED TV. The event will serve as a preamble for the same-day NASCAR Sprint Cup Budweiser Shootout. The '09 tour will conclude at Rockingham Speedway on October 11, the second of two

appearances at "The Rock". In between, the series will appear at a wide variety of venues, including the 2.25-mile New Jersey Motorsports Park road course and a return trip to Cayuga Motor Speedway in Canada, giving the series international flavor.

Superspeedways returning for events in 2009 include Daytona, Kentucky Speedway, Kansas Speedway, Michigan International Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway, Pocono Raceway and Talladega Superspeedway. The 2009 Talladega event is the 48th RE/MAX Series appearance at the renowned 2.66-mile Alabama speedplant since

1969, and the upcoming events at Pocono mark the 48th and 49th appearances of the ARCA RE/MAX Series at Pocono since 1983.

Alterations to the superspeedway schedule include dates at Talladega and Kansas, both of which are changing in 2009. The traditional Talladega date, which had been in early October, will shift to April 24 in companion with the NASCAR Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series. The date at Kansas, which had been in late April, will move to October 1, also in conjunction with NASCAR's two top series.

Short-tracks hosting events include Salem Speedway in

Indiana, Toledo Speedway in Ohio, Berlin Raceway in Michigan, Iowa Speedway, Cayuga in Hagersville, Ontario, the annual mile-dirt races at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, and the Music City Motorplex in Nashville, Tennessee. The ARCA RE/MAX Series has conducted 23 races at the Nashville fairgrounds oval beginning in 1959, but has not appeared there since 1992.

Companion events in 2009 include races with the NASCAR Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck Series as well as with the IndyCar Series and the

ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series.

SPEED TV will return in 2009 with coverage of ARCA RE/MAX Series races as established in its multi-year agreement. The televised event schedule is traditionally released at the ARCA RE/MAX Series' championship awards banquet in December.

DATES OF LOCAL INTEREST
MAY 9 - Kentucky Speedway
July 18 - Kentucky Speedway

EK Miners season tickets remain on sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - East Kentucky Miners fans still have an opportunity to secure their tickets for the 2008-09 campaign. Miners season tickets remain on sale. Tickets for the 2008-09 season went on sale Saturday, Oct. 18. East Kentucky will play 16 home games inside the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center as part of a 32-game schedule during the 2008-09 season. There's a season ticket package suitable for all fans. Four different seating levels - Courtside (\$384

Season Ticket), Sections 103-106, 118-121 (\$256 Season Ticket), Sections 101-

102, 122-123, 111-113, (\$192 Season Ticket); and All Upper Arena Seats (\$105 Season Ticket) - are available. East Kentucky Miners season tickets are available through the team's office, the East Kentucky Expo Center and TicketMaster.

Fans who visited the East Kentucky Expo Center for a Miners game during the 2007-08 season were treated to an exciting brand of basketball second to none in the Bluegrass State. The Miners led the CBA in scoring with a 111 points per game scoring average.

The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) recently announced the schedule for its

63rd season. The CBA's 63rd season is scheduled to tip off on Friday, Dec. 12. Four games are scheduled for the season's opening weekend.

The Miners will face CBA foes Albany, Lawton-Fort Sill, Minot and Pittsburgh during the upcoming season in the five-team league. The 14-week CBA season is scheduled to conclude Sunday, March 15. The CBA Playoffs are slated to start Wednesday, March 18. East Kentucky will host Minot in its home opener Sunday, Dec. 14. The Miners will travel to rival Pittsburgh for a season opener Friday, Dec. 12.

Much excitement surrounds the 2008-09 version of the East Kentucky Miners. East

Kentucky recently signed University of Kentucky legend Wayne Turner. One of the top UK players of all-time, Turner holds the NCAA record for most games played. The former Wildcat played in the NBA for the Boston Celtics - the league's most storied franchise.

East Kentucky veterans Jason McLeish and Mike Crain and former NBA D-League player Jermaine Blackburn have also signed with the Miners. East Kentucky ended the 2007-08 regular-season 26-22. The Miners reached the playoffs in their debut season. For more information on Miners season tickets, call 606-437-9715.

EKB to broadcast EK Miners games during 2008-09 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The East Kentucky Miners have teamed up with East Kentucky Broadcasting for radio coverage of the CBA team's 2008-09 season. East Kentucky Broadcasting, headquartered in Pikeville, will cover all 16 Miners home games during the upcoming season. In addition to the home games, EKB will also carry a weekly show featuring Miners Coach Kevin Keathley as well as other team-related segments. WPKE-FM 103.1 will serve as the team's home station. Additional EKB stations will also provide Miners coverage.

The Miners organization and East Kentucky Broadcasting recently finalized details of the radio partnership. EKB released the following statement regarding the

radio partnership: "We at East Kentucky Broadcasting, the area's sports broadcasting leader, headquartered in Pikeville, are proud to announce our association as the exclusive radio home for the East Kentucky Miners."

Last year, we all saw the excitement build around Kentucky's only professional basketball franchise and are pleased to be able to add the region's leading broadcasting company to the Miners team. We at EKB encourage everyone to attend the games and become loyal supporters of our professional team, but when you can't make it to the games, WPKE-FM 103.1 will provide comprehensive coverage from pregame through postgame, including the weekly Coach Kevin Keathley Show. Veteran sports broadcasters Jeff Meek and EKB Sports Director

Andrew Joyce will bring the broadcast experience deserving of professional basketball to the Miners fans. We hope to see you at every game and encourage fans to bring their radios along with them. But when you can't be there, tune in to 103.1 FM WPKE - your exclusive radio home for the East Kentucky Miners and also providing complete coverage live online at www.wpke.com."

The Miners will play all 16 home games as part of the 2008-09 season inside the East Kentucky Expo Center in downtown Pikeville. An expansion franchise during the 2007-08 season, East Kentucky reached the postseason during its debut campaign under Keathley's guidance. "We're very excited as an organization to partner with East Kentucky Broadcasting

for the 2008-2009 season," Keathley said. "I look forward to working with the broadcast team of Andrew Joyce and Jeff Meek."

"We're very fortunate to have such a strong radio network behind us for the upcoming season. This will help our growth as a franchise. At the same time, this will allow for the fanbase to continue to build."

The East Kentucky Miners will host the Minot SkyRockets on Sunday, Dec. 14 in their home opener. Tip-off for the home opener is set for 4:05 p.m.

East Kentucky will open the season Dec. 12 on the road in Pittsburgh versus the Xplosion. Tip-off for the season-opening away game is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

Drivers should be careful as deer movement increases

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Many drivers have experienced it. You are slowly navigating a curvy road just after sunset. Suddenly, you hit the brakes just in time to miss a deer frozen in your headlights. The deer stands transfixed, and you are unsure what to do. Perhaps you blow the horn or flip your bright lights on for a moment before the deer finally bounds away.

Kentucky has an estimated one million white-tailed deer in its herd. There is a chance of a deer encounter in nearly any rural or suburban area of the state as the breeding season for whitetails approaches.

"It has to do with daylight length. Shorter days trigger hormonal changes and the breeding season," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It's already starting; road kills have started going up. It peaks around the second to third

week of November."

Now is the time for drivers to slow down and be careful to avoid hitting a deer. Wear a seatbelt - it's the law - drive slowly and scan the road and the sides of the road, especially around wooded areas. Brunjes recommends drivers pay particular attention around dawn and dusk, when deer are most active.

"The best defense is to slow down and pay attention," she said. "Anywhere you've seen deer standing beside the road, or where you've seen deer hit. That would be indicative of a deer trail, and a place you should be extra careful."

Slow down if you see a deer alongside the road, even if it is just browsing in a field. Deer can move suddenly, so stay alert. Seeing one deer often means there are others close by. Avoid swerving suddenly if you encounter a deer in the road. You could go off the road or hit something else, like a car traveling in the opposite direction.

If another driver is not fol-

lowing you closely and you can stop safely, simply wait for the deer to move off the road. Do not turn off your headlights. This creates an unsafe situation where other drivers can't see you.

Drivers should contact their insurance companies if their vehicles are damaged in a deer collision. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources does not pay for damages to vehicles involved in any collision with wildlife. Drivers and passengers should never stand in the road to look at a deer struck by their vehicle - this is unsafe and can lead to another accident.

There is a common misconception that hunting causes deer to move more in October, November and December. But deer movement increases regardless of hunting pressure. The increase is evident even in areas where hunting is not allowed. Hunters actually help keep deer numbers in balance with available habitat, thinning the herd in over-populat-

ed areas where collisions are more likely to occur.

"People hunt deer when the deer are most active, and there is a mistaken idea that hunters cause this activity," said Brunjes. "But it's the activity that causes us to hunt them."

Deer movement will decrease in December, as the primary breeding season ends and deer resume their normal patterns and secretive nature. Until then, use extra caution while driving.

Deer Season Update:
 The Floyd County Times wants to give the spotlight to all Floyd County hunters and share their experiences with readers. Email photos from your big hunt to the Times at sports@floydcountytimes.com.

Mustangs, Reds extend working agreement

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BILLINGS, Mont. - The Billings Mustangs and the Cincinnati Reds announced today that they have agreed to extend their current Player Development Contract for an additional two years - continuing one of the longest partnerships in professional baseball through the 2012 season.

"The Mustangs and Reds have one of the longest running affiliations in professional baseball and we're pleased that our relationship will now extend beyond the 2010 season," said Mustangs General Manager Gary Roller. "The Reds commitment to sending us talented players and quality people year after year falls directly in line with our objective of providing the community of Billings and surrounding areas with a highly competitive brand of professional baseball."

"We're fortunate and thankful to have a baseball partner like the Cincinnati Reds and look forward to many more years of shared success," Roller added.

The 2008 season marked the 35th year that Billings has been affiliated with the Reds. Currently the Mustangs and their Major League parent club are in the middle of a four-year contract that would have expired at the conclusion of the 2010 Pioneer League season. The new contract extends the Mustangs relationship with Cincinnati two more years for a total of 39 consecutive seasons.

"The Reds are very pleased to extend their Player Development Contract with the Billings Mustangs through the 2012 season," said Terry Reynolds, Cincinnati's Director of Player Development. "Our relationship with the City of Billings and the Mustangs is very important to our organization."

The Cincinnati Reds have been providing players to the Billings franchise since 1974. But Reynolds noted the new ballpark in Billings - Dehler Park - was positive step in the partnership.

"The commitment that the Billings community has made to the Reds and professional baseball is greatly appreciated and we look forward to many more years of exciting baseball at Dehler Park," Reynolds said.

The Cincinnati Reds finished the 2008 season with 11 former Mustangs on their 40-man roster. And the majority of the top prospects currently in the Cincinnati Minor League system wore a Mustangs uniform at the beginning of their professional careers.



photo courtesy of Family Academy of Martial Arts

Students from Family Academy of Martial Arts went through testing under the watchful eye of Master Michael Gambill Friday, Oct. 24. Dalton Lewis and Jennifer Webb received their 6th Gup Green Belt. Jacob Kirk received his 5th Gup Greenbelt with Blue Stripe. Teresa Crum received her 4th Gup Blue Belt. Amber Hayden received her 3rd Gup Blue Belt with Red Stripe.



photo courtesy of Family Academy of Martial Arts

Gena Clevenger and Colin Clevenger received their 6th Gup Green Belt during Family Academy of Martial Arts testing Monday, Oct. 27. Jordan Kirk received his 8th Gup Yellow Belt.



photo courtesy of Pikeville College
PIKEVILLE COLLEGE is home to the defending national bowling champion. The PC bowling teams - men's and women's - are gearing up for another promising season.



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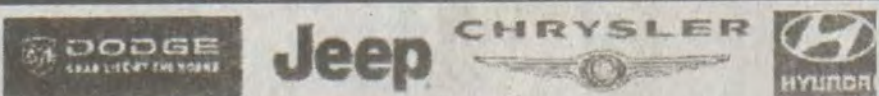
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Ms. Beverly May, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 363 Wilson Creek Road, Langley, Kentucky 41645 has petitioned the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to declare an area unsuitable for all types of surface coal mining activities, pursuant to 405 KAR Chapter 24.

The petition number is LUM 08-2. The petition area is located in Floyd county and consists of 2,006 acres in and around the Wilson Creek watershed.

A Public Hearing will be held on December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allen Central High School, 442 KY Rt. 550, Eastern, Kentucky.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the LUM 08-2 petition, pursuant to KRS 350.610 and 405 KAR Chapter 24. The hearing will be legislative in nature, with no cross-examination of participants. For individuals who do not wish to make public comments, written comments may be submitted to the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources at the time of the

hearing, or may be sent directly to the Department at the following address: Ron Mills, Director, Division of Mine Permits, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The comment period ends December 2, 2008. The petition document is on file for review and copying (at cost) at the above address, as well as the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ron Cooley, 445 Mays Branch, Prestonsburg, KY, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for place of fill. The property is located on Middle Creek, off of KY RT 114, in Floyd County, KY. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a son who has "gone green." He is passionate about the environment, recycles religiously and is very focused on gas mileage. He owns a '98 Honda Civic. He shifts to the highest gear possible, as soon as possible. (Technical note: On a flat stretch, he may shift to fifth gear at 25 mph and 1,000 rpm, causing the engine to shudder.) Consequently, when he's driving me somewhere in his car, our conversation goes something like this:

Me: "Why are you lugging the engine?"
My son: "Because it saves gas."

Me: "What's the point of saving gas if it destroys the engine?"

Which one of us has the right idea? — Dave

TOM: You both have some right ideas, Dave. Your son is absolutely right that shifting into the highest possible gear as quickly as possible gives you the best fuel economy. And we commend him for doing his part to help save the planet.

RAY: However, you're right, too, Dave, that if you shift TOO soon, you'll lug the engine, which is harmful to it. And I'm sure your son will agree that throwing away engines isn't a good thing for the environment, either.

TOM: The trick is to shift up through the gears quickly, getting to the highest gear as soon as possible WITHOUT lugging the engine. If you shift up, and the car shudders or pings on acceleration, you're making the engine strain and run hot, and that's injurious. So, if you experience lugging, shuddering or pinging, that's a sign that you've shifted too soon. And next time, you want to stay in the next-lowest gear a little longer.

RAY: You'll find that there aren't hard, fast rules about when to shift; it depends on the conditions. If you're just trying to maintain your speed on a flat road, shifting into fifth gear at 25 mph may be just fine. But if you're trying to accelerate, or climb a hill, you'll probably lug it. And that will eventually take its toll.

TOM: So, give your son a pat on the back for being interested in something bigger than just himself. But tell him to let the car be his guide. If it shudders and pings, it's a sign that he's shifted too soon. If not, then he's hugging trees with the best of 'em.

How do you eliminate a stubborn stink?

Dear Tom and Ray:
I was given a 1987 XJ6 Jag. She's one fine-looking lady. But she smells. I recently spent \$1,100 of my government stimulus check having the car completely cleaned on the inside. My mechanic (a very honest, small-town guy) took out all the carpeting and the seats, and cleaned them. He replaced the roof lining. He then scoured the entire inside of the car before putting the seats and carpet back. He used a cleaning machine recommended by another client who'd cleaned his pickup after a fire. He sprayed everything with Febreze and placed packs of charcoal under the seats. I picked it up after a month in the shop. It's better. But only marginally. Any other suggestions (we've done the cut onions, the dryer sheets, an air freshener "bomb," etc., prior to this very expensive last resort)? Help! — Jill

TOM: You might want to try a real bomb next.

RAY: Actually, my brother had a similar problem with his '74 Chevy Caprice Classic Convertible, Jill. It took us a long time to find the cause of the odor. But we finally figured it out. It was him.

TOM: There are two possibilities. One is that you've got a bad case of mold. Cleaning the seats and carpets might not be enough if you didn't specifically treat for mold. You need bleach or a biocide to kill the spores. Soap, odor removers, onions and old gym socks are all useless against a huge mold

spore invasion.

RAY: The other possibility is that a small animal died somewhere in the car. If a mouse or rat got stuck in a ventilation duct or in your air cleaner, it can produce a disgusting and almost unbearable odor that can last for months, until the carcass eventually disintegrates.

TOM: So, what you need is someone with a good nose. I'd help you myself, but mine's just big, not particularly good.

RAY: You need to find someone who's familiar with

both of those smells. Your best bet is an automotive detailer, or someone who works in a body shop. Ask him or her to sniff your Jaguar. Make sure you give the appropriate background before making that request, because someone could take it the wrong way.

TOM: Once you know what you're looking for, you can form a plan to get rid of it. Animal remains can be searched for and removed — or simply waited out. Moldy carpet and its underlying padding can be treated with a

biocide, or can be replaced.

RAY: Or, here's a creative approach. You already know of a cleaning machine that works on smoke odor. So, light the interior on fire, and then use the machine!

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