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## County passes \$2.25 million jail budget

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court approved a \$2.25 million budget for the county jail Friday morning.

The budget was approved during the court's regular meeting Friday morning with a summary outlining five appropriation categories — personnel, operating expense, equipment, debt service and administration.

The largest portion of the budget has been set aside for personnel at \$820,000, while operating expenses make up \$522,000 of the \$2.25 million, according to county records.

Debt service totals \$470,880 of the

overall budget while administration makes up \$397,120. Of the five categories detailed in the budget summary, the comparatively smaller amount will be used for equipment. The budget calls for \$40,000 for jail equipment.

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb addressed court members Friday explaining that of the 144 inmates currently housed at the jail, only 19 were state inmates for which the county is given a payment for housing.

The budget estimates some \$350,000 in intake from housing state inmates.

"If all 144 of those were state instead of county, then we'd be doing good," Webb said, also talking of the ongoing

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Floyd County magistrates John Goble, left, and Jackie Edford Owens, right, were among unanimous votes Friday to approve a county jail budget of more than \$2.2 million.

photo by Sheldon Compton

## TUMBLING DOWN



An early morning rockslide along the Left Fork of Little Paint resulted in minor property damage Friday, but had county officials working through the day to clear the road.

## First study of wrecks concludes

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Department of Highways study has shown that 40 accidents occurred between the Route 80 interchange at Water Gap and just beyond the Town Branch Road intersection in the last three years.

Officials with the Kentucky Department of Highway District 12 Office in Pikeville recently met with other members of the project team and members to the Big Sandy Area Development District to share the data collected in the study, which covered crashes from January of 2006 to January of 2009.

The 40 accidents involved 71 vehicles and resulted in three deaths and 21 injuries. Fourteen of the 40 were single-vehicle accidents and three involved animals — two deer and a horse, according to the study.

The first of the fatal crashes happened on Oct. 29, 2007, on a straight stretch of highway after dark in dry weather. The crash was a head-on collision involving three vehicles that left one dead and two others injured.

The second and third fatal accidents occurred in a little less than two months. On Nov. 14, 2008, a three-vehicle wreck killed one traveler and injured another. According to the study, this accident also happened in clear weather.

Less than two months later, on Jan. 6, there was a second three-vehicle accident on the section of roadway covered in the study.

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## Mine cited by MSHA last week closes

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

A Floyd County coal mine closed on Thursday just a few days after receiving a warning from the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

The North Star No. 5 mine in Prater Creek was one of five Kentucky mines that received letters putting them on notice for a potential pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards.

Thirteen coal mines in total were

cited by MSHA.

"The 13 coal mines and two metal/nonmetal mines represent the fourth round of mine operators to receive these letters under MSHA's enhanced enforcement initiative," said Michael A. Davis, MSHA's deputy assistant secretary for operations. "Hopefully, these operators will use this opportunity to incorporate needed improvements into their safety and health programs."

According to Carl Kirk, owner of the mine, all of the fines were based on rou-

tine things that occur at any mine, and that the violations posed no threat to the workers at all.

"The price of coal has dropped, and with the expense of these fines, we can't afford to run it anymore," Kirk said. "We get inspectors coming every day. Some of the fines we are getting are ridiculous. These are fines over routine stuff. You can't focus enough on safety, it's extremely important, but some of these regulations are ridiculous. It's

(See MINE, page three)

## Unemployment up in Floyd, surrounding counties

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Like much of the rest of the nation, Kentucky saw unemployment numbers on the rise in the last year, according to recent statistics released by the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The cabinet reports unemployment rates increased in all but one of the state's 120 counties. Martin County's unemployment rates remained the

same.

Numbers were on the rise in Big Sandy area counties.

In Floyd County, the recent numbers show 8.3 percent, or 1,247 people, listed as unemployed, up from 7.2 percent a year ago. And, as of December, Floyd County had a jobless rate of 6.6 percent.

Pike County continues to have the lowest jobless rate in the Big Sandy Region at 7.1 percent. But even this number is up from last year's numbers,

which showed 6.1 percent at that time.

Of Johnson County's 9,510 citizens listed as making up the civilian workforce, 916 people are currently without jobs for a jobless rate of 9.6 percent.

However, Magoffin County has by far one of the highest unemployment rates in the state, with 14.3 percent of their citizens listed as being without work. Only five other counties, in the state have a higher rate of unemployment.

And Magoffin saw the highest jump

in jobless rates, as well. In December, the county had an unemployment rate of 11.5 percent while in January 2008 that figure was 11.1 percent.

Overall, Kentucky has a current rate of unemployment at 9.5 percent, up nearly 4 percent from last year when records showed 5.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than to actually count the number of people working, cabinet officials said.

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In brief  
2 inmates  
charged

with murder

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — A federal indictment handed down Friday accuses two inmates at the United States Penitentiary at Big Sandy of murdering a fellow inmate.

Darryl Marcus Milburne, 26, who is also known as Beast, and Dwayne Gravelly, 33, also known as Deuce, were indicted on charges of first-degree murder, assault and evidence tampering in the Nov. 12, 2006, death of inmate Shomoni Peterson.

According to indictment, a correctional officer asked the two men if Peterson could be placed in their cell. It is alleged that Gravelly agreed and then, shortly after the conversation with the officer, told Milburne they were going to kill Peterson.

After Peterson was placed in the cell, federal officials say that both men attacked Peterson as he was sitting on the toilet in the cell. During the attack, Peterson was allegedly beaten and eventually knocked to the floor. It is alleged that Milburne then covered Peterson's mouth and nose until he stopped breathing.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ James Curtis Boggs, 85, of Auxier, died March 16, at Cabell Huntington, W. VA. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maggie Caudill, 82, of Martin, died Tuesday, March 10, at St. Joseph Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14 under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sallie Sizemore Goble, 103, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 15, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Herman V. Harmon, age 85, of Hueysville, died Sunday, March 15, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Webb Harmon. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sharon Gaye Branham Howard, 64, of Dwale, died Sunday, March 15, in the Cleveland Clinic. She is survived by her husband, Jack T. Howard. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Newsome, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Prater Newsome. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Lacey Porter, 63, of Allen, died Sunday, March 8, at St. Joseph Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ann Leslie Porter. Funeral services were held Friday, March 13 under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

■ Billy Ratliff, 74, of Eastern, died Saturday, March 7, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Ina Cooley Ratliff. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ John Joseph Salisbury, 27, of Hueysville, died

Sunday, March 8, at St. Joseph, Martin. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Georgia Shumate Smith, 88, of Pikeville, a Garrett native, died Monday, March 16, in Cornerstone Hospital of Huntington. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sterling Thornsberry, 83, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, March 15, at the Hazard ARH. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Moore Thornsberry. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Myrtle Roberts Chaney, 72, of Phyllis, died Thursday, March 12, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 15, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Georgia Francis Damron, 66, of Millard, died Wednesday, March 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Dotson, of Freeburn, died Thursday, March 19, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Phyllis Holt, 71, of Virgie, died Wednesday, March 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ova Thacker McPeck Keene Justice, 88, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, March 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Myrtle Lucille Kennedy, 86, of Nitro, W.Va., formerly of the Pond Creek area, died Thursday, March 19, at the Hubbard Hospice House. Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m., under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Q. Little, 85, of Harrodsburg, a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Belle Burke Little. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 19, under the direction of Ransdell Funeral Chapel of Harrodsburg.

■ Victoria Lynn Pavlik, 46, of Pikeville, died at her residence Thursday, March 12. Funeral services were held under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Judy Ann Sowards, 59, of Wyandotte Mich., formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 11. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Sowards. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Rora Varney, 71, of Kimper, died Tuesday, March 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Sarah Elsie Bolen, 88, of Wayland, a Knott County native, died Sunday, March 8, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Girlie Stone Campbell, 82, of Lexington, a native of Knott County, died March 6. Services were held Monday, March 6. Services were held Monday, March 9, under the direction of Milward Funeral Home.

■ Mary Gayheart Cook, 90, of Lotts Creek, died Friday, March 6, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March

9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Charlie Cornett, 88, of Hindman, died Thursday, March 5, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Georgetta Jones Cornett. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Dora Ellen "Micky" Jacobs, 69, of Pippa Passes, died Thursday, March 5, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Norcey Mosley Short, 85, of Garner, died Saturday, March 7, at the Hazard Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Lee Short. Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Bernice Slone, 48, of Mousie, died Saturday, March 7, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Joshua Derek Slone, 24, of Martin, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, March 7, at Decoy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Judy K. Adkins, 60, of Fort Gay, a Louisa native, died Monday, March 16, in Cabell Huntington Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Adkins. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Preece Nelson, 77, of Louisa, died Monday, March 16, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Darrell B. Smith, 52, of Blaine, died Friday, March 13, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Everett A. Vanhorn, 66, of Louisa, died Sunday, March 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Edna Vanhorn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home in Louisa.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Everett Blair, 63, of Leander, died Sunday, March 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Meek Blair. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Billiter, 76, of East Point, died Friday, March 13, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Marie Cline, 92, of Van Lear, died Friday, March 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ William Thomas "Bill" Cox, 55, of Paintsville, died Monday, March 16, at the V.A. Medical Center, in Chillicothe, Ohio. Graveside services were held Thursday, March 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Scottie Stewart Harris, 63, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, March 14, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Donnie Meadows, 58, of Flatgap, died Friday, March 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Preston Meadows. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Edwin Pete Phelps, 89 of Meally, died Tuesday, March 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Carmona Ethel Phelps. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, under

the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mable Lee Williams, 77, of Hager Hill, died Wednesday, March 18, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Williams. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Elmo Mollett, 60, of Tomahawk died Sunday, March 15, at Signature Health Care in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Gary Gibson, 53, of Ironville, died Sunday, March 15, in King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Melba K. Robison Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 18, under the direction of Preston Family Funeral Home.

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Economic recovery payments coming for people who receive Social Security, SSI

by JENNIFER HOPKINS  
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SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that if you receive Social Security or SSI benefits that you may be eligible for a special payment in May 2009? The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which the President signed into law in February, provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to people receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

The one-time recovery payments will go out in May 2009 and all payments should be received by the end of May. In April, Social Security will send a letter with additional information to each person who is eligible for the one-time payment. The payments will be sent automatically, meaning no action is required on the part of the person receiving benefits. The economic recovery payments will be made separately from a person's regular monthly payments.

All adults who receive Social Security benefits, including disabled adult children (but not minor children)

are eligible for \$250 payment. In addition, all persons who receive SSI payments, including minor children, are eligible for the payment. Anyone who receives benefits or who was eligible to receive benefits during any of the three months prior to enactment (November and December of 2008 and January 2009) will receive the one-time payment as long as the address of record is in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The payments will be made in the same way that regular monthly payments are made. People with direct deposit will receive their payments electronically. Those who receive paper checks will receive their payments in the mail. People who receive regular payments through the Direct Express debit card will receive their one-time payments through the card.

If someone receives both Social Security and SSI, only one payment of \$250 will be made. The economic recovery legislation also provides for a one-time payment to recipients of Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits. However, if you receive Social Security or SSI benefits and you also receive VA and/or RRB benefits, you will only receive one \$250 payment. The Social Security Administration will send you this payment.

To assist in processing the payments as efficiently as possible, please do not contact Social Security unless you do not receive a payment by June 4, 2009. Information is available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and will be updated regularly.

To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

## Obituaries

### Tammy Lynn Goble Miller

Tammy Lynn Goble Miller, 37, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born March 25, 1971, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Joyce Goble. She was a graphic designer for the Big Sandy News, and was a member of the Benedict Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin Miller.

Other survivors include a daughter, Brittany Miller of Richmond; two uncles: Curtis (Eleanor) Goble of Prestonsburg, and Hubert (Carolyn) Goble of Banner; three aunts: Bertha (Belvry) Collins of Prestonsburg, Darlene (Johnny) Endicott of Endicott; and Patty Sue (Tommy) Lewis of Martin; and numerous cousins and friends.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her grandparents: William Estill "Ess" and Annie Hunt Goble; five uncles: Wilson Lee, Willard, Roosevelt, James Archer and Dennis Goble; and an aunt, Lillie Mae Hunt.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Doug Lewis and Bill Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Miller-Reffitt Family Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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# When puzzled by a problem, try asking a mechanic

by TOM and RAY  
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Boy, do we have an embarrassing problem. My husband's 1997 Nissan pickup's horn honks every time the steering wheel is turned. There is no telling how many arguments he has started between husbands and wives in cars in front of him. The problem started with a clunking in the steering wheel and progressed to the honk, which sometimes will not quit until you bang on the steering wheel. We are at our wits' end as to what to do. — Jackie

TOM: And in all this time that you've been ticking off your entire community, it never occurred to you to take it somewhere and have a mechanic look at it?

RAY: Well, that's what we're going to recommend now. There are three likely possibilities. One is that the horn contact — the horn button itself — has come loose and is floating around in your horn pad.

TOM: We don't recommend that you remove the horn pad yourself, since that also houses the air bag. And

unless you want to end up with the word "NISSAN" embossed backward on your forehead, you might want to have someone else handle it.

RAY: It can be done safely if you disconnect the battery and allow the air bag to power down for a while before disturbing it. But, like I said, we don't recommend that civilians try this at home without full body armor.

TOM: If the problem is not right there under the horn pad, then someone will have to pull off the steering wheel and figure out if the problem is in the multi-function switch or the steering column wiring.

RAY: In the worst-case scenario, it could end up costing you a few hundred bucks, which isn't cheap. But think about the benefits: You'll be able to drive to church on Sundays without everybody making rude hand gestures at you.

### Pileup of problems probably coincidental

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Love the column, hate that I now have a reason to write to you myself! I have a 2001 BMW 325xi, which I have serviced regularly at a local

independent BMW mechanic (and I do mean regularly — that stupid car always has some "little" \$400 thing wrong with it). The shop came highly recommended, and I've never had reason to question that. But then ... last week, the coolant light came on. I took it in to get it topped off. They told me my water pump needed to be replaced, so I did it — \$450. Two days later, while idling in a parking lot, the car went boom! The shop now tells me that the coolant expansion tank blew, and that it's not related to the work they just did. That was \$600. Now I'm thinking, wait a minute: No problems with the cooling system for seven years, then two in two days? But the shop says there's no connection, that they see this fairly frequently on BMWs after they hit about five years old, that they pressure-tested the system after they finished and that there were no problems. Sounds reasonable, and they're going to cut some of the labor costs for the second repair. But I have no mechanical knowledge to know if they're legit or just blowing smoke (like my car). So, which one's the lemon — the

car, or the mechanic? (Please tell me it's the car — that's a lot easier to replace.) — Laura

RAY: I don't think this is necessarily a crisis of car or mechanic, Laura. The most common reason a coolant expansion bottle explodes is because the car overheats.

TOM: And it's possible that the overheating was your mechanic's fault. That may be why they're eating some of the labor cost — guilt. Or maybe you're just cute.

RAY: If they didn't bleed the cooling system correctly after replacing the water pump, they could have left air in it. Air doesn't do nearly as good a job of cooling the engine as coolant does. That could have led the engine to overheat and blow up the expansion tank.

TOM: But that's not necessarily what happened. Your thermostat could have gotten stuck after the water pump was replaced — just a coincidence. Or the thermostat may have been the reason the coolant light came on in the first place, and they just happened to notice that your water pump was leaking and assumed that was the issue.

RAY: The worst-case sce-



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few weeks. If it's normal, I think you're all set.

RAY: But if you notice that the engine is running hotter than usual, take it back and ask your guy to investigate a little further. And if nothing else, have him throw in a new thermostat, which is cheap.

TOM: But I wouldn't give up on him or the car over this. Look at it from his perspective: You've been a very good customer for him. Why would he risk losing your business over a few hundred bucks when, during the next 10 years, you could be worth a 28-foot Sportfisher to him?

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## Budget

battle with drug-related criminals in the system. "Everybody knows what kind of uphill battle we're facing with the drug problem and hopefully we're going to conquer it a little bit in the future."

There is \$69,000 budgeted toward drug rehabilitation programs within the jail in the new budget.

A projected cash balance for July 1 of this year for the jail is \$82,000, with the county providing contributions totaling \$1.5 million.

In general, some of the largest budget items were food, which make up \$180,000 of operating expenses and salaries for deputy jailers and matrons, which constitute \$570,187 of

the personnel budget.

In other business, the fiscal court also:

- Voted to authorize Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall to sign documents to seek a funding of \$100,000 toward continued cleanup work from the ice storm earlier this year.
- Approved funding toward

the Martin Flood Project in the amount of \$10,263. The money will be held in escrow by the county until a funding request can be placed to the state.

- Approved \$12,414 in funding for repairs and maintenance on the Allen Golf Course.

All members of the fiscal court were present for Friday's meeting.

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**2009 Great Easter Egg Hunt**

**CLUE #3**  
*If it's cold or rainy, I won't come to harm, because I have a thick blanket to keep me warm.*

## Study

This wreck injured four and left one dead.

Both of the last two wrecks happened at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Town Branch Road and involved vehicles coming of out Town Branch Road and attempting to turn left across the northbound lane to the southbound lane.

The other fatal accident took place closer to the nearby Marathon gas station.

Further analysis of police reports revealed that 14 of the accidents over the three-year period were single-vehicle accidents, while eight were angle crashes and another eight were rear-end collisions. Also, the report indicates that two of the accidents were head-on collisions.

Shortly after the Jan. 6 wreck, officials with Highway District 12 began gathering data for the study, a first-step in what will ultimately form the

basis for a recommendation to state officials in Frankfort.

Though officials say an overall pattern in the crashes could not generally be established, it was noted in the report that all 40 of the accidents were initiated from vehicles in the northbound lanes, even if the vehicles involved ended up in the southbound lanes.

In addition, it was found that a small cluster of the wrecks occurred at the Town Branch Road intersection.

"If you pinpoint these crashes on a map, you will see that they are spread throughout the study area," said Highway District 12 Public Information Officer Sara George. "Crashes are happening at numerous locations along this stretch of highway."

George said although a concentration of crashes did happen at the Town Branch road

intersection, more total accidents had took place near the Water Gap overpass.

Now that crash data is in hand, Greg Couch, engineering support manager for Highway District 12, says that a radar study will next be conducted in the coming weeks.

The radar study will help in determining to what extent speed may be a factor in the number of crashes in the area, as officials say since no clear pattern emerged it is suspected that speed may have been a factor in some or all of them.

The project team at District 12 is now taking a preliminary look at some possible "traffic calming treatments" that might help reduce crashes along the stretch of highway, George said, while Couch adds that those which are "financially feasible" will be brought before the public for citizen opinion and input.

## Mine

almost impossible."

The mine accumulated fines of around \$300,000 in the last year and a half, according to Kirk, even though it was awarded a safety award two years ago.

"We're making payments every month, but we just can't keep up," Kirk said. "We've

been in operation for 40 some years and we've always paid our penalties. We are in a no-win situation. My men always had good working conditions and equipment."

Kirk said that he is going to try and place the workers at other mines so they can continue to work for the company.

"Most of these men have been with me for over 20 years," Kirk said. "They have all felt safe working there and never had any complaints."

The North Star No. 5 mine shut down after the final shift on Thursday night. It will now be an abandoned mine.

## Charges

Both men are set for arraignment in the case in U.S. District Court in Ashland. If convicted, they could each face life in prison.

Other indictments handed down Friday involving inmates at the Martin County

federal prison were:

- Ricky Martin — possess prohibited contraband articles designed to be used as weapon.

- Rogelio Payan — possess prohibited contraband articles designed to be used as

weapon.

- Manuel Cardosa — assault with intent to murder.

- Ronald Cooks — forcibly assaulting, resisting or impeding officers or employees.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### Journalism still must serve the public trust

"I believe in the profession of journalism ... I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service is a betrayal of this trust."

So begins "The Journalist's Creed," written in 1914 by Walter Williams, who six years earlier had founded the nation's first college school of journalism at the University of Missouri. These were the politically rambunctious years of the Progressive Era, when newspapers were the main news source. Too many of them were scandal sheets with sensational coverage dubbed "Yellow Journalism."

Williams and some others ... expounded eloquently on the need to redefine the role of newspapers. They saw journalism's role as holding accountable institutions and people who had subverted the public trust to amass wealth and influence.

But now, nearly 100 years later, amid an ever-changing smorgasbord of news media, what is the proper role of the professional journalist?

At a community forum in St. Louis last Wednesday, the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri posed this question to journalists and non-journalists: "In the 21st century can public-service journalism survive? Is it time to renew the Journalist's Creed?"

Technology now has altered how and when professional news organizations deliver news and information. But the change is more than newspaper reporters recording video and audio or columnists who blog or file real-time online messages in short bursts on Twitter. Such change was unimaginable in the Progressive Era when newspapers stood alone as the juggernaut that determined what was the news of the day.

So, what is journalism today? Who is today's journalist? Is it a blogger working in his den? A radio talk-show host? A late-night comedian? An author of an online book?

Opinions at the forum varied about whether newspapers and local broadcast news provide enough quality watchdog journalism and whether the execution or motivation of the journalists always are as sanctified as the creed pronounces. But those at the forum agreed that the professional media are obliged to ask tough questions and look out for the average guy.

St. Charles County (Mo.) Executive Steve Ehlmann astutely asked the audience to ponder this question: If newspapers survived the advent of radio news and later television news, why won't they again evolve to the competition?

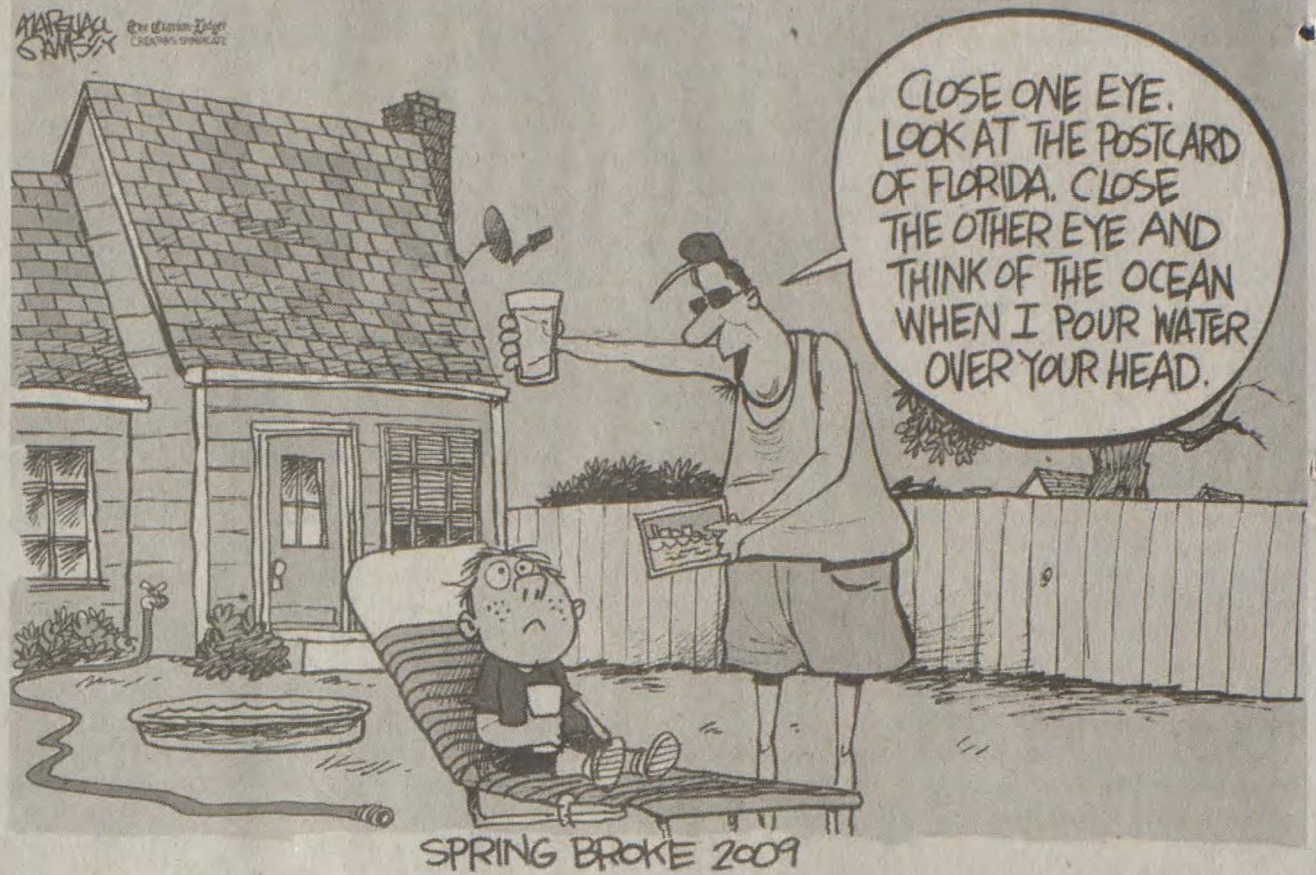
Professional journalists cross their fingers that their companies are adapting successfully into a full-fledged media world. People are changing their lifestyles and daily habits in most facets of life, not just in getting the news. They use "smart" phones, laptop computers and gadgets with multiple purposes. News consumption is one part of a huge technological sea change.

Adam Hosp, an online developer and Web entrepreneur, talked about how he gathers large amounts of information through the Internet without a printed newspaper. But he also talked about how the professional media are a fountain of credible information from which many other forms of online interaction flow.

Newspaper and media companies already were transforming in the digital age. Then a relentless recession blanketed the country to compound their challenges. Even though second daily newspapers in a few large U.S. markets closed recently, newspaper companies will continue to provide their essential function of making an increasingly complex world more accountable.

Some people think the news media act crazily or annoyingly or get things wrong and miss the boat at times. They're right; sometimes they do. But the forum audience was clear: They want professional journalists to hold onto their moorings and continue the public watchdog role. The audience told us: If you don't do it, who will?

—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



## Chuck Norris

### Sexting, seduction and spring breaks

by CHUCK NORRIS  
CREATORS SYNDICATE

Sending nude photos and sexual videos via cell phone (called "sexting") is a fast-growing and dangerous trend among youths. And with spring breaks upon us, YouTube won't be the only one streaming videos during these juvenile siestas.

Sexting is not new, but it is on the rise. Cases are bubbling up all over the country. Just this past week in Virginia, at least two Spotsylvania County students were facing child pornography charges in a sexting case. The naked images of three girls (including an elementary-school student) were discovered on seven phones and traced back to the two accused students.

Last month, high-school girls in Greensburg, Pa., also were charged with child pornography after they sent semi-nude photos of themselves to male classmates.

Other similar incidents have resulted in charges in Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Georgia and Florida. Law enforcement has been called out recently to investigate sexting-related crimes by dozens of teens in many states across the nation.

And sexting is not just a male-dominant problem. A new national

survey says that at least one-fifth of all youths have sent nude or explicit photos or videos of themselves via cell phone or have posted such images online.

Most astonishing, sexting is becoming a normative part of the dating scene and protocol among youngsters. Marian Merritt, who is Symantec's Internet safety advocate, writes and speaks about issues impacting the online security and safety of kids and families. She writes:

"Teens believe taking and sharing the sexy photo of themselves is a natural progression point in a romantic relationship. It's not just 'step 1, hold hands; step 2, kiss'. Now it's 'step 1. Friend on social network; step 2. Chat on IM or text; 3. Send sexy photos.' Crazy!"

So who's responsible? That's easy. First, there's the juvenile committing the crime. But there are two other culprits, as well — accomplices to these acts. Who's providing the electronic devices? Who pays the phone bills? Whose names are on the plans? And what examples are these guardians setting as those who frown upon pornography? And thirdly, there's a culture that is moving away from moral absolutes, and that includes calling pornography wrong and even a sin.

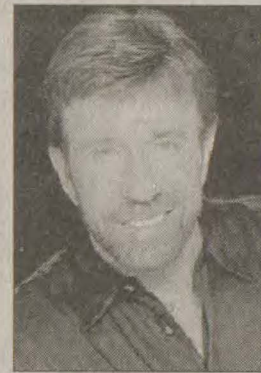
So are your kids or grandkids

involved in or at risk of sexting? Are they practicing safe cell phoning? Merritt advises parents and guardians to ask their kids these five questions to protect them from this latest strain of cyberporn:

1. Give me a tour of your cell phone. Any cool features or tricks you can do with your cell phone?
2. Show me how you take a photo with the phone. How do you send it to another email or phone?
3. Where do you save the photos? Show me what you've got saved.
4. Has anyone ever sent or shown you a sexy photo of themselves or someone else?
5. Anyone ever asked for your photo? If yes, how did you handle it? If no, what would you do and why?"

How can we stop a sexting proliferation? First, parents no longer should pass out cell phones like pancakes to their families, and parents should monitor how the phones are used. Guardians need to reconsider purchasing cell phones for communication and security when children are using them for seduction and porn. Teens need to be educated about sexual illegalities and immoralities and reminded that if convicted of child pornography crimes, they could face

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Chuck Norris

## beyond the beltway

### Our health care system is on life support

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

What in the world is Barack Obama waiting for? He's been president nearly two months and he hasn't been able to fix the stock market, he hasn't been able to fix the banks and the war in Iraq is still going on. And that's not all he hasn't done. (I've been listening to right-wing talk radio, so I know.) He hasn't lowered health care costs, he hasn't made our educational system into the equivalent of a Swiss boarding school and he hasn't saved our auto industry from drowning.

Worst of all, he hasn't gone through the federal budget line by line and taken out the earmarks we all hate so much until we get one.

What's he doing with his evenings, watching television?

I'm not being serious; I was just having a senior moment. (Some people, when they have a senior moment, they forget things. I start to think Republican. Fortunately, the moment passes.)

The right-wing clackers are serious though, at least as serious as they ever get. They are unable or unwilling to give our new president credit for anything. And the Republican (ha-ha) leaders follow their lead. (Actually, it's Rush Limbaugh they follow. Every time a Republican politician suggests that the King of Blather is of less than divine parentage, he or she

is made to go straight to the Great Man, touch forehead to the floor and chant "Rush is Great, Rush is Good.")

The Republican case against the president so far is roughly this: He is trying to bring down the Free Enterprise system that has made our country great and replace it with — are you ready for this? — SOCIALISM. (I'll wait until you revive the people who have fainted.)

This is particularly true of health care. We have the greatest health care system in the world, they say, and Mr. Obama is trying to muck it up with socialistic principles.

Let me say this about that: We do not have the greatest health care system in the world. As a matter of fact, by any standard you care to choose — average life span, infant mortality rate, death of women in childbirth — the performance of the United States compared to the other industrialized states is appalling.

For example, even in Cyprus people have longer life expectancy than Americans do. Cyprus!

American children, according to United Nations figures, are twice as likely to die by age 5 as children in Portugal, Spain or Slovenia, and an American woman's chance of dying in childbirth is three times that of a woman in Germany, Spain or Greece. Greece!

What we have here is a health care system very much like our educational system. (All those who think we have the best educational system in

the world raise your hands.)

If you've got a lot of money in this country you can get very, very good health care, just as your children can get a very, very good education. If you've got middle-class money, enough to afford insurance and a house in a good neighborhood, you still can get pretty good health care and a decent education. Less than that, you're on your own.

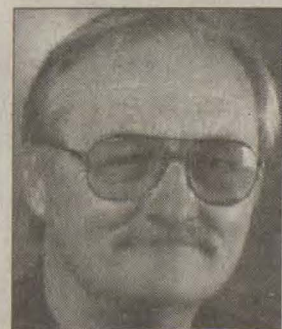
According to the latest figures, we've got 47 million uninsured people and, with joblessness escalating, more on the way every day. In none of the countries ahead of us in health care do people depend on being employed for their insurance. They all have a national health plan.

Are there problems with national health insurance? Of course. Shortages of various kinds develop and long waits for some treatments can result. But for the most part it works. I have yet to meet a Canadian of modest means who would trade his or her system for ours.

A disease doesn't care whether it's being treated by a capitalistic or socialistic system. It prefers not to be treated at all. Which is what our present system delivers all too often.

Our health care system, far from being the greatest, is a national disgrace.

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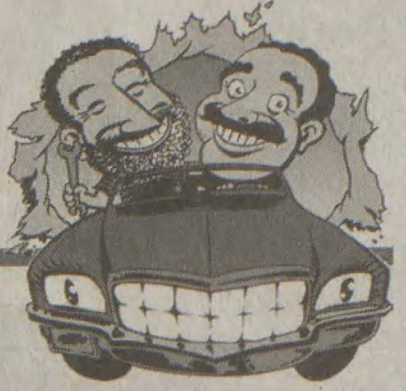
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## This Town, That World

*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.*

In reply to all who have asked, "Have you got straightened out after your fire?"  
Yes. Horizontally.

### THEN IT HIT US

The patient has done better than expected. We didn't miss an issue, did right well with what we didn't have, and what others had. Until last week, back in our own quarters, using our own equipment, if hit us. We printed a picture upside down on Page 1, we left a caption off the McDowell basketball team picture...We should, us one of the boys said, quoting Zanuck or Zuker or somebody, "have stood in bed."

### BUZZARD BOUNTY

The buzzards returned to Hinckley Ohio at 8:18 a.m., last Thursday, the same March 15 date traditionally marked for their arrival every year, since the memory of man knows not when. The newspaper item about these critters recalls a yarn I heard the late "Coon" Moore tell, years ago.

It was at election time, and Mr. Moore was back home, campaigning for a relative. He was resting up from his labors at the Old Valley Inn, and was amusing himself and regaling his listeners with a rich store of anecdotes.

One he told was of his arrival in Elliott County, to reside, and of his decision to get acquainted. He noted, he said, an especially large crop of buzzards sailing about the countryside, and that gave him an idea. He passed the word around at the country store that he would pay a reward of \$5 for every buzzard gizzard brought him within the next 10 days.

That did it. Money was scarce, those days, and the boys thereabouts pooled their efforts. One contributed a sheep, which they killed and left on a bald point as bait.

It wasn't long till the buzzards flocked in for the feast, and those interested in the reward began blasting away. Then they began the work of probing the buzzards' innards for the gizzards.

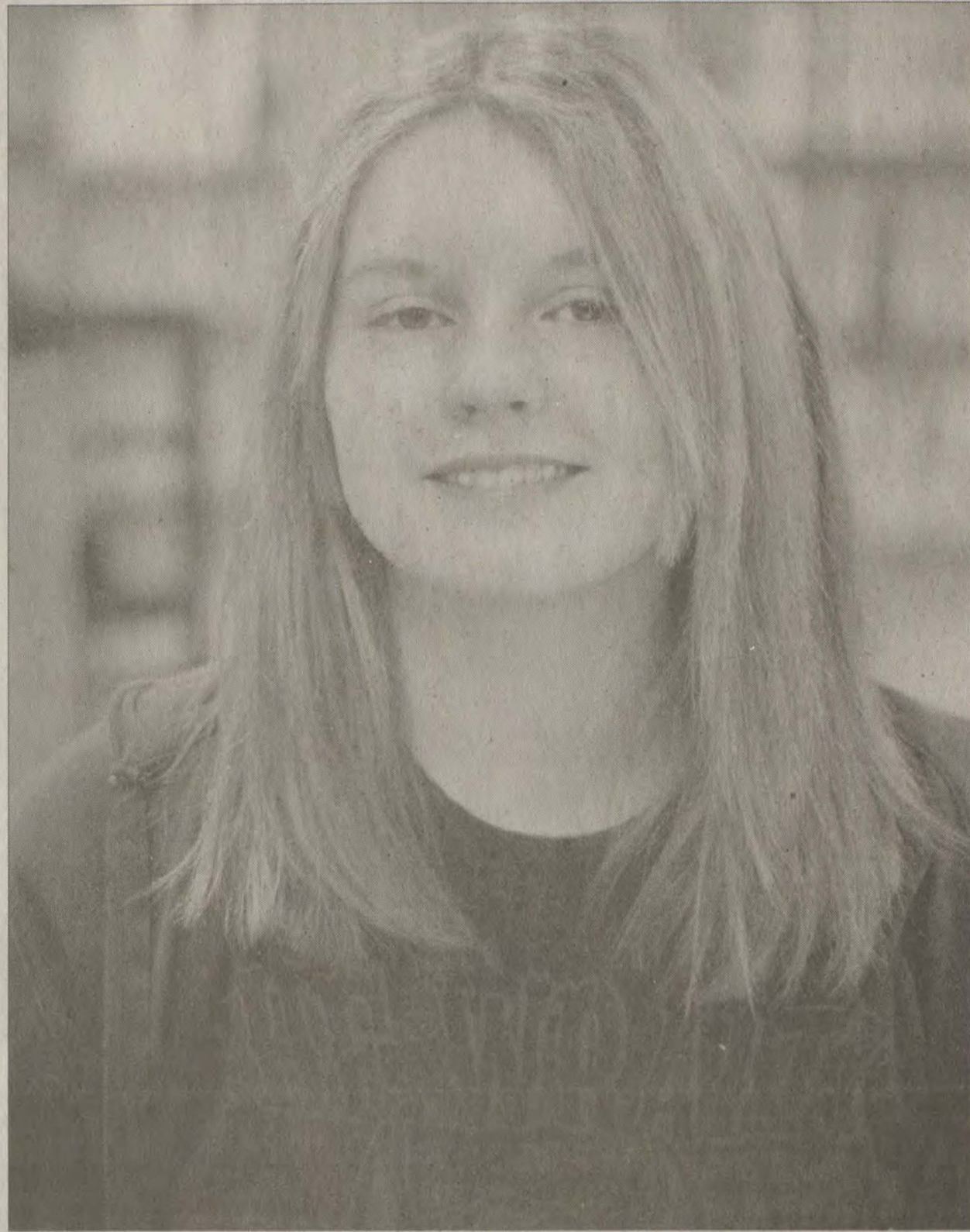
After a half a dozen, or so of the scavengers had been opened in vain by the hunters, somebody ambled by to inquire what in tunket they were doing. Told of the reward offered, the newcomer almost collapsed with laughter, and finally recovered enough to tell them, "You derved fools, don't you know that a buzzard ain't got no gizzard?"

"I got acquainted all right." Coon remarked, "but I was careful to delay meetin' any of those fellows for a week or so, till they had cooled down a bit."

### HOPEFULLY YOURS

John Young Brown Jr., has made a "challenge gift" of \$1 million for a research center for the aging, chal-

(See ALLEN, page six)



Charly Hyden, an eighth-grade student at South Floyd Middle School, placed tenth out of 120 competitors in the English composition section of the Governor's Cup.

# TOUGH COMPETITOR

## Hyden finishes near top in academics

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

LOUISVILLE — Charly Hyden made her presence known at the recent Governor's Cup event, finishing tenth out of 120 students in the English composition competition.

Hyden, an eighth-grade student at South Floyd Middle School, was one of three representatives from the school to advance to the state finals of the 2009 Governor's Cup in Louisville.

"I can't say enough how proud I am of Charly," said Rebecca Morrison, academic coach at South Floyd Middle School. "To have a student place tenth in the state is

phenomenal I am very proud of Charly and her dedication and determination as a young writer. She is an avid reader and a writer filled with creativity beyond her years. It has been my pleasure to coach and teach her."

South Floyd Middle School Principal Carolyn Martin spoke about the pride that Hyden's placement generated at the school.

"The staff and the students are very proud of Charly and the ability that she has as a writer," Martin said. "She is an excellent student that excels in many subject areas. Charly's academic ability has given her the opportunity to loop up into a high school language arts class this year. As the principal of South

Floyd Middle, I am very proud of her accomplishments! I would offer her the advice to always have a future goal in mind, have a focused work ethic, and never underestimate her possibilities."

Superintendent Henry Webb believes that Hyden's success bodes well for the Floyd County school system.

"We are extremely proud of Charly, her accomplishments and her representation of Floyd County schools," Webb said.

The state finals of the Governor's Cup took place on March 14-16.

Charly Hyden is the daughter of Charles and Theresa Hyden, of Minnie.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'The Outpost'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Weary mercenaries battle a ghostly army in this chiller that grimly explores the downside of being a gun for hire.

Ray Stevenson (HBO's "Rome") stars as DC. He's a down and dirty type willing to take just about any job, but his main selling point is his "ask no questions" policy, which he comes to regret here.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

The film begins with him taking an assignment that will see his band of seven (not so merry) men sent to Eastern Europe to do a 48-hour job for a shady scientist named Hunt. The trip there is filled with the usual macho posturing amongst the mercs, which include a sensitive medic, Jordan, and a rough and tumble good ole boy, Prior.

The group finds their destination pretty quickly (an old Nazi bunker), but their radios immediately begin to whine and crackle ominously. The bunker proves easy enough to enter and appears abandoned, but the viewer knows better as we get a shot of a humanoid shape darting through the dark as the rusted doors are opened.

Here the mercs perform their stupidest maneuver by opting to split up and look for a power source. Strangely they find one before any harm can befall a member of the group.

They turn up a laboratory that features a strange machine and a pile of corpses that appear benign enough until one begins stirring. Right away things go bad as a sniper wounds one of the men on watch outside, but a perimeter search reveals that no one is nearby.

The survivor in the complex proves to be pretty much catatonic and questions arise when the bullet is removed from the injured sentry. The round appears to be too old and rotten around to have even fired properly.

That night the men begin getting picked off one by one by wraithlike figures who appear to materialize out of nowhere. DC opts to drop his "don't ask" policy and soon braces Hunt for some answers.

Hunt turns out to be one of those scientist types who knows just enough history to have his own questions but no answers. He does relate that the bunker was a Nazi staging area for an experiment involving energy fields and time travel in an effort to create the perfect soldier.

Unfortunately he doesn't understand the technology, though he does assess their chances of survival as poor in the face of their enemy, which turns out to be time-traveling, super-human, Nazi zombies. This movie earns points for that notion alone but it gets better as the men scrape togeth-

(See LAGOON, page six)

## A black mark

by JOAN HYUN LEE

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: TEENS TALK GETTING IN ... TO COLLEGE"

Everyone has something that they wish they could change but are forced to lay bare when applying for the college of their dreams. For some, it's the overall grade-point average, or SAT scores, or extracurricular activities that they didn't do, or sports that they did but didn't stand out in. For me, it was a single grade in a single class in a single semester.

The class was Advanced Placement Biology. The grade was a C.

I received an A in all of my other honors and advanced-placement courses. But the C grade for AP Biology jumped out at me, screaming, from a column of A's.

I received a C through a simple yet baffling combination of teenage angst and drama that occurred right before the final exam. The exam was worth 30 percent of my grade, and I was unprepared, physically and mentally

### CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

drained. My poor performance slashed my A grade to a C. If my class grade prior to the exam had been a little bit lower, I would have failed the class.

That was little comfort to some one who was previously a straight-A student. I was out of the running for valedictorian, since there was little room for error in my competitive class. But even worse, I immediately believed that it seriously took away my chances for getting into my top choice for college.

Friends and family shrugged my worries off with truth and logic. "Why are you worrying? Even with the C, your overall GPA is just fine.

You'll get into whatever college you really want to go to."

But against all reason, I could not stop worrying about the one thing that I could not change. "I got a C in AP Biology." I could not stop repeating it over and over to myself. A or B would have been understandable, but a C?

It was like an ugly pimple that I couldn't see myself, but I knew everyone else could. In my mind the

black mark on my transcript and on my face grew larger and larger until it was the first, last and only thing I could imagine anyone noticing about myself on my application or in person.

I imagined the responses of the admissions committee at various universities: "This girl must be a slacker."

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## Soup

"Whatever happened to her in the spring semester of junior year in AP Biology shows that she's not worth our time."

"Clearly, she has issues, and her issues do not belong at our university."

From November, when I submitted my applications, until March, when I received notices of acceptance and rejection, I stressed, I worried and I overanalyzed. I wasted more energy and emotion than

should ever be spent on something that couldn't be changed and could not have the power to control my fate.

My dad remarked, "I think what you're doing is not necessary." But when I insisted on applying to a lesser-known university because I was so worried that other choices would reject me, he wrote the check for the application fee.

As the application process drew to a close, I told fewer and fewer people of my worries. My friends no longer had

a sympathetic ear to lend, and my family was tired of the grueling marathon. I kept my paranoia to myself, as the stress grew silently and disproportionately from what was reasonable.

The single grade in my past had become linked to success in college, my future and thus my overall happiness for the rest of my life. I was frightened into thinking that because of it, I would be rejected from all desirable colleges, never have a good career and there-

fore be doomed.

The application process blinded me, distorted my logic and prevented me from accepting the truth that others repeatedly told me: Admissions committees do not accept or reject someone based on one grade, and a single college's acceptance or rejection does not ensure feelings of happiness or failure forever.

I have made many more mistakes in my life since then, but that was the only one that led to months of obsession,

paranoia and stress. Yet I would not change that one black mark at all — the events that led up to it. I have no lingering regrets about the colleges that accepted me or rejected me and none about the college that I chose to attend.

All I regret is allowing something so small to corrode my insides for so long, when the future is determined not by mistakes that we all make at some time, but how we move on after they've been made.

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## Norris

felony consequences and see the words "sex offender" on their juvenile records.

We might live in a technological wonderland, but that doesn't mean it's good to eat from all of its fruits. Most especially, we never should throw up our hands in surrender to marketing and peer pressure to give our kids everything the Joneses have, especially when those things expose them to others' exposing themselves. As a wise man said many centuries ago (well, sort of), "If your cell phone causes you to stumble, cut it off from your family's communication plan."

It's time not only to answer the question "do you know where your kids are this spring break?" but also to know what they're doing with their cell phones.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators

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lenging the state to supply matching funds. One purpose of his gift, it is explained, is research, which, hopefully, may slow down the aging process by as much as 10 years.

I am encouraged. This may have come along in time.

## Lagoon

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er all of their skills to come up with a risky plan that might save them all, but is probably doomed to failure.

It all ends with a bang up sequence that finds the guns for hire on the run and using themselves as bait to trap the zombies (never a good idea). It's a fierce finale that's pretty grim, but more realistic than anything playing at the multiplex.

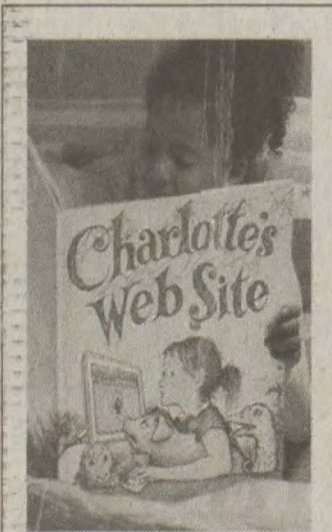
This one works due to some intense sequences and a very real sense that everyone is in over their heads. Stevenson also adds a lot to the mix as the group's leader and there's a good performance by Richard Brake as Prior but this one belongs to the villains.

The flick also deserves points for letting Eastern Europe stand in for itself (Hollywood too often uses the region to stand in for any city such as Chicago in last year's "Wanted").

This one clocks in at a lean 90 minutes and should please fans of action and horror alike.

Best line: "The last time you found yourself dealing with the undead ... what did you do?"

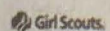
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## KGA announces Play Days for members

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**  
LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Golf Association (KGA) has announced an additional benefit for individuals in the KGA Members Program - KGA Member Play Days. These events give KGA Members the opportunity to come together for a day of golf and fun. In this inaugural year, the KGA has scheduled two events - Monday, June 1 at Champion Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville and Friday, Oct. 2 at Big Spring Country Club in Louisville. The events will

feature a Net Stableford format, and the event at Champion Trace Golf Club, which is hosting the at&t Kentucky State Amateur Championship and American Express Kentucky Women's Open this year, will offer Championship Divisions for men and women, using a Stableford format (gross). The events are limited to KGA Members who possess an active GHIN Service account at a KGA Member Club. Entry fee is \$70 and includes cart and range fees, lunch (Champion Trace Golf Club event), continental

breakfast (Big Spring Country Club event), prizes and a tee gift. The University of Kentucky has launched a Play Golf America University Program, which wgt underway on Monday, March 9. The program is designed to provide students a comprehensive introduction to the game and golf skill development experience through instruction from PGA Professionals; a basic knowledge and understanding of rules, terminology, etiquette and history of the game; an understanding of golf as a

business tool; and to create the desire and skills so students can become avid golfers. The program is being offered at Man O' War Golf in Lexington, with assistance from KPGA Professionals Tenny Ohr and Larry Ward. The program was launched thanks to the PGA of America's 2008 Ryder Cup Outreach Program and 2008 Ryder Cup Team Member and University of Kentucky alumnus J.B. Holmes. A total of \$90,000 will be donated to the University on behalf of J.B. Holmes and the PGA of America for the program.



photo by Jamie Howell  
**TIMEOUT:** Memebers of the Adams Middle School volleyball team listened to instructions during a timeout in a match this past week.

## Brown, Minix claim top-five finishes in state archery tourney

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**  
FRANKFORT — Danielle Reddick of Trigg County High School and Nathan Parcell of Meade County High School won the overall Kentucky National Archery in the Schools Program state competition Wednesday in Louisville.

Reddick and Parcell also won the competition's scholarship shoot-off and received \$1,250 each towards college expenses. The competition's top four female and top four male archers competed for scholarship money.

More than 2,300 students from 104 schools competed in the tournament. Each participant shot 30 arrows from either 10 or 15 meters for a possible total score of 300 points. A bull's eye is worth 10 points. Reddick scored 290 points and hit the bull's eye 22 times, while Parcell scored 297 points and hit the bull's eye 27 times.

Locally, Adams Middle School was well-represented as Hunter Brown finished third and region champion Mckinley Minix claimed a fifth-place finish in the middle division.

The winning elementary, middle and high school teams qualify for the National Archery in the Schools Program national tournament, which takes place May 8-9 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. Male and female shooters who placed in the top five in their divisions also qualify. Remaining team spots are determined by qualifying score.

For full competition results, go to <http://fw.ky.gov/navigation.aspx?cid=802&navpath=C577>

Results of the Kentucky National Archery in the Schools Tournament

- Listed by order of finish High School Division (grades 9-12), team
1. Trigg County High School
  2. Henderson County High School
  3. Breckinridge County High School

Middle School Division (grades 7-8), team

1. Henderson County South Middle School
2. Boyd County Middle School
3. Trigg County Middle School

(See ARCHERY, page two)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL HOOPS SHOWCASED



photos by Jamie Howell  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL boys' basketball players** throughout Floyd County participated in the 15th Region Roundup.com skills showcase held at Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) earlier in the week.

**Betsy Layne Elementary** standout Dylan Hamilton (pictured to the right) won a bigman award during the showcase.



## CATSPY Awards set for April 29

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON — The seventh-annual CATSPY Awards, celebrating the 2008-09 athletics year at the University of Kentucky, will be held on Wednesday, April 29 in Memorial Coliseum.

The awards ceremony begins at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7:30 p.m., and the public is invited. Tickets cost \$5 each and may be purchased in advance at the UK Athletics Ticket Office (Joe Craft Center) or by calling

800-928-2287. All persons must have a ticket to enter, regardless of age.

Public parking will be available in the E lots located on the east side (Rose Street) or west side (Lexington Avenue) of the Joe Craft Center. Additional parking will be available in parking structure No. 5 located near Kennedy's Book Store.

A spin-off of the popular ESPY Awards held each year by ESPN, the CATSPYs feature 25 individual and team

honors, chosen from UK's 22 varsity sports. This event is dedicated to celebrating the 504 student-athletes that represent UK. Videos of the nominees in each category are shown. UK student-athletes and head coaches serve as presenters.

The list of CATSPY awards includes: Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Academic Team of the Year; Fifth Third Community Service Award; Blue Heart Award; Character Award; Bill Keightley

"Assist" Award; Lifetime Achievement Award; Male and Female Scratch Award; Supporting Role Award; Mike Lyden "One Shining Moment" Award; Men's Team Coach of the Year; Women's Team Coach of the Year; Mr. and Miss Wildcat; Male and Female Play of the Year; Male and Female Rookie of the Year; Male and Female Performance of the Year; K-Association Male and Female Athlete of the Year; Male and Female Team of the Year

## Brit 57 Racing Late Model gets new look

### McKinney set to drive colorful car during 2009 season

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

GRETHEL — Brit 57 Racing fans can look forward to seeing a new-look Late Model during the 2009 sea-

son. The Brit 57 Racing Late Model wrapped by Skillsaw Designs will make its debut at 201 Speedway in a few weeks.

"The design that will be on the car for the 2009 season looks very good," commented third-year Late Model driver Brittany McKinney. "The color scheme will consist of red, blue, green, yellow, purple and pink. It will be a very colorful car! I really hope the

fans like the body wrap. Also, my website will be redesigned, so fans should keep checking for updates online at [www.brit57racing.com](http://www.brit57racing.com)."

Soon, various photos of the Brit 57 Racing Late Model will be available on the team's official website. A full-length photo spread will also be featured in an upcoming edition of the Inside Brit 57 Racing newsletter.

McKinney is eager to

make a return to the track. The Brit 57 Racing team continues to prepare for the upcoming season-opener. The team has set some goals for the 2009 season, including finishing a feature race in the top-five and ending the season with a top-five finish in the 201 Speedway Late Model points standings.

**TURN THE PAGE FOR MORE BRIT 57 RACING**

**INSIDE:** Updates on Brit 57 Racing merchandise, Inside Brit 57 Newsletter

## Wildcats move on to battle Creighton in NIT

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Wildcats will travel to Omaha, Neb., for the second round of the NIT on Monday for a matchup versus Creighton. The game time is 7 p.m. ET and will be televised on ESPN.

Jodie Meeks scored 19 points and Patrick Patterson netted 16 as Kentucky defeated UNLV 70-60 Tuesday night in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Kentucky is making its first appearance in the NIT in three decades.

Wink Adams led UNLV with 14 points.

Fans interested in purchasing tickets for Kentucky's upcoming NIT game can call the Creighton Ticket Office at 402-280-JAYS (5297). Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 402.422.1212.

## Rescue Squad prepares to host annual fishing tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad is busy preparing to host its 2009 bass fishing tournament. This year's tournament is scheduled for May 2 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Dewey Lake will again host the tournament at Swimming Pool Hollow.

First-place prize for the tournament is \$3,000. Second-place will pay \$1,500, third-place \$1,000, fourth-place \$750 and fifth-place \$500.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per boat. The tournament is limited to the first 100 boats.

Preregistration for the tournament will be held May 1 at Jenny Wiley State Park Swimming Pool under the tent from 7-8 p.m. Draw for position will be held at 8 p.m. All entries will start according to a first come, first serve basis on Saturday morning.

For more information on the tournament, call 606-886-8114 or 606-886-7053 between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Junior Wildcat Camp scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football program will host its Junior Wildcat Camp for players ages 8-13 June 9-13 and 17-19.

At the camp, every individual will receive as much special attention as required to enhance the experience of the youngest players. Finding a position that best suits his abilities without the distraction of older players and pointing each camper in the right direction are goals of the camp. Cost of the camp is \$175 per participant. For more information on the camp, go online to [www.ukathletics.com](http://www.ukathletics.com).

**HORSE RACING**

# Horse Racing Task Force issues report, makes recommendations

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Governor's Task Force on the Future of Horse Racing has completed its work, approving a final report that task force chair Tracy Farmer called, "an excellent blueprint to begin the process of once again being able to proclaim Kentucky as The Horse Capital of the World."

Gov. Beshear formed the task force in July and charged it with making recommendations on the long-term health, integrity and competitiveness of Kentucky's signature industry. In the ensuing months, the 12-member panel has examined issues such as the economic soundness of the equine industry, the integrity of horse racing, the staffing and budget needs of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC), and the prospects for locating a world-class equine testing laboratory in Kentucky.

The more than 60-page report includes recommendations from four subcommittees that heard testimony and gathered information from a variety of industry experts over a four-month period. Those recommendations include finding alternative sources of revenue to increase the purses offered at Kentucky's tracks in order to make them competitive with competing states. The report notes that states such as Maryland and Pennsylvania have or will soon be dramatically increasing their purses well beyond those at Kentucky's tracks. In both of these cases, expanded gaming in those states has provided the revenue to help make that happen.

The report also recommends increasing the staffing at the KHRC in order to address integrity issues within the sport. Under the proposal, 10 new positions would be filled including track stewards, investigators and a racing veterinarian. This would bring Kentucky more in line with other racing states and address recommendations made by the Auditor of Public Accounts, which noted in 2006 the lack of adequate funding and staffing for the KHRC.

Other recommendations include the construction of a state-owned testing lab. This, according to the report, would lead to quicker test results that have tighter controls and the potential for reduced costs and the ability to organize research activity.

Of concern to the governor in creating the task force was the perception of a lack of integrity in racing, a concern the task force spent many hours examining. As part of its report, the task force recommended filling the position of pari-mutuel wagering supervisor and much tighter oversight and reporting around the closing of wagering times while requiring all tote companies to be licensed with increased regulation and to provide tote information directly to KHRC.

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the task force," Gov. Beshear said. "I know they worked long and hard grappling with the critical issues facing the horse industry. I look forward to studying their recommendations and developing an action plan for moving this important industry forward."

The members of the task force were Tracy Farmer of Midway, task force chair and a thoroughbred breeder in Midway; Robert M. Beck, a Lexington attorney; Public Protection Secretary Bob Vance; Nick Nicholson, president and chief executive officer of Keeneland Association; Brian Lavin, a Louisville real estate developer; Ron Geary, owner of Ellis Park; Steven Sexton, president of Churchill Downs; Dr. Robert Lawrence, University of Louisville; Joe Costa, president and CEO of Red Mile/Tattersalls; Ed Bonnie, an equine attorney in Prospect; Duncan Pitchford, an attorney in Paducah; and Ellen Hesen, general counsel for Gov. Beshear.

## Archery

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|---|---|
| Elementary School Division (grades 4-6), team     | 4. Sammy Smith, Boyd County Middle School             |
| 1. Trigg County                                   | 5. Katelyn Geer, James T. Alton Middle School         |
| Intermediate School                               | Male:   |
| 2. Shopville Elementary School                    | 1. Taylor Knott, Stuart Pepper Middle School          |
| 3. Payneville Elementary School                   | 2. Billy Miller, Henderson County South Middle School |
| High School Division, Individual                  | 3. Hunter Brown, J. D. Adams Middle School            |
| Female:   | 4. Michael McIver, The Frankfort Christian Academy    |
| 1. Danielle Reddick, Trigg County High School     | 5. Mckinley Minix, J. D. Adams Middle School          |
| 2. Jennifer Hyde, Trigg County High School        | Elementary School Division, Individual                |
| 3. Sloane Patterson, Trigg County High School     | Female:   |
| 4. Shelby Miller, Meade County High School        | 1. Kayla Dowell, Payneville Elementary School         |
| 5. Ellen Shipley, Trigg County High School        | 2. Presley Adkins, Boyd County Middle School          |
| Male:   | 3. Kaila Cunningham, Trigg County Intermediate School |
| 1. Nathan Parcell, Meade County High School       | 4. Ryan Cunningham, Somerset Christian School         |
| 2. Josh Bostrom, Breckinridge County High School  | 5. Emily Jones, Glenn Marshall Elementary School      |
| 3. Zach Short, Madison Southern High School       | Male:   |
| 4. Samuel Howard, Elliott County High School      | 1. Blake Taylor, Lewisburg Elementary School          |
| 5. Will Thompson, Breckinridge County High School | 2. Jeremy Elliott, Corbin Intermediate School         |
| Middle School Division, individual                | 3. Colin Crump, David T. Wilson Elementary School     |
| Female:   | 4. Cameron Peyton, Anderson County Middle School      |
| 1. Brianna Gilliam, Elliott County High School    | 5. Jesse McPherson, David T. Wilson Elementary School |
| 2. Patsy Banister, Trigg County Middle School     |   |
| 3. Meaghan Dunn, Stuart Pepper Middle School      |   |

# No. 3 Cumberlands rolls into second round

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON, Tenn. — The University of the Cumberlands, a No. 3 seed, advanced to the second round of the 29th Annual NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championships with a 76-54 win over No. 6 seed Lewis-Clark State (Idaho) College Thursday night. Amber Neace drained 5-of-11 three pointers

on her way to a game-high 24 points.

Cumberlands, a dominant team out of the Mid-South Conference, opened the game with a 23-6 run, setting the pace for what proved to be an uphill battle for Lewis-Clark State for the rest of the night. The Patriots held a double digit lead for most of the first half, until the Warriors cut the halftime

deficit to eight points, 38-30.

Neace opened the second half with a three-pointer for the Cumberlands to push the lead back to double figures. The Patriots extended their lead to as many as 24 points, 60-36, thanks to a 22-6 run over the first nine minutes of the second half. Cumberlands led by 24 points a second time, 74-50, before taking the victory.

Neace for Cumberlands led the way with 24 points

while Sonia Thompson scored 15 points off the bench. Madison Flowers added a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Lewis-Clark State was led by Sadie Short with 12 points and Alyssa Fierro with 11 points. Kirsi Voshell grabbed 10 rebounds for the Warriors.

# Lindsey Wilson falls in NAIA National Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Lindsey Wilson College men's basketball team's season ended Thursday with a 75-69 loss to No. 10-seed Texas Wesleyan University Thursday in the 2009 Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship at Municipal Auditorium.

The Blue Raiders end their season with a 23-9 record. Texas Wesleyan (29-4) advances into the second round to face No. 7-seed McKendree (Ill.) University.

Lindsey Wilson squandered a 13-point second half lead thanks in large part to 19 turnovers and poor free throw shooting down the stretch. Conversely, the Rams made 12-of-14 inside the final three minutes to secure the win.

After leading 30-26 at half-

time, the Blue Raiders scored 10 of the first 11 points to open the half and led 40-27 with

the lead and ultimately regained the lead (48-47) with 7:31 left.

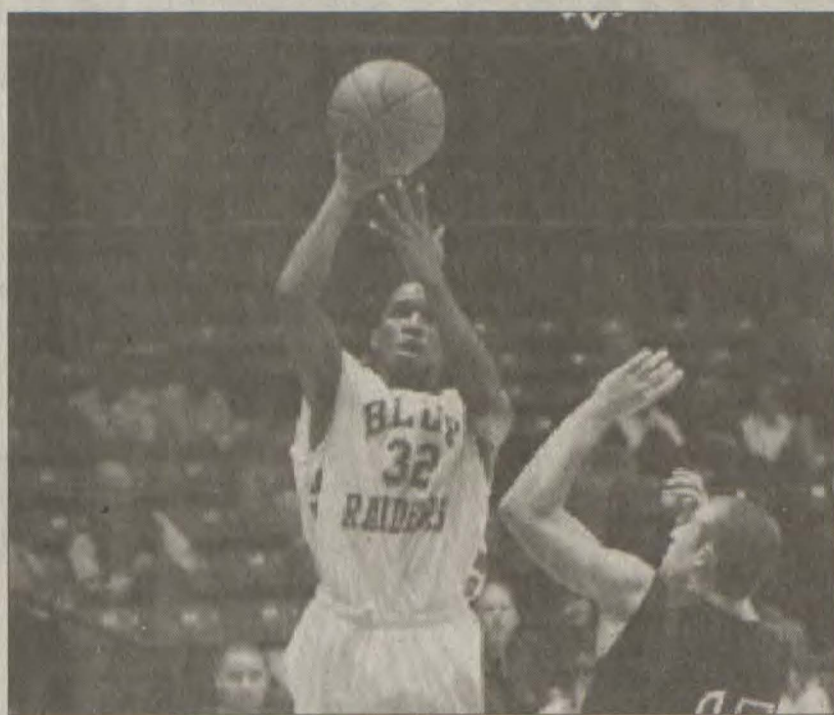
minutes before the Blue Raiders went ice cold from the charity stripe. Lindsey Wilson made just 3-of-8 freebies while the Rams built their lead from the free throw line.

Texas Wesleyan grabbed its largest lead of the game (67-59) with 1:03 left before the Blue Raiders mounted one final charge.

Lindsey Wilson freshman Chase Spreen's double clutch three-pointer with 16.1 seconds remaining cut the lead to 72-69. But that was as close as the Blue Raiders would get en route to the 75-69 loss.

Lindsey Wilson senior Sam Walton closed his career with a team-high 16 points. Junior Eric McPherson added 12 and senior Quintez Thomas ended with 11.

Texas Wesleyan junior Terrell Henry led the Rams with 23



Eric McPherson lofted a shot for Lindsey Wilson during the NAIA National Tournament game versus Texas Wesleyan.

17:03 left. But the Rams meticulously chipped away at

The two teams exchanged the lead over the next four

points.

# Dunlap, Roddy named AP All-SEC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Sophomore forward Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.) and senior center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio), who helped the Wildcats receive their fifth consecutive bid to postseason play, were named AP All-SEC released by The Associated Press.

Dunlap, an AP All-SEC second team selection, leads Kentucky in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.6 points and 9.0 rebounds per game. She currently ranks second in the SEC in rebounding and has climbed to No. 7 on UK's single season list with 269 caroms this season. She also is tops on the team in blocks (34)

and steals (53). With 13 career double-doubles, including 10 this season, she has charted the second-most double-doubles in the SEC.

Despite four career knee surgeries all on her right knee, Roddy has become one of the most dominant post players in the conference in her final season. She was named honorable

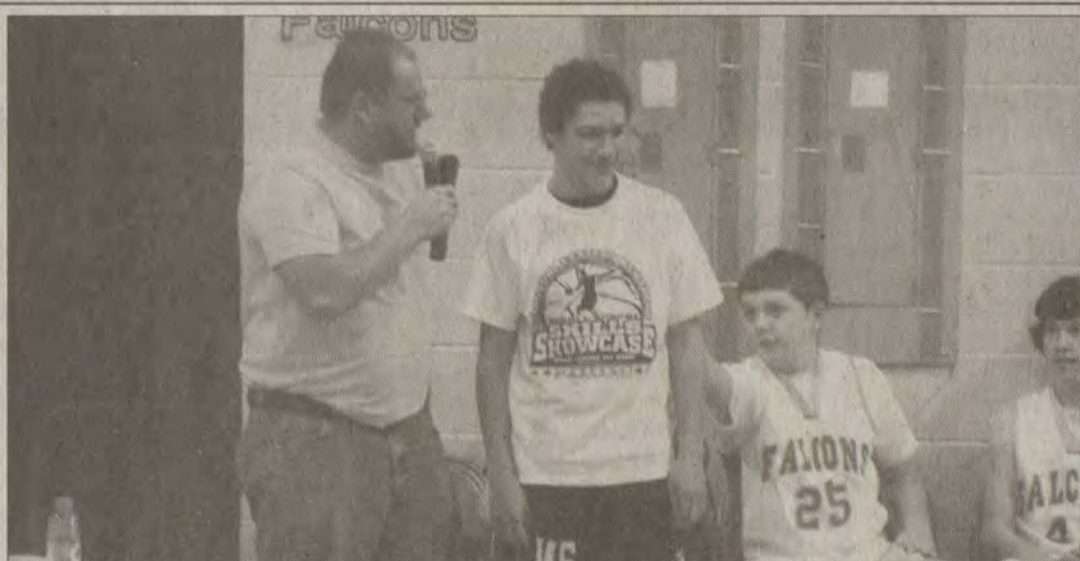
mention All-SEC after ranking second on the team in scoring (12.3 ppg) and fourth in the SEC in rebounding (8.2 rpg). The 6-3 center currently leads the SEC and ranks 13th nationally with 11 double-doubles this season.

Dunlap and Roddy also were named to the All-SEC second team by the league coaches.

## Kentucky Softball Coaches Association Preseason Poll

- Owensboro Catholic
- North Laurel
- Christian County
- Ballard
- Mercy
- Manual
- Reidland
- Greenwood
- Scott County
- Butler
- Anderson County
- Allen County-Scottsville
- Dunbar
- Grayson County
- Montgomery County
- Western Hills
- South Laurel
- Male
- Garrard County
- Heath
- Meade County
- Lexington Catholic
- Clark County
- Lafayette
- Rowan County

Others receiving votes: Central Hardin, Eastern, North Hardin, Woodford County, CAL, Warren East, Shelby County, Estill County, Davless County, Southwestern, Franklin County, PRP, Oldham County, Ryle, Apollo, Conner, Beth Haven, Holy Cross, Henry Clay, Simon Kenton, Bullitt East, Lawrence County, LaRue County, Southern, Edmonson County, Assumption, Muhlenberg North.



ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL BLACKCAT BRYSON WILLIAMS was interviewed during the recent 15thRegionRoundup.com middle school skills showcase.

**Prestonsburg High School Baseball Coach: Randy Tincher 2009 Schedule**

Mar. 23	Shelby Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	at Magoffin County, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Mar. 27	Johnson Central, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 28	Magoffin County, Noon
Mar. 30	at Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 31	at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
Apr. 2	at June Buchanan, 6 p.m.
Apr. 2	at June Buchanan, 8 p.m.
Apr. 3	Jenkins, 6 p.m.
Apr. 4	TBA at Jenkins
(1st Annual Cavalier Wooden Bat Classic)	
Apr. 6	at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Apr. 9	Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
(15th Region All "A" Classic at Pikeville)	
Apr. 10	TBA
Apr. 13	Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
Apr. 16	Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Apr. 17	at Belfry, 6 p.m.
Apr. 18	South Laurel, Noon
Apr. 25	TBA, 5 p.m.
Apr. 20	at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Paintsville, 6 p.m.
Apr. 23	Lawrence County, 6 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Phelps, 6 p.m.
Apr. 25	East Ridge, 4 p.m.
Apr. 25	Belfry, 11 a.m.
Apr. 29	Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.
May 1	at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
May 2	Hazard, 1:30 p.m.
May 2	at Lawrence County, 4 p.m.
May 8	at Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Knott County Central, 2:30 p.m.
May 9	at Knott County Central, Noon
May 11	Phelps, 6 p.m.
May 12	Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
May 15	Paintsville, 6 p.m.

**Prestonsburg High School Fast Pitch Softball Coach: John DeRosset 2009 Schedule**

Mar. 23	Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	at Magoffin County, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	at Morgan County, 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Johnson Central, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	Shelby Valley, 8 p.m.
(15th Region All "A" Classic)	
Apr. 10	TBA at Pikeville
(Lyndel Potter Tournament)	
Apr. 13	at Belfry, 6 p.m.
Apr. 16	Morgan County, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	Magoffin County, Noon
Apr. 18	at Sheldon Clark, TBA
Apr. 20	Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	at South Floyd, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	at Allen Central, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
May 2	at Allen Central, Noon
May 2	at Betsy Layne, Noon
May 4	Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
May 7	Belfry, 6 p.m.
May 9	Riverside Christian, TBA
May 11	South Floyd, 5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
May 16	Shelby Valley, Noon



# Toppers upset Illinois in NCAA tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PORTLAND, Ore. — Steffphon Pettigrew led five Hilltoppers in double figures with 17 points as Western Kentucky University (25-8) controlled the game with fifth-seeded Illinois (24-10) for 36 minutes, holding off a late Illini run, to record a 76-72 win in the First Round of the 2009 NCAA Tournament at the Rose Garden Arena in Portland, Ore. The 12th-seeded Toppers picked up their second win over a top 25 RPI team this season and notch First Round NCAA Tournament wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1986-87.

"We came into this tournament and we're just not happy to be here," said WKU head coach Ken McDonald, becoming just the second coach in school history to open his first season 4-0 in postseason play. "We want to be dancing as long as we can. Our team believes in themselves. They just have that

attitude about them. I was hoping that we weren't picked, as much as we were picked to win the game because we do play our best basketball when people are doubting us. And hopefully it's that way versus the Zags."

WKU moved on to meet fourth-seeded Gonzaga, which outlasted Akron 77-64, in Saturday's Second Round. The Western Kentucky-Gonzaga game ended too late to make this edition.

With Illinois leading 10-9 with 13:12 left in the opening half, WKU took control behind an 18-3 run as the Toppers ballooned the spread to 27-13 with 8:00 on the clock on an offensive stick-back from Matt Maresca. Orlando Mendez-Valdez ignited the run with back-to-back threes while Sergio Kersch and AJ Slaughter continued with the longball onslaught as WKU connected on five of its first nine three-point attempts. Slaughter and Kersch each

finished with 14 points while Kersch recorded his 10th double double of the season, and his fifth in the last eight games, by pulling down 11 rebounds. WKU outrebounded the Illini 35-28 for the game. Mendez-Valdez chipped in 11 points, seven rebounds, and six assists.

Trent Meacham's three-pointer with 5:39 remaining in the opening half cut the deficit to 31-20 as Illini trimmed the margin to 37-28 at the break. Meacham's trey was the only one of the half for Illinois. He finished with a season-high 24 points. The 37 first-half points was the second most allowed by the Big Ten's best defensive team this season.

After Calvin Brock drilled a 13-footer to start the second half for Illinois, WKU raced back out to a 46-32 spread on another Slaughter triple, capping a 9-2 spurt with 16:09 to play.

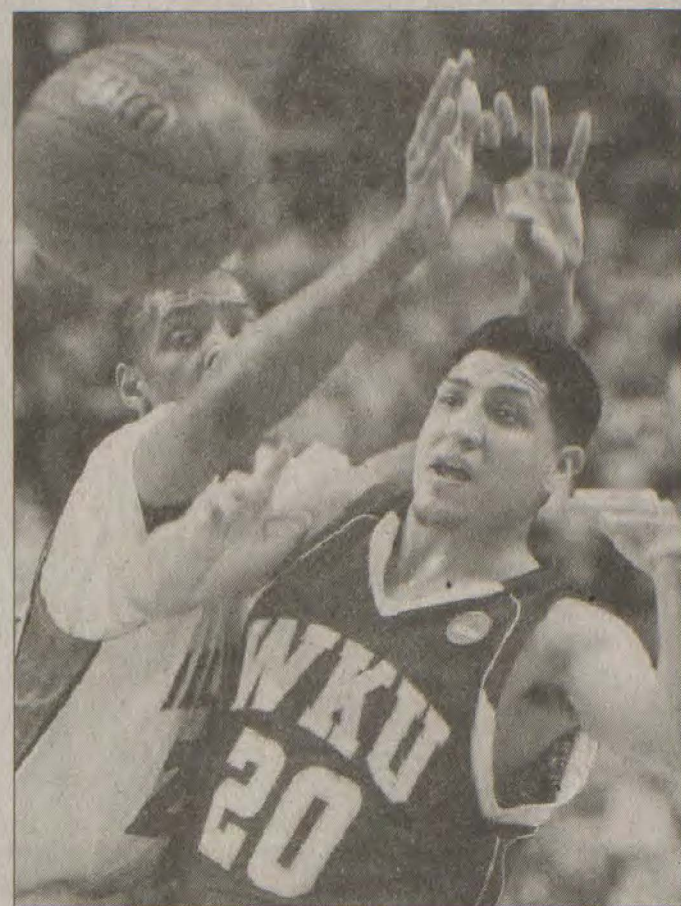
Dominique Keller's offensive rebound and bucket whittled the spread to single digits,

50-41, but a Kersch steal and slam and a Jeremy Evans dunk started an 18-10 run as the Hilltoppers registered their biggest lead of the game 68-51 with 6:00 to play. Evans finished with 10 points and a game-high four blocked shots.

Still in control 70-55 with 3:27 remaining, Illinois made its final run, scoring 13 of the game's next 14 points to pull within a single possession at 71-68 on Demetri McCamey's lay-up with 32.8 ticks left. But WKU converted 5-of-6 free throws in the closing 30 seconds to ice the victory.

WKU connected on 9-of-19 from long range for 47.4 percent in equaling the most points allowed by Illinois this season.

Follow the 2009 NCAA Tournament in The Floyd County Times.



Orlando Mendez-Valdez went after a rebound for Western Kentucky during the NCAA Tournament opening round matchup versus Big 10 member Illinois.

# Lucas Oil Late Model Series makes major announcements

More TV time, dates added to 2009 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series officials have announced that in 2009 the series will sanction 41 events in 19 different states and increase the championship points fund and the winners circle program to a record of over \$620,000 in cash and contingency awards. The series will pay cash awards to the top-10 drivers in the series points standings at the year-end banquet with the series champion now receiving \$75,000 in cash, second place receiving \$45,000 cash, third place receiving \$30,000 cash,

fourth place receiving \$21,000 cash and 5th place receiving \$20,000 cash. In addition, Quarter Master will pay the top series rookie of the year \$10,000 cash for first place and second place \$2,500 in cash along with numerous product awards for the rookie program.

Other cash and contingency awards at the series banquet will include a special \$3,000 cash award to the top Sunoco Race Fuels driver that earns the most Race for Gas points in 2009. A cash and product award from PRC for the most Fast Times awards on the series in 2009, a special award from PBM for the Hard Charger of the Year award, Allstar Performance will present a special award for the Allstar Performer of the year award, AFCO will give a cash and product award to the driver that wins the most heat races during the season, K&N Filters will present a special

award for most clean pass awards during the season and COMP Cams will present a cash and product awards to the top engine builder based on points earned during the season. This is the largest points fund and winner circles monies program in the history of the series now in its 5th season.

Drivers on the 2009 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series tour will be racing for over \$1.9 million dollars in purse money alone at series events that includes several crown jewel dirt late model events sanctioned by Lucas Oil including the DART Winter Nationals, the \$30,000-to-win SuperClean Diamond Nationals, the \$40,000-to-win O'Reilly Show-Me 100 presented by Dart Machinery, the \$50,000-to-win Sunoco Race Fuels North/South 100 presented by Lucas Oil, the \$40,000-to-win COMP Cams Topless 100, the \$41,000-to-

win Hillbilly 100, the \$20,000-to-win Jackson 100 and the season finale Dixie Shootout paying \$20,000-to-win.

The series has also announced a couple of new venues and dates added to series schedule in 2009. The Lucas Oil Series has added the FedEx 50 at Tri-City Speedway in Pontoon Beach, Ill. on May 24, the day after the O'Reilly Show-Me 100 presented by Dart Machinery. This event will be a 50-lap feature event paying \$10,000 to the winner. By adding this event to the schedule on that weekend, it will give racers and fans a huge weekend of racing with the O'Reilly Show-Me 100 presented by Dart Machinery scheduled for May 22-23. The Farley Speedway May 15 race date in Farley, Iowa has been withdrawn at this time.

In addition, the series has announce a new date and venue to the schedule for the

summer. On July 29, the series will travel to Utica Rome Speedway in Vernon, NY for a 50-lap \$10,000-to-win sanctioned event. This event will give racers and fans a three race weekend with the series heading to Winchester Speedway in Winchester, Va., on July 31 and Hagerstown Speedway in Hagerstown, MD on August 1.

Added TV coverage of series events in 2009 will also increase significantly with additional events and a special two-hour broadcast of the SuperClean Diamond Nationals airing just two weeks after the May 8-9 event at the Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, MO. In all, 14 TV race dates are scheduled as well as a Best of "Year in Review Show" for a total of 15 TV air dates.

"With the continued support of all our sponsors and Lucas Oil's commitment to continue the growth of this

series even in the tough economic times, we feel we have put together the best program for fans and racers to follow," stated Ritchie Lewis, Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series director. "It's our goal to provide fans, promoters and the greatest racers in our country the most entertaining and rewarding dirt late model series in the country to attend."

For more information on the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, visit the Series website at [www.lucasdirt.com](http://www.lucasdirt.com) or contact the Series Office at 951-532-2503.

COMING WEDNESDAY:  
A full recap of the today's Food City 500 held at action-packed Bristol Motor Speedway.

# Bentley helps Cavs sweep Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Cody Bentley had a big day at the plate to help the UVa-Wise baseball team sweep a road doubleheader over Pikeville College Wednesday afternoon. The Cavs won 5-4 in 11 innings and 6-1, snapping a four-game skid.

Bentley, a freshman from Wise, Va., lined a double and scored the game-winning run in the first game before going three for four with two homers

in the late contest. The first-year player assisted the Cavs (5-13) to break out of its offensive funk with 22 hits in 18 innings. Adam Skoranski lined two doubles and a single and Luis Road added three hits in three at bats in the second game.

On the mound, Chris Smith picked up the first game win by handling the seventh through 10th innings before Manny Romero saved the game in the 11th. Josh Joseph went the distance in the second

game for the victory.

In game one, the two teams found themselves tied, 4-4, after 10 frames. Bentley led off the top of the 11th with a two-bagger. He stayed at second over the next two outs before Matt Duffy drove him home on a single. Romero came on for the home 11th to hold the Bears (0-8) scoreless for the 5-4 final.

Joseph held Pikeville to a single hit and run in the late affair to aid in the 6-1 UVa-Wise win.

# Pikeville drops pair to MSC rival St. Catherine

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPRINGFIELD — The St. Catherine College baseball team continued to find ways to win last weekend, winning two one-run games (their fourth and fifth straight) against Mid-South Conference foe Pikeville College. The Patriots plated Ryan Mangione from first in the bottom of the seventh on a Bear miscue that never left the infield to win 1-0. St. Catherine finally broke through with a bases loaded sac fly by Daniel Bentley in the bottom of the 10th inning

to win 7-6.

Travis Adams (5-0) picked up his fifth win, tossing a complete game shutout. He allowed two infield singles and had three strikeouts. Brian Jones had a double with his 2-3 day and Ryan Mangione went 2-3 and scored the only run in the game.

Game two saw Nick Holmes toe the rubber. Holmes tossed 5.2 innings to get a no decision. He allowed five hits and had 5 strikeouts. Four runs scored with only two earned. Brian Jones (3-1) relieved Holmes and hurled

4.1 innings. He had five strikeouts, allowed two runs with only one earned on two hits. Adam Blair went 2-5, scored two runs with the last being the game winner. Brian Jones added a 2 RBI double and Jared Yates was 1-1 with a two-RBI double. Justin Witt added a double and scored two runs.

The two wins bring the Patriot record to 17-3 overall and 2-0 in the Mid-South Conference.

Pikeville entered this weekend 0-8, still looking for its first win of the season.

# Little League Bulletin: Labeling on certain bat models

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — It has been brought to the attention of Little League officials that there are a few bats for sale in stores or that may have already been purchased that carry the Little League approval, but do not have the required bat performance standard markings. The Little League Rulebook states that beginning January 1, 2009, all non-wood bats used for play in Little League Baseball (majors and below) shall be printed with a bat performance factor (BPF) of 1.15 or less. While the bats we have identified pass the

BPF standard and other standards of proportion and measurement, they do not have the proper label. These bats are in the marketplace for a variety of circumstances. After review by Little League officials, it has been determined that these bats may remain in the marketplace and shall be allowed for play during the 2009 season only, with the understanding that these bats shall not be allowed for play after December 31, 2009, even though some improperly labeled bats may still remain in the marketplace, or retained by leagues and players after the 2010 deadline.

Also, check the model you are purchasing. If these bats, like the Vanquish, are replaced with corrected labeling, and have the BPF 1.15 label, they will be allowed after 2009. Specifically, the bats in question are as follow:

Adidas Vanquish Blue design (There is a newer model of this bat, also named the Vanquish and it has copper and black markings. It contains the proper labeling and therefore is not subject to the one-year rule); DeMarini Black Coyote, Rogue, Distance, Rumble, Tengui, Easton LZ-810; Louisville Slugger YB31.

# New Brit 57 Racing merchandise to include T-shirts, diecast

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GRETHEL — Brit 57 Racing fans will have an opportunity to purchase new official raceteam merchandise early on in the 2009 season. New Brit 57 Racing merchandise is on its way as dirt late model driver Brittany McKinney and her raceteam continue to prepare for the upcoming campaign.

"The Brit 57 Racing T-shirts hopefully will be ready before the 2009 season starts — if not, it won't be long after," said McKinney. "We're excited about how they look. There will also be 1/64 diecast cars for the 2009 season. I am really excited about getting the merchandise in and getting the car ready for the 2009 season. If anyone is interested in any of the merchandise it can be purchased online on my website — [www.brit57racing.com](http://www.brit57racing.com). They can also contact me at 587-2277. I hope everyone enjoys all of the merchandise that we'll have available."

McKinney is set to enter her third season behind the wheel of a Late Model. She started her racing career behind the wheel of a Four Cylinder, making the jump to the Late Model class in just one year. McKinney finished ninth in the 2008 201 Speedway Late Model points standings.

# Brit 57 Racing Newsletter now available

GRETHEL — Fans of Brit 57 Racing and driver Brittany McKinney now have the opportunity to get an inside look at the East Kentucky Dirt Late Model raceteam and pilot through a new publication. Inside Brit 57 Racing, a newsletter devoted McKinney and her raceteam, debuted earlier in the month. The newsletter is currently available through Brit 57 Racing and various sponsors including May Truck Parts and La Fiesta Mexicana. In addition, copies of the newsletter will be available at 201 Speedway when the Brit 57 Racing team is competing at their home track. Finish Motorsports Services produces Inside Brit 57 Racing.

"The Brit 57 Racing Newsletter is letting the fans know what the race team is doing to get prepared for the season to start," said Brittany McKinney, a 16-year-old racer. "It also advertises for the sponsors and gives the fans all of the insight and information that they would like to know. The Brit 57 Racing Newsletter is prepared by Finish Motorsports Services and we're excited about the partnership. This Newsletter is a very good publication for the fans and everyone else."

Inside Brit 57 Racing is published twice each month. For more information on Inside Brit 57 Racing, call 606-587-2277. The newsletter may also be delivered via email. Fans are urged to sign up for the newsletter at races where the Brit 57 Racing team is competing this summer.

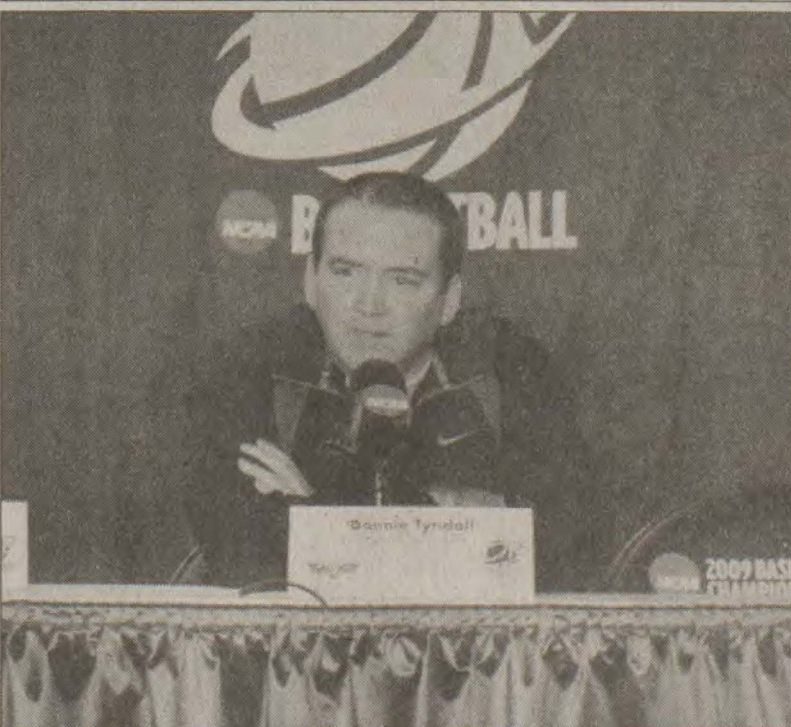


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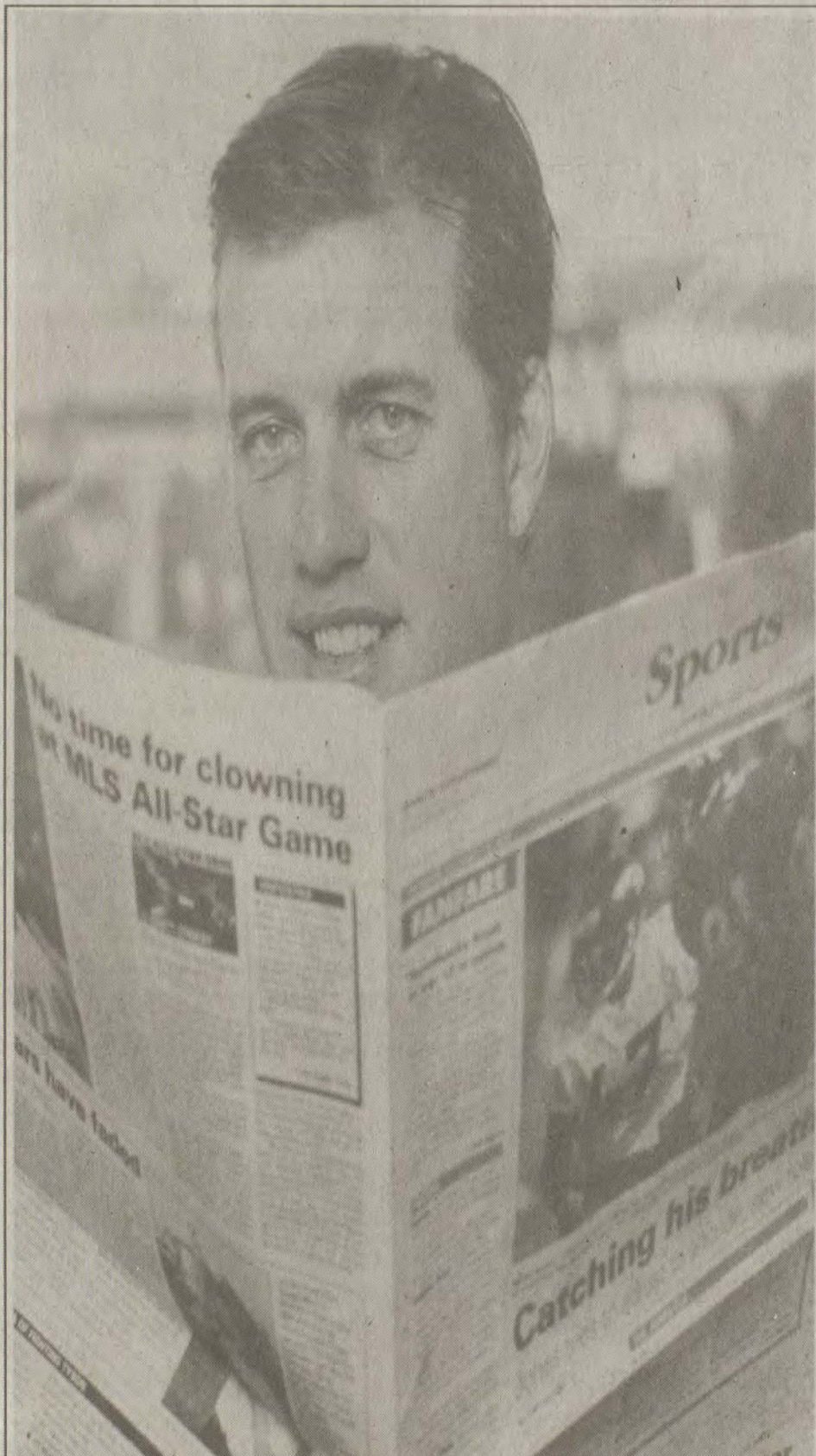


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# State issues fire safety reminders after recent fatalities

FRANKFORT — Earlier this week, two fatalities resulting from escaped debris fires were reported in western Kentucky, thus reminding us about the dangers of wildfires and the importance of safe burning practices.

Wildfires occur throughout the year in our state; however, a significant number happen in March and April due to debris burning. In the spring, residents rake yards, clear gardens and collect limbs and branches that have accumulated from winter storms. Unfortunately, many

people do not realize the dangers of outdoor burning during this time of year and they elect to burn their yard waste. These debris fires often spread out of control and lead to wildfires that have the potential to consume hundreds of acres, destroy property and threaten lives.

"In early spring, most vegetation is dead, brown and highly combustible. There is also very little green vegetation to serve as a barrier for spreading wildfire," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry. "We try to remind people of these

conditions and we strongly discourage them from conducting any type of outdoor burning."

Because most wildfires are caused by human activities, the number of wildfires and losses can be reduced if residents take more precautions. To reduce the risk of wildfire, the division recommends the following guidelines for safe debris burning:

- Clear a safe zone that is wide enough to prevent the escape of fire.
- Keep a supply of water and a rake or shovel readily accessible.

■ Stay with your fire until it is completely out and never leave a fire unattended.

■ Burn only when the wind is calm and the humidity level is high.

■ Extinguish fire completely if conditions become windy.

■ Keep brush piles small to allow quick control of the fire if necessary.

■ Locate brush piles an adequate distance from structures and utilities.

■ Obey all outdoor burning laws including forest fire laws, air pollution and open burning regulations, and local ordinances.

■ Understand that you are liable if your fire escapes.

■ In addition to following safe burning practices, the Kentucky Division of Forestry would like to remind all citizens that Kentucky law designates Feb. 15 through April 30 as spring forest fire hazard season. During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brush land between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The law is intended to prevent forest fires

by allowing outdoor burning only during the time when conditions are less likely to cause a wildfire to spread. Citizens should also contact their local fire department to find out about burning restrictions and ordinances in their area. For more information about fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws and safe burning practices, contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 1-800-866-0555 or visit the division's Web site at [www.forestry.ky.gov/](http://www.forestry.ky.gov/).

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