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Police search for grocery store bandit

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

BANNER - Boyd's Grocery Store in Banner can be added to the list of local businesses that have been targeted for armed robberies in the last several months.

According to the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, a man walked into the Banner grocery on Tuesday, April 3 with a handgun.

The man, who police were still searching for as of press time, then demanded money from the clerk before leaving on foot.

Police said \$1,023.66 was taken during the robbery.

The man was described as standing 5 efeet, 10 inches tall and weighing approximately 170 pounds. He was wearing a blue jersey trimmed in white with a black mask over his face. Witnesses said he was also wearing "something similar to latex gloves."

The robbery is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Tony Russell. Russell was assisted at the scene by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

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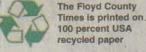
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Two hospitalized after Banner shooting

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

DANIELS CREEK - Police are still investigating a shooting that occurred at Daniels Creek in Banner last week that left two men wounded and now hospitalized.

Both James Isaac and Clifford Jarrell are now in the hospital after the two shot one another over what police say was a disagreement about

Kentucky State Police spokesperson Det. Mike Goble said an altercation between two men lead to gunfire on April 3.

Both men suffered gunshot wounds to their legs, Goble said, adding that the investigation is ongo-

"No arrests have been made yet," Goble said. "They're still investigating it. All we know right now is there

was some type of altercation where both subjects were shot in the legs."

Goble said the reason there have been no arrests made in connection to the shooting is due to the fact that the men are both hospitalized in different areas and that detectives have not had the opportunity to conduct full inter-

"As far as we know, Isaac showed up at Jarrell's house and they had words over a vehicle," Goble added.

"(Det.) Gary (Sykes), who is investigating the case, made an attempt yesterday to contact one of them."

Isaac was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury in late March on a charge of impersonating an officer and now awaits a court date in that criminal case. According to police, he attempted to act as a member of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in order to look further into a shooting involving his son.

PILING



photo by Sheldon Compton

Storm conditions Monday night brought winds that found area residents experiencing fallen trees and branches, a throwback to earlier this year when ice and wind storms ripped through the region. By Tuesday afternoon contractors were busy unloading branches and other debris at the fill site at the base of Abbott Mountain in Prestonsburg. The road leading to the site is now covered over with trees, branches and other debris.

Drug, fraud indictments returned

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - A pair of federal indictments were handed down in Pikeville recently involving one drug trafficking case and one case of unemployment fraud.

Chad Dewayne Bartley was indicted on two counts of possession with intent to distribute oxycodone

intent to distribute marijuana and possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, as well as counts in the indictment for forfeiture of prop-

According to Bartley's indictment, he allegedly was found with the drugs in Pike County on April 19,

Also at that time, federal prosecu-

and hydrocodone, possession with tors say Bartley had in his possession two firearms - a Mossberg .12 gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber revolver - and various ammunition including four rounds for the shotgun and nine rounds for the revolver.

If convicted, Bartley could face a maximum of 35 years in prison and fines of up to \$1 million.

(See CHARGES, page eight)

Cleanup, tourism on tap next Wednesday

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A pair of events are scheduled to recognize April as Redbud Month and PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month.

On April 15, volunteers will be needed for a downtown cleanup in Prestonsburg from 8 a.m. until noon.

According to Brent Graden, the city's PRIDE coordinator, there will be refreshments and pizza served to volunteers during the cleanup.

Those interested in taking part in this first event should contact Prestonsburg City Hall for further information.

Also on April 15, organizers will have a set of events to celebrate Redbud Month and PRIDE efforts at Archer Park beginning at 1 p.m. and lasting until 3 p.m.

Also during the Archer Park events, a ceremony will be held to plant three redbud trees and to present checks for two

Fred James, the executive director of Prestonsburg Tourism, will accept a check for grant funds through the Redbud Trails program of TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY).

The program started in 2004 to help kick off the tourist season in the spring and since then more than 350,000 redbud seedlings have been planted in the region. During this month, some 40,000 more will be planted.

(See EVENTS, page eight)

Local leaders to give 'State of County' Tuesday

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The annual State of the County Address is coming up next week, and Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg, hopes that hard questions will be asked in order to find out how to best stimulate the economy in Floyd

"Although the nation's economy has seen better days and the markets continue to correct themselves, we must use our local resources to the best of our ability so that we may flourish," said Graden, who will be serving as moderator of the event. "We will talk on many topics, including local, state and federal government, health care, banking, education, real estate and other related topics. We have invited local leaders from each of these important categories so that they can give us a snapshot of what is actually happening. We will also ask the hard questions of this panel so we can get a clearer picture of what we need to do to grow.'

The purpose of the State of the County Address is to bring government, businesses and the community together through an open dialogue. Questions will be directed to local leaders who will be part of a panel to address the concerns and ideas of those in atten-

Also, Graden is currently soliciting questions from the public and is asking interested people to email their ques-

(See COUNTY, page eight)

WEATHER WILD



Mother Nature brought Floyd County a true weather sampler Tuesday, with periods of rain, snow, wind and sun - sometimes all within a matter of minutes - as well as one of Nature's true rarities, thundersnow. During a break in the clouds, the sun heated the day's precipitation to produce heavy billows of fog from downtown buildings, such as Ray Howard Furniture and the Strand Twin theater, above.



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Obituaries

Madeline Carol Goble

Madeline Carol Goble, 60, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at her residence.

Born June 21, 1948, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Nell Ruth Goble and the late Woodford Ross. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Craft

In addition to her mother, survivors include two sons: Raymond Allen Jr., of Bowling Green, and Robert Lee Craft of Ashland; two brothers: Melvin Morris Jr., of Oakland, Maryland, and Larry Darrell Morris of Paintsville; two sisters: Deloris Lafferty of Prestonsburg, and Maude Lucille Frye of Nippa; and two grandchildren: Zachary Lewis Allen and Carolyn Lucille Craft.

In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Darrell

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. in Martin, with Tim Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, in Auxier.

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)

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Cecil Hall

Cecil Hall, 79, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, passed away Friday, March 20, 2009.

He was born in Orkney, a son of the late Silas and Stella нан. не graduated from McDowell High School. He late Malcolm and Ollie Conn was a U.S. Army veteran, and a member of Christ Church in Georgetown.

He is survived by his wife, Marty Hall of Ft. Wayne. Indiana; his children: Billy Dean Hall and Jackie Hall, both of Dayton, Ohio, Jimmy Hall of Seymore, Indiana, Sheila Swope of North Webster, Indiana; and his prother, Doffie Hall of Williamson, West Virginia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Hasler Hall.

He worked as a box maker with Sun Metal for 16 years, and worked for South Bend Toy Company for 14 years. He also worked for John Wong's Chinese Restaurant in Warsaw.

Services were held Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Chris Steel and Dave Altoon officiating.

McCombs Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

000 Carolyn Sue

Newsome

Carolyn Sue Newsome, 62, of Beaver, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at her residence

Born April 1, 1947, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Fannie Hall Tackett. She was a home-

Survivors include three sons: Timothy (Melissa) Hall of McDowell, Jeffery (Angela) Paige of Beaver, and Phillip "Red" (Jennifer) Newsome of Melvin; a daughter, April Mulinax of Georgia; a sister, Mary Belle Hall of Georgia; three grandchildren: Timothy Kyle Hall, Brandon Paige, and Jessica Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Jeanna Marie Hall and Margo Tackett; nine brothers: Clifford, Willie, Georgie, Hatler, Amos, Green, Larry, Andy Jack, and Thomas Tackett Jr.; five sisters: Wanda Mae Tackett, Bobbie Jean Caudill, Lacy Teams, Roberta Tackett, and Verna Paige; and two grandchildren: Dylan Eugene Paige and Dallas Jeffery Paige.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers offi-

Burial was in the Tackett

Fork Cemetery, in Beaver. Visitation was at the funeral

(Paid obituary)

Oakley Robinson

Oakley Robinson, age 77 of Martin, husband of Mossie Robinson, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Martin Hospital, in

He was born December 14, 1931, in Martin, a son of the Robinson. He was a member of the Spurlock Church of

In addition to his wife, Mossie, he is survived by one son; Gary Lee (Anita) Robinson of Martin; one daughter, Kimberly Ann (Tony) Grubb of Martin; a sister; Roxie Crum of Martin; five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter; Glenda Faye Watson, one brother; Billy Robinson; and one sister, Bertha Samons.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman, Richard

officiating.

Burial will follow in the Robinson Cemetery, in Martin, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Kevin Gene Salisbury

Kevin Gene Salisbury, 41, of Harold, died Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Toler Creek,

Born May 3, 1967, in Pike County, he was the son of Reva Sturgill Salisbury of Harold, and the late James Salisbury. He was a disabled security guard.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Spears Salisbury.

Other survivors include two daughters: Savannah Salisbury and Brittany Shae Salisbury, both of Harold; a brother, Donald Salisbury of Harold; a sister, Peggy Hamilton of Harold; and a half brother, Lee Kendrick of Grethel.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jackie Leland Salisbury.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 8, at 1 p.m., at the Lower Toler Church of Christ, in Harold, with Willie Meade and Joe Meade officiating.

Burial will be in the Bush Cemetery, on Toler Creek, at Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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William J. Shepherd

William J. Shepherd, 74, of Gunlock, died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 27, 1935, in Magoffin County, he was the son of the late Archer and Mary Marsillett Shepherd. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Shepherd.

Other survivors include four Shepherd of Gunlock, Danny (Wanda) Shepherd of Gauge, (Claudette) Lawrence Wolcottville, Shepherd of Indiana, and Ebb (Jenny) Shepherd of Fredville; four daughters: Janie (Ronald) Shepherd and Sadie (Jerry) Bailey, both of Gunlock, Lesia (Darvin) Reed of Endicott, and Angie (Wendell) King of Salversville; four brothers:

Bowen and Roy Robinson Abe, Wade, Reggie and Joe; seven sisters: Sally, Margie, Daisy, Donna, Pollie, Betty Lou, and Shirley; 15 grandchildren: Pam, Christa, Ashley Jay, Benjie, Tim, Kim, Jessica, Stephanie, Rebecca, Jerrica, Casondra, Dustin, Chase, Chance and Chazz; six greatgrandchldren: Tyler, Tiffany, Christopher, Miranda Jo, Jayden, and Aiden; and four stepgrandchildren: Craig. Justin, Bethany and Keisha.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: Billy Ray Shepherd and Billy Shepherd; two daughters: Judy Lynn Shepherd and Jeanie Shepherd; two brothers: John Henry and Archer Jr., Shepherd; and two sisters: Edna and Birdie.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Herley Smith and Mike Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, in Gunlock.

Visitation was the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Deborah Lynn Ferrell Slone

Deborah Lynn Ferrell Slone, 54, of Bevinsville, died Wednesday, April 3, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 22, 1955, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Mattie Sword Ferrell. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Jacky Slone.

In addition to her husband, survivors include a son, James Slone of Bevinsville; two daughters: Sherry (Neil) Matthews of Bevinsville, and Leigh Ann (Jim) Manns of West Liberty; four sisters: Jeanette Ladd of Cromona, Terri Hale of Yorktown, Virginia, Billie J. Burke of Martin, and Sharon Kay Jarrell of Dana; and two grandchildren: Dakoda and Jacquelyn Chaffins; a special friend, Connie Platkus.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sons: David (Sharon) brother, Ricky Ferrell; and two sisters: Ilene B. Howell and Johnnie B. Post.

> Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of God of Prophecy ministers officiat-

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville.

Visitation was at the funeral

Card of Thanks

The family of Timmy Kidd wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all family, friends and neighbors, for all their help during our time of loss. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food or prayers, during this difficult time. Thanks to Barb Rogers and Busch Funeral Home, in Ohio, for that beautiful urn; thanks to Evans Funeral Home for the cremation



services in West Virginia; and a special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all their support and kindness that was shown to our family. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF TIMMY KIDD

Pallbearers: Neil Matthews, Jim Manns, Joe Platkus, Brian K. Bertram, and Gary Jarrell.

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Herbert Ward

Herbert Ward, age 61, of formerly Cynthiana, Versailles, passed Thursday, April 2, 2009, in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

He was born August 31, 1947, in Corbin, the son of the late Willie Ward and Marie Mitchell Ward. He was the owner and operator of Herb Ward Mobile Home Repair Service, a member of the Versailles Methodist Church, a Vietnam Army veteran, and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Georgetown.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Whitaker "Buck" Ward, of Cynthiana; two sons: Mark David (Andrea Darlene) Ward of Georgetown, and John Matthew (Ann) Ward of Harrison, Colorado; five brothers: Cecil (Carol) Ward and Kenneth (Claudia) Ward, both of Williston, Florida, E.D. (Evelyn) Ward of Corbin, and William Cook and Herman Cook, both of Sarasota, Florida; three sisters: Lois (Jr.)

Kerr of Pleasant Plain, Ohic. Darlene (Jr.) Kidd of Williston Florida, and Lillie (Cecil) Lawson of Goshen, Ohio; three grandchildren: Braxton Ward, Madison Ward and Bianca Ward; and two special brothers: Tommy Presnell and Preston Britton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Patsy Ward, and his extended family, Geneva and Steve Karsner.

Funeral services for Herbert Ward were conducted Monday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Pastor Lawrence Baldridge officiating.

Burial was in the Whitaker Cemetery, in Hueysville, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ernest Smith, Cliff Bunberry, Dwayne Williams, Freddie Moore, and (Paid obituary) Randall Sexton.



Card of Thanks

The family of John "J.B." Bray would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words; the Drift Pentecostal Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN "J.B." BRAY

Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Elliott Branham would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to the Vogel Day United Methoidst Church and Clergyman Dennis Love and members for all their love and support; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF MARGARET ELLIOTT BRANHAM

Wheeler Shepherd Family

The family Wheeler Shepherd would like to thank everyone for their support during our time of grief.

I would like to thank those who sent flowers, prepared food, and other acts of kindness. A special thanks to Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, and singers, for their comforting words and songs; the sheriff's department for providing an



escort to the gravesite; Hall Funeral Home for their excellent service; and a special thanks to the DAV for their beautiful military service.

Bonnie Click Shepherd

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had to depart, we will miss you every single day of our lives. We're eternally grateful for the gift of life for you, for you were the pride of our hearts!

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The celebrity of the week, Robert Allen, is Senior Vice-President at First Commonwealth Bank. He is very active in community and church activities, and resides in Prestonsburg with his wife and children. He is shown here with Colonel Sander, a male Lab mix.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg Phone 886-3189

Arts education showcases filmed at Center for Rural Development to be broadcast to schools

by SHARON DODSON THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Busy teachers and administrators don't always have time to attend live screenings of artists in an effort to select educational performances to bring into their schools.

That in mind, a partnership between the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, The Center for Rural Development, and Kentucky Educational Television (KET) is making it easier for educators to view concise mini-performances of professional artists-without having to leave their classrooms or offices.

Teachers and school personnel across Kentucky will be able to view these performance capsules-filmed live during the 2009 Arts Education Showcases on March 11 at The Center in Somerset-on both television and the Internet.

The performances will be broadcast to every public school in Kentucky throughout April on KET ED, the state's public digital broadcasting network for educators. There, teachers can view the spring Arts Education Showcases, which feature a selection of seven-minute performances in dance, drama, and music by 17 professional artists.

All performances were filmed before an audience of 200 Pulaski County students present for Arts Education Day at The Center.

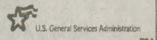
"We have developed a wonderful partnership with The Center for Rural Development and KET to bring these performances to every school in the state through television media and the Internet," Jeffrey Jamner, director of special programs for The Kentucky Center, said.

Arts Education The Showcases help familiarize Kentucky educators with school programs offered by performing artists, visual artists, writers, and cultural institutions. They also present an effective snapshot of what students can expect to see if the performers are invited to a school to present an arts edu-

The performances were followed up with interviews filmed in The Center's digital video studio featuring representatives from some of the state's leading arts education organizations.

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Tom Trudgeon, left, programming director for The Kentucky Center for Performing Arts, interviews Delilah Smyth, director of education for the Louisville Ballet, in the television studio at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset as part of the 2009 Arts Education Showcases. This and other interviews with cultural organizations will be included in the arts education showcase website and broadcast on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) in April to every public school in Kentucky. The showcases are presented by The Kentucky Center in partnership with The Center for Rural Development and KET.

broadcasts, all programming can be viewed on an exclusive website for teachers and administrators launched last April by The Kentucky Center, a major performing arts center in Louisville.

On the website-developed and designed by The Centereducators can get information about more than 60 educational programs offered by artists and cultural institutions in a variety of art forms. Showcase artists have an information

program, contact information. pricing, and a mini-performance or interview.

Both the KET ED broadto know the artists, and not as the basis for classroom presentations, Jamner said.

"They are meant to be viewed by teachers, principals, PTAs, site-based councils, and others to help them decide which artists they want to

In addition to the KET ED page with a description of their bring to their school or to have students attend a performance," he said.

Educators can view showcase performances and intercasts and the website are views on the website by using intended to serve as tools to the artist search button on the help teachers and others to get homepage at www.artsedshowcase.org.

> All showcase artists and arts organizations meet artistic and educational criteria based on an audition and interview process with a panel of educators, artists, and presenters. Their programs are aligned

with either Kentucky standards in core content and program of studies or the National Standards of the Arts.

Arts Education Showcases sponsors include the Kentucky Arts Council, Kentucky Department of Education, and The Howie Charities, Inc.

. According to a preliminary schedule, the 2009 Arts Education Showcases will be broadcast to Kentucky schools on KET ED starting on Wednesday, April 1, 6 a.m. EST, during a four-hour block. Other broadcast block feeds are scheduled for Saturday, April 4, midnight EST; Sunday, April 5, midnight EST; Wednesday, April 8, 2 a.m. EST; Thursday, April 9, 2 a.m. EST; Thursday, April 16, 2 a.m. EST; Tuesday, April 28, 4 p.m., EST; and Thursday, April 30, 2 a.m. EST.

These times are estimated and subject to change. Please consult www.ket.org to confirm broadcast times.

The showcases will be , shown in the following order by art form: drama, 60 minutes; music, 60 minutes; dance, 20 minutes; multi-discipline cultural studies, 10 minutes; and interviews, 80 min-

The Center for Rural Development, located in Somerset, provides economic and community development programs to residents in a 42county service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and is home to several statewide and national technology-based programs. For more information on programs available through The Center,

www.centertech.com.



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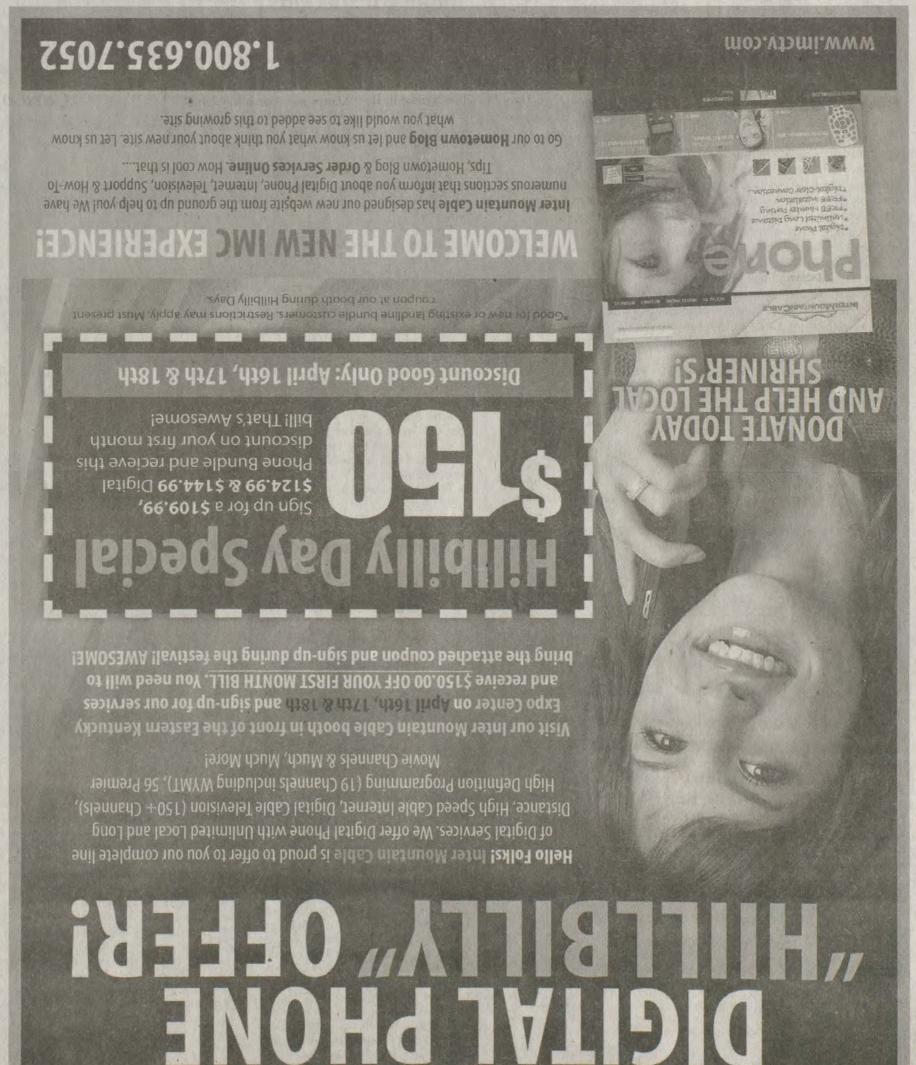
at Martin, Kentucky

This service will be at 10:45 a.m.

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— Charles Bukowski

American food safety system needs an overhaul

Safeguards that are supposed to protect Americans from tainted food are obsolete, ineffective and in urgent need of revision.

More than a dozen federal agencies are responsible for some aspect of food safety. Among them is the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which also promotes food production. Federal officials lack the authority to order recalls in most cases and rely on outdated technologies and inspection practices. They have too few people and too little money.

The latest evidence of the system's failure: A California processor recalled 2 million pounds of pistachios this week because of possible salmonella contamination. Setton Pistachio, the nation's secondlargest processor, reportedly knew about contamination in some of its products because of internal testing. That should have been a red flag about wider problems in its processing plant.

But no law requires the company to notify state or federal regulators. Instead of looking for the source of the problem, the company simply reroasted the nuts in an effort to kill the bacteria and then shipped them to about 35 wholesalers and food manufacturers.

Tests by one customer uncovered the tainted pistachio nuts. That company finally notified federal officials on March 24.

That's painfully reminiscent of the prelude to another massive nut recall less than two months ago. That case involved a Georgia peanut processor whose own internal tests repeatedly uncovered evidence contamination. But the company wasn't required to notify federal or state safety agencies or to shut down production.

Tainted peanuts shipped by that company are thought to have sickened nearly 700 people. At least eight deaths are tied to the outbreak.

At a Congressional hearing on food safety this week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the Obama administration is committed to improving oversight. But it's going to take congressional action to make the kind of sweeping, fundamental changes needed.

A new report from Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recommends concrete steps to create an integrated food safety system. Specifically:

Laws should be updated to give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration -- responsible for about 80 percent of the nation's food supply -- greater legal authority to order changes in production esses or recalls when suspect food has been shipped

A single food safety agency should be created to centralize

responsibility and accountability.

Agency budgets, long underfunded, must be increased to buy newer technology and hire additional staff.

Coordination between federal and state inspection services must be improved, and industry standards that often are voluntary must be mandatory. Companies must be required to notify food safety agencies when contaminated product is discovered.

Lawmakers already have introduced legislation to improve federal oversight. But industry involvement also is crucial. The majority of companies that follow good manufacturing processes are natural allies in the effort to prevent and detect contamination, because their business is harmed seriously by the constant stream of recalls and safety warnings.

The nation's food safety system hasn't kept pace with rapid changes in global food supply -- the explosion of processing facilities here and the transportation improvements that bring the world's agricultural bounty into American supermarkets. That has to change soon.

To keep relying on an inspection system designed in the early 20th century to protect against 21st century problems is worse than naive, it's just plain nuts.

- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Guest Column

What the changes In Kentucky's testing system mean for the kids of Floyd County

by SUPT. HENRY WEBB

Recently there has been a great deal of debate and discussion regarding upcoming changes to the Kentucky testing system and what those changes mean for our kids here in Floyd County. Now that Gov. Beshear has signed those changes into law, I felt it was a good time to speak

First and most importantly, these changes will not alter the fundamental goal of our district: to prepare each and every student for the opportunities they will have after their graduation from high school. Education is and should be about more than testing students. Education is and should be about preparing our kids to be successful and productive members of our communities, states and nation. Here in Floyd County, we see universal student literacy as the primary path to achieving our goal. It is no secret that kids who read at or above grade level and who use language to express themselves well also succeed in other academic areas.

Please understand we are not say-

ing testing is not important or that accountability doesn't matter. Both are important and both do matter. Our stakeholders deserve information on how we are succeeding or not succeeding with their children and testing and accountability provide that information.

Kentucky schools will go through a

It is important to understand that

three-year transition period that begins with this assessment year and ends with the 2010-11 school year. Here are some key aspects of the tran-For this year our district will assess the areas of Practical Living

and Arts and Humanities. These areas have been removed from the formal testing process, but testing this year will allow us to provide valuable feedback to our students plus provide information for the upcoming program reviews. Although we do not have all the

details concerning program reviews, we anticipate a process where staff members from both the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and our district work together to evaluate a school's programs in Practical Living, the Arts and Writing.

Also this year, our teachers and administrators will score Writing Portfolios. We feel it is important to honor both the work of our students and staff in preparing these pieces of writing and to collect information for use during the reviews that will fol-

■ We will, also, ask our local

board to establish district and school levels goals in the areas not measured during the state assessment. This framework will likely be similar to that used for the federal No Child Le Behind (NCLB) legislation.

Next, I want to discuss what I believe to be the most positive changes in Kentucky's public school testing. These improvements will begin with the 2011-2012 school year:

■ The standards that form the basis for the state test are being narrowed and will be more aligned with what is taught at colleges and universities. This change will help ensure our kids are prepared for post high school opportunities.

All schools will take the test during the last 14 days of the school year Thankfully, we have finally "leveled the playing field" for Eastern Kentucky schools. For years the impact of weather in our region resulted in fewer school days for teaching and learning before the state assess-

State testing will last no longer than five days. This reduction will allow more time for students to be engaged in meaningful learning activ-

■ The data that is collected during the tests will make it easier to compare how our KIDS are doing with students across the nation.

In the Floyd County Schools, we believe that setting goals and then working hard to achieve them is important and that is another thing that will not change.

Obama's national energy tax will devastate Kentucky's economy

by U.S. REP. HAROLD "HAL" ROGERS

Unemployment is soaring. Anxiety continues to rise. Kentucky families are hurting. With such dismal news as this, one would like to believe that it can't get much worse. Unfortunately, President Obama and his liberal allies in Congress have pulled out an old gimmick to pay for their new, irresponsible trillion dollar spending plan. The latest boondoggle making its way through the halls of Congress is a socalled "Cap and Trade," bill, which may have admirable intentions in reducing greenhouse gases, but in reality amounts to a \$646 billion "carbon tax" paid by every American citizen- rich or poor- and every American business- small or large.

Rather than transitioning responsibly towards new energy technologies, the President is trying to impose draconian, government-mandated limits on carbon emissions from all walks of life -- including energy companies, manufacturers, small businesses and public utilities. Responsible companies that cannot meet these levels

immediately will be forced to participate in various government mandated auctions to generate revenue for the federal government. But who foots the bill when companies can't meet these new stringent standards? You and I do. Every American who turns on a light switch will be forced to pay when utilities are unable to meet the government's unrealistic demands. Great for bureaucrats, bad for Kentuckians.

Most alarming is that the President's plan would be disproportionately devastating to coal-reliant states, like Kentucky, where our citizens receive 92% of their power from coal and currently enjoy some of the lowest electricity rates in the country. By placing a tax on carbon, coal-burning companies would be singled out and forced to pay an enormous price up front while they search for ways to reduce emissions. Studies have shown the Obama plan could cost every Kentucky family an additional \$1,800 a year because of higher prices for food, gas, electricity and home heating. In these tough economic times it is a slap in the face for working families to be expected to pay more for basic needs.

Any effort to tax Americans and U.S. businesses for their carbon emissions puts our economy at a dangerous competitive disadvantage and does nothing to prevent other nations from lowering their greenhouse emissions. Unions and businesses alike are clamoring for relief from the Congress, warning of the dire consequences it would place on an already

damaged manufacturing sector. Studies show this plan could result in over 3 million lost jobs. With unemployment already at record highs, it is irresponsible to take this approach in the guise of environmental steward-

Let me be clear - I am an avid supporter of protecting our environment and keeping our Commonwealth beautiful. I created the PRIDE program to do just that by restoring personal responsibility for our natural resources. I have also long advocated for developing alternative energy technologies- from solar to wind power to clean coal to nuclear. America's natural resources hold a bounty of solutions to lower energy costs and keep our air clean. I think we should explore every opportunity and work together to responsibly diversify our energy Unfortunately, Obama's national energy tax plan will not help get us the any faster.

We have the ability to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment through alternative sources of energy. We should embrace those alternatives, not shackle Kentuckians with another tax at the worst possible time imaginable.

Congressman Harold Rogers (KY-05) has served on the Appropriations Committee for over 25 years and currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

State offers new business registration process

FRANKFORT — Busi- of all Domestic Corporations has cut a minimum of three nesses can be up and running faster in the Commonwealth due to a new service called FastTrack, according to new data provided today by Secretary of State Trey Grayson. FastTrack is designed to reduce the amount of time it takes to start a business in Kentucky. By simply allowing documents to be filed online, a company can start several days faster than before. Since its launch, less than 45 business days ago, over 1,000 companies have been registered online.

"The initial success of this program has exceeded our expectations,' remarked Secretary Grayson. "FastTrack clearly saves companies time and money. By tearing down the bureaucratic red tape of state government, this should encourage other entrepreneurs to start their businesses in Kentucky.'

FastTrack, launched on January 22nd of this year, allows a business entity to file its formation papers with the Secretary of State via the internet. Upon its initial launch, FastTrack allows Domestic Corporations and Limited Liability Companies to file online. Over 20,000 new domestic corporations and LLC's were filed in 2008.

Since its launch, FastTrack has comprised over 20 percent

and LLC formations in Kentucky. The average process time of a FastTrack filing is two minutes. Currently, it takes a paper filing 11 minutes to be fully processed once it reaches the Office of the Secretary of State. The nine minute time savings for each filing means that the Office of the Secretary of State has saved 150 staff hours since the launch of FastTrack. Over the next several months, the service will be expanded to include the majority of domestic and foreign business entity filings so that even further staff time saving can be achieved.

In addition to saving the Commonwealth time and money, businesses benefit from using FastTrack. Currently, a FastTrack filing remains in a "processing queue" no longer than one hour from the moment it is received during business hours. There is no additional cost to the business outside of the normal filing fees. With a paper mailing, it will take a minimum of three days for the business to be registered, mainly due to the transport time via the postal service or other carrier. Also, a business pay for the cost of printing the filing and mailing the filing to Frankfort. In essence, the Office of the Secretary of State days off of the time it takes to start a business in Kentucky and reduced the ancillary costs associated with submitting a paper filing.

A user can visit the Office of the Secretary of State website where he/she will be directed to the FastTrack application. The user will securely log in, and he/she will be asked for all required information to complete a business entity filing, to include a business name, registered agent, principal office, and officers, The system will automatically reject names that have already been selected by another business entity.

Because the system is intuitive to Kentucky law, it prevents filers from making common mistakes that are currently reasons for most paperbased filing rejections. For instance, for a registered office address, state law prohibits the use of a PO Box address. For paper-based filings, the current error rate is 30, percent, while FastTrack's error rate is 8 percent. FastTrack will prevent hundreds of companies from more wasting valuable start-up time by significantly reducing the number of rejected filings.

The launch of FastTrack is one of the most significant online services to be launched by the Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State, since it first put its business database online ten years ago. The new service is part of the Office of the Secretary of State's focus to become more economically and environmentally friendly, while providing greater accessibility and customer service to constituents. Since Grayson took office five years ago, the Office has launched over 25 new online services or upgrades to further those missions. Now, a vast majority of services that the Office provides can be found online. Currently, three million documents are available on the Secretary of State's website. Every document that is received by the office is scanned and made available almost immediately.

As a result, the Office of the Secretary of State is much

efficient. Grayson's tenure in office, he has progressively reduced the size and cost of the office. Since Grayson assumed office in 2004, the office has reduced its number of full-time employees by 12.20%, eliminated nearly all part-time employees, reduced its operating budget by 9.79 percent, and consolidated the number of physical offices from two to

"It is our responsibility to provide the most efficient and accessible service, in the most environmentally friendly way possible," said Secretary Grayson. "The changes we have made to this office are the kind of transformations that government should be making in the 21st Century, where we do more with less, all the while saving taxpayer dollars.'

To access FastTrack, visit www.sos.ky.gov.

FastTrack was built through partnership Kentucky.gov, which also maintains many state government website's including the Commonwealth's

website at www.kentucky.gov. Kentucky.gov was built and is marketed, operated, and main-Kentucky tained Interactive, LLC, a Frankfortsubsidiary based eGovernment firm (Nasdaq:EGOV). NIC manages more eGovernment services than any provider in the world. The company helps government communicate more effectively with citizens and businesses by putting essential services online. NIC provides eGovernment solutions for 2,600 state and local agencies that serve more than 71 million people in the United States. Through this partnership, the cost of building the website was essentially free except for staff time used to seamlessly apply the application into the Office of the Secretary of State Business Database.



Prestonsburg

Technology helps reduce the surprise tornadoes present

It began as a blustery Wednesday in early spring. By day's end, it had entered the history books as the day that 148 tornadoes slammed a stretch of the United States from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia up through Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

April 3, 1974, became known as the day of the Superoutbreak, when twisters took 315 lives and injured 5,000

Kentucky was not spared.

Meteorologists counted 26 tornadoes that ripped through 41 counties, killing 77 people and injuring 1,377 others. Thirty-one people, including a number of schoolchildren, died in Brandenburg, just west of Louisville.

According to Keys Arnold, agricultural meteorologist for the University of Kentucky, the Bluegrass State continues to see its share of tornado outbreaks. Historically, May is the worst month, although April also records several tornadoes.

"Since 1974, there have been a number of super-outbreaks. In February 2008, we had the biggest outbreak of tornadoes I've seen over the last 10 years. This outbreak was the deadliest in Kentucky since 1974," Arnold says.

Fortunately, those storms have not recorded the death toll of the 1974 storm - in large part because technological advances have improved forecasters' abilities to issue warn-

"In 1974, we didn't have NEXRAD radar that permits us to see advanced characteristics of developing storms. We also didn't have a large network of weather radios that people can buy and keep in their homes and cars," Arnold

Arnold encourages people to buy weather radios, which can give 30 to 40 minutes of

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warning of approaching storms. One response to the 1974 Super-outbreak was a White House edict the following year that designated the Oceanic National Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be the sole government-operated radio system to provide warnings for storms and natural disasters. NOAA also expanded the network density of weather-radio broadcasts, from two stations in the 1950s to more than 450

Arnold also urges people to know what to do if a tornado

out and lay in a ditch. If you're in a mobile home, get out and lay down in a field or yard," he says.

of the house," Arnold says.

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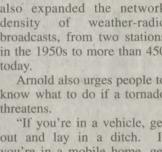
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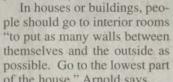
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IRS offers last-minute filing and payment tips

INDIANAPOLIS — If you're trying to meet the April 15 tax deadline, there are several options available at the IRS.gov website for lastminute help:

■ E-file or Free File your tax return.

Receive a six-month extension of time to file using Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for taxpayers unable to file by the deadline

Payment options are available to taxpayers having

trouble paying their tax bill.

Download forms and publications at IRS.gov. "Taxpayers are encouraged

to e-file their tax returns in lieu of paper filing. IRS e-file is the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration the latest tax changes including the Recovery Rebate Credit, First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit. Additional Standard Deduction for Real Estate Taxes and the Expense Educators Deduction,' IRS said spokesperson Jodie Reynolds. "E-filing will ensure you do not miss out on any tax breaks. Also, taxpayers who earn \$56,000 or less can file for free and online at the IRS.gov Web site using the Free File Program.

The IRS.gov Web site provides information on the benefits and available options related to e-filing and the Free File Program.

If you can't meet the tax deadline to file your tax return, you can request an automatic six-month extension to file. The filing extension will give you extra time to get the paperextend the time you have to pay any tax due. You have to make an estimate of any tax due and pay at least 90 percent when you request an extension. You will owe interest on any amounts not paid by the April 15th deadline.

You can also e-file an extension request using tax preparation software on a computer or by going to a tax preparer.

If your return is completed but you are unable to pay the tax due, do not request an extension. File your return on time and pay as much as you work to the IRS, but it does not can. The IRS will send you a

notice for the balance due and will charge interest and penalties only on the unpaid balance. You can also request a payment plan prior to receiving the IRS

If you cannot pay the full amount due with your return, you can ask to make monthly installment payments. You can apply for an IRS installment agreement using the IRS webbased Online Payment Agreement application on IRS.gov. This web-based application allows eligible taxpayers or their authorized representatives to self-qualify. apply for, and receive immediate notification of approval. You can also request an install ment agreement by submitting a completed Form 9465, Agreement Installment Request, either when you file the return or when you later get a notice from the IRS.

For the last-minute filer, tax forms and publications are available at the IRS.gov Web site. For more tax filing season information, visit the IRS Web site at IRS.gov and click on 1040 Central.

UNITE, Fish & Wildlife to announce partnership with National Archery in the Schools Program

CAMPTON - A partnership to expand positive, drugfree opportunities for youth throughout southern and eastern Kentucky will be unveiled Tuesday, April 14, at Campton Elementary School.

Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, Kentucky Department of Fish Wildlife Resources Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, Operation UNITE President/CEO Karen Engle will be on hand to make the announcement during a press conference scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Also expected to participate are Tim Farmer, host of "Kentucky Afield" — the nation's longest running outdoor television show - Jennie Richardson, Kentucky director of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), and Wolfe County Superintendent Kenny Bell. Farmer will present an archery demonstration involving state and local officials and members of Breathitt County's NASP team.

The public is invited to

This event is part of Congressman Rogers'

"Opportunities in Action" tour of 13 southern and eastern Kentucky counties, April 14-17, to highlight projects that are making a difference and bringing new opportunities to the region.

Activities at each stop will showcase volunteer efforts and innovative programs by organizations created by Rogers to promote job creation, economic development, fight substance abuse, promote youth and cultural activities, and improve the environment -Operation UNITE, Southern and Eastern Kentucky PRIDE,

TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (SEKY), Southeast Economic Kentucky Development Corporation (SKED) and The Center for Rural Development.

April is PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. Volunteers are needed to pick up roadside litter and beautify welcome areas. Information is available at www.kypride.org or contacting Mark Davis at bdavis@centertech.com or 1-888-577-4339.

April is also Redbud Month, and clean roads will welcome the tourists as they admire the lush blooms of the region's native Eastern Redbuds. Redbud Month information is available at www.tourseky.com or by contacting Michelle Spencer at mspencer@tourseky.com or 606-677-6142.

For more information about youth and other programs offered by Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org or contact Karen Engle at kengle@centertech.com or 1-866-678-6483.

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Greer named HR director at PBH

PAINTSVILLE -Paintsville native has been named human resources director of Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, according to an announcement from Deborah Trimble, CEO and president of the local acute care center.

Lauren Greer, MHA, assumed her new duties on March 9, following the receipt of her Master of Health (HMA) Administration Degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Healthcare, which is ranked in the nation's top 20 public university MHA programs by U. S. News and World Report.

Greer graduated from Johnson Central High School in 2003 as Co-Valedictorian with a Commonwealth Diploma and a 4.0 GPA. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, while making the Dean's List every semester at Morehead State University, before enrolling in the University of Kentucky.

"We are very pleased to welcome Lauren to our Staff," Ms. Trimble said, "She brings an outstanding academic record and a personal commitment to health care which her position as Human Resources Director at Paul B. Hall requires. We look forward to her future contributions at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.'





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State board discusses commissioner search, school assistance

FRANKFORT — At its work regular meeting Wednesday and Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard presentations, had in-depth discussions and made decisions on a number of items.

The board had a lengthy discussion

Greenwood/Asher Associates, Inc., the firm hired to conduct the search for a new commissioner of education. Representatives from the Florida-based firm outlined a timeline that would culminate with the hiring of a new commissioner in August. The board has entered into a contract that would pay the firm a

The board heard a presentation on the state's student information system, which is provided through Infinite Campus. All of Kentucky's 174 public school districts have implemented the core components of the system.

Staff from the Department of Education's Office of Leadership and School Improvement and Office of Special Instructional Services provided an update on the and resources to schools and maximum of \$120,000 for its districts in need of improve-

ment based on state and federal academic accountability measures.

The board took the following actions:

approved the appointment of Catherine Fernandez, a teacher in the Henderson County school district, and David McFadden, a teacher in the Laurel County school district, to the State Textbook Commission

approved the district facility plan for Bell County

bers Dorie Combs, Doug Hubbard and Austin Moss to a work group that will study sports safety as mandated by House Bill 383

accepted the report of the Audit Committee

Other reports and presentations included:

an update AdvanceKentucky Advanced Placement courses and resources

a review of legislation passed in the 2009 session of the General Assembly

discussion about the

information about safety training for coaches and other staff related to high school athletics

an update from the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development and Kentucky Center Mathematics on statewide coaching initiatives

The board will hold its annual retreat on May 12 and

13 in Frankfort. The board's next regular meeting will be June 10 and 11 in Frankfort. More information about the board is available at http://www.kde.state.ky.us/KD E/Administrative+Resources/ Kentucky+Board+of+Educati on/default.htm.

hold Easter sunrise service Assist and Support School approved a district facilirequirements of Senate Bill 1, ty plan amendment for Ballard Improvement Success Team which revamped the state's (ASSIST) initiative, which is public school assessment and PIKEVILLE - Pikeville inclement weather, the service appointed board memdesigned to provide support accountability system

Medical Center will be celebrating Easter morning with the rising of the sun.

This Sunday, April 12, beginning at 7 a.m., PMC's Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the rooftop of the May

Minister Steve Knisley, from Pikeville Church of Christ, Third Street, will be leading the service. In case of will be held in the secondfloor atrium.

Free refreshments will be made available in the secondfloor atrium.

Leading up to Easter morning, PMC will hold Holy Week Services in the Chapel located on the second floor. Weekly services will be held Monday, April 6m to Friday, April 10, from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Events highlight tragedies behind work zone accidents

day Nancy Chandler Oney will never forget: The day her husband never came home from his job on the highway work

"It only takes a second of distraction when driving through a work zone. The smallest mistake could keep someone's mom or dad from coming home to their family," Oney said.

Oney hopes her words can provide a reminder for those driving through highway work zones this year to be careful. In 2003 her husband, Frank Chandler, died in a work zone crash along KY 8 in Kenton County. She has teamed up Kentucky the Transportation Cabinet to participate in several events marking National Work Zone Safety Week, April 6 - 10. The week is set aside to salute those who keep our highways in good order and risk their lives doing it.

More than 40,000 people are injured and thousands are killed yearly in work zones. cent, are motorists. Three people were killed in Kentucky highway work zones in 2008, according to police records.

Family members of victims, along with traffic safety groups, the Federal Highway Administration, law enforcement, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet are taking part in events throughout the state, paying tribute to victims and raising consciousness about work zone safety.

"By talking about the issues, and taking a few minutes to reflect and remember, we hope we can save lives in future," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Joe Prather at an event in Louisville. "These people risk their lives every single day so we can go to work, school or the grocery store. We each share a responsibility to make highway work zones as safe as possible by slowing down and being alert when driving through them."

'We hope this week will be a reminder that thousands of zone safety tips.

FRANKFORT — It was a The majority of those, 85 per- highway workers will be out in force this year, and that their lives are in our hands," said Boyd Sigler, director of highway safety programs for the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. "Work zone safety is a concern for everyone on the

The Transportation Cabinet is expected to invest in hundreds of highway projects again this year. Traditionally, the highway construction season kicks off in April. Cabinet engineers and contractors work cooperatively to design projects and work schedules that minimize delays and crashes.

"Our priority is the safety of our contract employees out there working on road projects," added Charles Lovorn, of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors. "We vary work hours and consider other options to ensure quality road projects and a safe working environment within the work zone."

Here are the top 10 work

1. Expect the unexpected. 2. Slow down.

3. Don't tailgate. Keep a safe distance between vehi-

4. Keep a safe distance between construction workers and equipment.

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Rogers: Over \$4.8 million coming to state for security improvements

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers announced Tuesday that \$4,873,771 in federal funding has been awarded to Kentucky to increase security and surveillance, reduce threats, improve communications, and harden facilities across the Commonwealth.

This grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) will also be and local emergency response used for identification enhancements and transportation system security improvements.

"Federal funding is critical to ensuring all communities big and small are reducing potential security and disaster vulnerabilities within the Commonwealth," said Rogers. "The laudable efforts of state

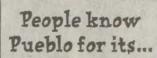
personnel to the ice storms, just a few months ago, revealed to us where we are achieving and where we need to make improvements. These funds enable Kentucky to take the necessary steps toward meeting national preparedness goals in expectation of the next disaster or to deter a possible terrorist threat.'

approved an application for 2009 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. On Wednesday, DHS will make the following awards to KOHS or other identified local entities through a variety of grant programs including: the Drivers License Security Program (SHSP), \$833,717; the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP), \$400,000; the Interoperable Emergency Communications Program (IECGP), \$506,778; the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP), \$100,000; the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), \$2,137,816; and the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program (EOC), \$750,000. In addition, Louisville's Transit Authority of River City (TARC) is slated to receive \$145,460 under the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP).

For six years, Rogers has served as the lead Republican on the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Homeland Security. The Subcommittee is charged with allocating resources toward these impor-

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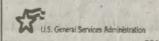






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DHS has received and tant grant programs. In fiscal areas and transportation year 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to bolster national preparedlion in grants to states, urban critical infrastructure.

authorities under 14 programs will award more than \$3 bil- ness capabilities and protect.

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Members of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Biology Club and guests joined other groups Saturday morning for the annual Paintsville Lake cleanup. Group members cleaned along the roadside in Morgan County, near Red Bush. Those who participated in the cleanup include Patrick Collins, Caitlin Freeman, Chris Bowen, Kayla Freeman, Alecia Risner, Ralph Davis, Leah May, Will Rutter, Carla Davis, Pamela Shepherd, Elaine Shiber, Dr. John Shiber, Zachary Coffee, Paul Davis, Brittany Frasure, Rebecca Volk, Stephanie Prater, Edy Roque, Ralph Davis IV, John Newsome, Émily Arnett, Harry Frisby, Jean McKenzie, Brittany Sturgill and Lisa Cantrell.

Charges

In another case handed down by the federal grand jury, officials say James S. Robinson defrauded the United States Railroad Board by drawing unemployment benefits while working.

'Federal prosecutors say that Robinson claimed unemploy- five years on each of the 15

ment benefits through the railroad's retirement board on 15 separate occasions from Sept. 23, 2007, to April 6, 2008, allegedly failing to report accurate information to the board while doing so.

Robinson could face up to

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counts against him for claiming benefits while working and another year on the count alleging he failed to report accurate information to the board. In addition, he could face up to \$350,000 in federal

County

by Graden will be posed to the

panel at the event. Local leaders are scheduled to speak at the event, including Supt. Henry Webb, Judge-Executive R.D.

from Highlands Damron. Regional Medical Center, and

The State of the County Address is scheduled to begin Graden at (606) 886-2335. at 8:30 a.m. at the Mountain

featuring

ketball player Jeff Shepherd.

University of Kentucky bas-

planning to attend the events

Speaker of the House Greg

Stumbo, Floyd County Judge-

including Kentucky

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Brentgraden@hotmail.com. Marshall, Prestonsburg Mayor Arts Center on April 14. The The questions that are selected Jerry Fannin, Stephanie event is free and open to the public, and a complimentary breakfast will be served.

For more information on the event, contact Brent

Events

In addition, St. Joseph-Martin Hospital will make a \$500 donation to Operation UNITE to support the 2009

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Rogers' visit to Archer Park is part of his "Opportunities in Among the several visitors Action" tour of the 5th District

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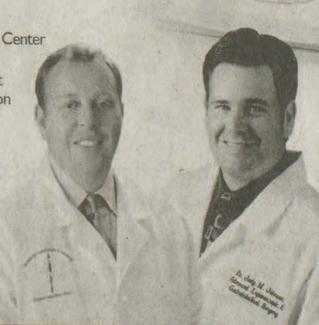
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Beaver Junction Motocross hosts Round 2 of '09 series

Round 3 slated for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DWALE - Beaver Junction Motocross hosted Round 2 of the 2009 season Sunday. The Floyd County track, which attracts motocross athletes from numerous Eastern Kentucky counties and surrounding states, completed Travis Johnson; 6. Justin Blayze Stumbo. another round incident free. Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to host Round 3 on Bias; 2. Aaron Mullins; 3. Saturday (April 11).

A rundown of Round 2 results follows.

125 D: 1. Cody Robinson; 2. Cobee Tackett; 3. Scott Howell; 4. No. 36 (driver name unavailable); 5. Alvin Withem; 6. Justin Perry; 7. James Ratliff; 8. Sabrina Arnett; 9. Anthony Johnson; 10. Shawn Hamilton (DNF); 11. Greg Dawson (DNF).

125 C: 1. Arron Bias; 2. Jeremy Swiney; 3. Justin Ousley; 4. Austin Beverly; 5.

Tackett

C/D Unlimited: 1. Arron Jeremy Swiney; 4. Justin Ousley; 5. Josh Robinson; 6. Brain Wall; 7. Austin Withem;

8. Mark Young (DNF); 9. Justin Tackett (DNF).

65 Jr.: 1. James Powers; 2. Dawson Hamilton; 3. Dalton Noble; 4. Dylan Bishop; 5.

Benjamin Branham. 125 AM 2 Stroke: 1. Tyler Newsome; 2. Chad Butcher; 3. Austin Withem.

250 B: 1. Danny Osborne; 2.

50 4-Stroke Oil Injection: 1.

50 Jr.: 1. Tyler Osborne.

50 Sr.: 1. Trey Francis. 30-Plus: 1. Scott Varney; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Kenny Mullins; 4. Mark Younce;

5. David Moore; 6. Kevin Bishop; 7. Shawn Hamilton

65 Open: 1. Dawson Hamilton; 2. Dalton Noble; 3. Matt Belcher.

50 Open: 1. Trey Francis; 2. Tyler -Osborne; 3. Blayze Stumbo.

70-110: 1. Craig Bartley; 2. Chance Francis (DNF).

40-Plus: 1. Danny Osborne; 2. Kenny Mullins.

2. Austin Osborne.

125 4 Stroke: 1. J.T. Layne. 65 Jr.: 1. Tyler Haggins; 2. Matt Belcher; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Chance Francis.

25-Plus: 1. Scott Varney; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Ricky Crider (DNF).

250 C: 1. Josh Bolen; 2. Aaron Mullins; 3. Josh Robinson; 4. Jeremy Swiney; 5. Austin Beverly; 6. J.R. Chaney; 7. Travis Johnson; 8. Austin Withem.

85 Sr.: 1. Austin Osborne. 85 Jr.: 1. James Powers; 2. R.J. Wallen; 3. Dalton Withem; 4. Jordon Haggins; 5. Michael

85 Open: 1. Austin Withem; Stalker; 6. Dylan Bishop.

250 D: 1. Jason Ratliff; 2. Justin Moore; 3. Gary Bentley; 4. David Moore; 5. Austin Thompson.

125 B: 1. Chris Bailey. 4-Wheeler: 1. Donald Combs; 2. Michael Gayheart.

UPCOMING BEAVER JUNCTION RACE DATES

Round 3 - April 11 Round 4 - May 10 Round 5 - May 31

KHSAA sportmanship recognition banquet set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 2009 Group Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet is set for Sunday, April 26, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. This marks the 13th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship.

KHSAA member schools each select one boy and one girl as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners are then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl will be selected as the state winner and receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky. Selection criteria includes: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications.

Each regional winner receives a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a chair and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of Forchs Group of Kentucky.

The following individuals regional winners to be recognized and are eligible for the overall statewide award.

Region 1 - Blake Averill (St. Mary), Hannah Ellis (Marshall County); Region 2 - Will Barnes (Caldwell County), Auburn Sutton (Lyon County); Region 3 - Chad Grubb (Butler County), Chasity Henning (Breckinridge County); Region 4 - Joseph Eaton (Monroe County), Lisa Ross (Warren Central); Region 5 -Chris Thomas (Taylor County), Kelsey Robinson (Nelson County); Region 6 - Doug Crawford (DeSales), Megan Geary (Brown); Region 7 -Nicholas Jones (St. Xavier), Avery Jones (DuPont Manual); Region 8 - Kory Brocious County), Kristen (Carroll Guevara (Walton-Verona); Region 9 - Steve Rickels (Holy Cross-Louisville), Alexa Abner (Newport Central Catholic); Region 10 - Carson Craig (Pendleton County), Bonnie Jo Dailey (Harrison County); Region 11 - Daniel Griggs (Tates Creek), Rebekah Hamblin (Sayre); Region 12 - Trey Edwards (Lincoln County), Stephanie Salyers (Southwestern); Region 13 - Brian Muffly (Corbin), Candace Kirby (South Laurel); Region 14 – Chris Hoover (Estill County), Kayla Spencer (Wolfe County); Region 15 - Dillon Stiltner (Phelps), Jasmine Hall (Phelps); Region 16 - Eric Craft (Greenup County), Emily Collier (Bath County).

Prestonsburg flag football signups set

The Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League will host signups and divide teams on Monday, April 13 at StoneCrest, beginning at 5 p.m. For more information on the Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League, call James DeRossett or John DeRossett at 886-2252.



FLOYD COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER TEAMS opened play in the spring season over the weekend. Several Floyd County soccer players made a return to action following successful fall stints.

ABOVE: Midfielder Taylor Moak of the Floyd U19 team moved the ball. Moak assisted on teammate Ethan Filowiat's goal during loss to Perry County.

RIGHT, MIDDLE: Forward Ethan Filowiat of the Floyd U19 team is pictured. Perry County defeated Floyd County 6-2 in a season-opener.

RIGHT, BELOW: Forward Joseph Kidd of the Floyd U16 team is pictured working against a Johnson County player. Kidd is pictured on the right.







Members of the Floyd U16 team were all smiles after opening the season with a 6-0 victory over Johnson county U16 squad.

The Floyd County team is pictured. First row (left to right): Joseph Kidd, Hilary Slone, Clara Osborne, Micah Heffington, Logan Hunt and Charlie Joseph. Second row (left to right): Zach Romans, Wendi Blackburn, Garrett Brown, Kathleen Smith, Caleb Petry and Paula Jo Roberts

Blair elected to harness racing board

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Eddie Blair, of Paintsville, was elected recently to serve on the Kentucky Harness Horseman's Association Board of Directors.

"As a new board member of the KHHA I hope to keep local standardbred horse owners up to date on harness racing here in Kentucky," said Blair. "I hope to spread awareness of Kentucky Harness Racing as well as to stimulate interest Standardbred horses as well."

In the past, Blair has owned and raced over 120 horses as well as doing volunteer public relations work for Thunder Ridge Raceway & Entertainment Complex. He has also covered harness racing for The Floyd County Times.

Harness racing in Kentucky begins on April 9 at Bluegrass Downs in Paducah and continues through May 16 with racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Locally, Thunder Ridge will open on Sunday May 24 and continue through July 11. The Red Mile is currently scheduled to open on August 3 and continue through September 24. However, mere could be an extra week added before the opening week.

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a new standardbred race horse owner is urged to email fastpace@yahoo.com.

Meeks declares for NBA Draft

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky junior Jodie Meeks will submit his name to the National Basketball Association for its June draft, but will not hire an agent, leaving open the possibility to return to Kentucky next season.

Meeks, a 6-4 guard, led the SEC and ranked eighth in the country in scoring, averaging 23.7 ppg. He set the school record for points in a game (54 at Tennessee) and three-pointers in a season, (117) while also shooting an SEC best 90.2 percent from the free throw line. Starting all 36 games this season, Meeks led the SEC in two other offensive categories including threepoint field goal percentage (40.6) and three-point field goals per game (3.25).

The NBA Draft is set for June 25. Underclassmen have until June 15 to remove their name from the draft and retain their NCAA eligibility.

Meeks was named to the NABC State Farm Coaches' All-America team as announced on Saturday in Detroit at the 2009 Final Four.

Meeks, who has also received All-America honors from the Associated Press (2nd Team), USBWA (2nd Team) and The Sporting News (2nd Team), FoxSports.com (4th Team), lead the SEC and ranks eighth in the country in scoring averaging 23.7 ppg. He set the school record for points in a game (54 at Tennessee) and three-pointers in a season (108) while also shooting 90.2 percent from the free throw line.

PAGE 10: John Calipari named NABC Coach of the Year.

Runyon wins Tug Valley Bass Anglers tourney on Dewey Lake

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its second tournament of the 2009 season on Dewey - Lake Saturday. There was another solid turnout for the club with 17 boats competing in the

Dewey Lake was a lake in turmoil this past weekend. The weekend before the tournament the lake was stable, the water was warming and the fish were biting. Rains earlier this past week started raising the water and another round of rain Friday pushed it to just over summer pool in about four days. And if that wasn't enough they started drawing the lake . fish stayed right where they back down during the tournament. This had the fish in a funk and combined with four tournaments on the lake at the same time it caused the fishing to be a little off to say the least.

was good for this time of year - it was about 53 in the morning rising to about 60 degrees by the end of the day. The water was stained at the lower end of the lake near the dam and became muddy as boaters went up the lake with plenty of floating debris.

Weather for the tournament was perfect with sunny skies and air temperatures near 80 degrees.

The fish were still in prespawn patterns and locations, most of the fish are still on the main lake deeper banks. There was a few fish caught up in the creeks and on the flats, but because the water came up so fast the were before it raised.

The main pattern for this tournament was to fish small soft plastics and crankbaits on or near channel banks. The banks had to be steep and have rock. Wood cover

The water temperature didn't seem to make a difference. The catchable fish were fairly shallow, eight feet or less, but deeper water had to be close.

> The top finishers were as follows: 1st, Kevin Runyon-(2 fish) 6.69 lbs., Big Bass, 3.87 lbs.; 2nd, Greg Maynard-(2 fish) 4.78 lbs.; 3rd, Brandon Staten-(1 fish) 2.45 lbs.; 4th, Thomas Lidster-(1 fish) 2.26 lbs.; 5th, Rick Burget-(1 fish) 2.20 lbs.; 6th, Lynn Fields-(1 fish) 2.15 lbs.: 7th, Cory Hamilton-(1 fish) 1.87 lbs.; 8th, Andy Maynard-(1 fish) 1.53 lbs.

Tug Valley Bass Anglers sponsors include Gander Mountain; TMK Security and Personnel; Borders Sporting Goods; Elliott Supply & Glass; Perry Distributors; Don's Street Machine; Extreme Sounds; Pigeon Creek Company; Appalachian Wireless and Thoroughbred Steakhouse.



KEVIN RUNYON captured first-place Sunday in the Tug Valley Bass Anglers tournament held on Dewey Lake.

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- Fishtrap Lake
- Paintsville Lake
- Yatesville Lake

UK passing game progressing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON

Improvement in the passing game is a priority for the 2009 Kentucky football team and the early indication through four spring practices is encouraging.

"You watch our practices now," Brooks said. "Last year, even one-on-one we couldn't complete a lot of passes. Now the ball is not on the ground very often. The receivers are running better routes. They're coming out, the ball is there and they're catching it. It's a lot different than it was.'

The crowded wide receiver corps features seven returning lettermen - senior

Cobb, Gene McCaskill and Eric Adeyemi - along with redshirt freshman E.J. Fields and additional walk-on competitors.

"We're still in the process of trying to find out a rotation, who's going to start, who's going to back up, and that's before we bring more competition into the mix in the summer and fall," Brooks

The most productive wideouts last season were Lanxter (23 receptions), Cobb (21), McCaskill (15), Adams (14) and Adeyemi (13).

Brooks also noted that quarterback Mike Hartline has thrown the ball more authoritatively, especially in E.J. Adams, junior Kyrus the short and intermediate Lanxter and sophomores Matt routes. Hartline completed

Roark, Aaron Boyd, Randall 55 percent of his passes last season, good for 1,666 yards and nine touchdowns.

The team practiced for two hours Monday morning in the climate-controlled Nutter Field House; avoiding the cold, misting rain outdoors. Brooks continues to be impressed with the productivity of practices on the new artificial turf installed in the field house last May.

"It's a totally different atmosphere with the old astroturf out," Brooks said. 'You guys walked on it, it was like walking on sandpaper. Obviously you get a lot more quality practice work done with the new surface."

The Wildcats return to practice Wednesday morning. The first full scrimmage is set for Saturday

ERICA MEADE looked to the plate before letting go of a pitch for Prestonsburg over the weekend. Prestonsburg swept visiting Knott County Central in a doubleheader,

Calipari named NABC Coach of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari has been the named National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) National Co-Coach of the Year as announced by the organization on Sunday

Calipari led the Memphis Tigers to a 33-4 record and an appearance in the NCAA Sweet 16

marks the fourth-consecutive Georgia, led the Southeastern year Calipari directed his Conference in scoring. He squad to a 30-win campaign. He is the first coach in NCAA. Division I history to have fourstraight 30-win seasons.

In addition, Jodie Meeks was named a Second Team All-American NaismithI ives web's hottest basketball sites.

Meeks averaged 23.7 points and 3.4 rebounds per unmatched by anyone this game on the season. The

Memphis' 33-4 record junior guard from Norcross, scored at least 40 points in three games, including a 54point outburst against Tennessee in January.

> "Jodie Meeks was quite simply the most improved player in America," VaismithLives.com writer Adam Stanco. "And his ability to score quickly was

Crawford signs 10-day contract with Knicks

NEW YORK - The Knicks have signed free agent guard Joe Crawford to a 10-day contract. Crawford, a member of the Los Angeles D-Fenders, became the 18th

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GATORADE Call-Up of the 2008-09 NBA Development League season.

6-5, 210- the pounds, was selected in the second round of the 2008 NBA Draft by the Los Angeles Lakers with the 58th overall pick. The former University of Kentucky guard played with the Lakers during the 2008 preseason before being waived on Oct. 22. Crawford then signed with at 14 players.

NBA Development League's Los Angeles D-Fenders and averaged 20.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.0 steals in 43 games.

Demetris Nichols' 10-day contract had expired and the club elected not to re-sign him. The Knicks roster stands

Bluegrass State Games announces 25th Anniversary

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - On March 18, the Get Healthy Kentucky Bluegrass State Games officially announced its 25th Anniversary. This year, the have 31 sporting events giving over 15,000 amateur athletes of all ages and skill lev-

a chance to compete, showcase their talents and receive state recognition. The mission of the Games is to provide the opportunity for all Jared Fogle, Subway.

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Speakers at the recent first press conference included: Sam Dunn, Bluegrass State Bluegrass State Games will Games Board Chairman; Bill Dexter, Executive Director -Office of Legal Affairs; Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry; Former Governor Martha Layne Collins; Downing, Brooks Chairman of the Lexington Area Sports Authority; and

Bluegrass Games Sports for 2009 will be 5K Run/Walk; Archery; Baseball - 7 & 8 Coach Pitch; Basketball; Bowling; Canoeing/Kayaking; Chess; Cornhole; Cycling; Cycling Trials; Disc Golf; Equestrian; Fencing; Flag Football; Golf; Lacrosse; Martial Arts; Miracle League Baseball; Mountain Biking; Raquetball; Sailing; Shooting; Soccer; Softball; Swimming; Table Tennis; Tee Ball; Tennis; Track and Field; Volleyball; Wrestling.

Tickets remain for KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Tickets are available for the 2009 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet, scheduled for Saturday, April 25 in the Bluegrass Ballroom at the Lexington Center. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each or \$475 for a table of 10. For more information about the banquet or to order tickets, please contact Butch Assistant

Commissioner at the KHSAA at bcope@khsaa.org or 859-299-5472.

Upcoming Events: April 19-KHSAA Officials Award Banquet, Lexington; April 25-Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington; April 26-Sportsmanship Winners Banquet, Lexington;

May 21-23- Boys' and Tournament, Boone Tennis. Center, Lexington; May 21-23- Boys' and Girls' State Track Meet at the University of Louisville, Louisville.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the

agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and pri-State Tennis vate, The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.



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Mail, fax or email resume to: Big Sandy Health Care, Inc. 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Fax: (606) 886-8548 Email: I.martin@bshc.org

Big Sandy Health Care, Inc. is an EOE BSHC serves all persons regardless of race, color age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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C.A. No. 08-CI-1546 Big Branch Holding Company, LLC ATY TI Petitioner

Mont & Mima Ousley Heirs:

Sylvia Crum; Oscar Ousley Heirs; Biddy Prater Heirs; Nonnie Bradley Heirs; Sarah Ousley Heirs; Lisha Reffett Heirs; Lila Ousley Heirs; Lela Ousley Campbell Heirs; Unknown Heirs, of Sina Davis; Lee Bradley and Mary Lou Bradley; Mimia Howard and Monroe Howard; Jennifer Lee Ousley; Donnie Ousley and Rebecca Ousley; Mary Emma Ousley; Berley Edward Ousley; Ronald Campbell; Joe Bradley and JoAnn Bradley; Lelia Lemay; Leo Bradley and Mary Sue Bradley; Betty Reffitt; Harold Reffett; Sylvia F. Schneider; Nelva Hawks; Mona G. Ewalt; James L. Davis; Burchell Davis, Sr.; Virgil Davis; Elizabeth Ann Dyer; Jennifer L. Bolton; Regina Dyer; Destry K. Shepherd; Christian R. Shepherd; Douglas Shepherd; Claudene Rice and Jerry Rice; Lila DeRossett; Eva Marie Baldridge and Andrew Baldridge; Henry H. Reffitt; Herbert Dale Reffitt and Janice Reffitt; Loretta Martin and Jimmy D. Martin; Myrtle Reffitt; Arnold Ray Reffitt; Jeanetta Sue Boyer and Roger Boyer; Mont Campbell and Rexine Campbell; Adrian Bradley; Sally Rosellen Bradley Kessie; James Andrew Bradley and Rose Marie Rife Bradley; Ronald Bradley and Jacki Lee Robinson Bradley; Johanna L. Bradley Silveus; Renis Baldridge and Arthur Baldridge; Judith Gunnels and Jesse Gunnels; Ida Mae Parker; Maggie Allen and Bill Allen; Taylor Prater and Connie Prater; Washington Miller; Rickey Bradley and Mary Bradley; James Prater and Vickey Prater; Ric Hernandez and Lori J. Hernandez; Kathryn Ousley Peoples; Sarah Ousley Rudder; April Ousley; Tommie Reffitt; Dormal Ousley; Mavis Spriggs; Alma Jean Kost; Miley Ousley and Betty Ousley; Ella Rae Bradley; Sheila Crowe; Renae Myrtle McCartney; Avella Lynch; Debra Click Walters: Beecher Ousley; Delano Ousley; Bonnie Ousley; Phyllis Ann Rice and Jack Rice; Donnie Ousley and Rebecca Ousley; Danny Ousley and Glenda Ousley; David Randall Ousley and Jennifer Lee Ousley; Dixie Adkins, Anna Bradley, Arville Slone and Don Slone; Loretta Hurd and Jim Hurd; Arnold Ousley and Marceline Ousley; Darcus Barnette and Guy Barnette; Hermal Ousley and Rita Ousley; Dallas Ousley and Madgie Mae Ousley; Illa Dunlap and Willis Dunlap; Ray Reffitt; Eva Baldridge and Andrew Jack Balddridge; Juanita Bradford and Paul Bradford; Ina Mae Thornsbury; Gene Randall Frasure; Bill Reffitt; Dexter Reffitt; Ronnie Campbell and Peggy Campbell; Jeanie Caudill and James Caudill; Etta Scott; All unknown heirs of any of the above-named persons, and their unknown spouses;

Respondents

NOTICE OF PETITION REQUESTING SALE OF JOINTLY OWNED PROPERTY

I have been appointed by the Floyd. Circuit Court to attempt to locate and notify heirs of Mont and Mima Ousley of an action pending in the Floyd Circuit Court that concerns surface property on Wilson Branch and Spring Branch of Caney Fork of Middle Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky. The Petitioner, Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, owns a 2/11 undivided interest in this property, and the Mont and Mima Ousley heirs collectively own 9/11 undivided interest in this property. Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, is asking the court to sell this property because it cannot be divided among the many current owners (the petition lists in excess of 80 Mont and Mima Ousley Heirs) and because of its configuration.

Please be aware that I am not your attorney. I was appointed only to notify you of this pending action. If you are an heir of Mont and Mima Ousley, or an heir of any of the persons named above, then you may need an attorney to answer this petition on your behalf. You may request a copy of the petition from the Floyd Circuit Clerk. If you choose to answer the petition yourself, you should mail it to (1) Floyd Circuit Clerk, Justice Center, 127 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, and (2) Martin L. Osborne, Counsel for the Petitioner, Osborne & Heaberlin, 119 East Court Street, 2nd Floor,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Thomas W. Moak, Warning Order Attorney Houses

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Apartment for rent. 1 or 2 br. Furnished including utilities. Located Prestonsburg. Call 886-8366.

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1 br Apartment for rent. Located on old 114 behind the area / Office space for Prestonsburg.. No pets and no HUD. Call 606-205-9510

> Apartment for rent.Ground level. Storage room connected. Appliances and central heat and air. Couple only. No pets. Also have a 2 br 1 bath house for rent. Yard / gar-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, applica-

tion for a permit to operate a place of

entertainment, has been made by

Harold E. Meade. The name of the

proposed business of entertainment

is Coyote Den Inc. The nature of the

business will be Dancing-Bands-Pool

Tables-Beer by the Drink-Carryout

Beer and Wine Coolers; location is 2813 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd

County Attorney shall investigate

whether the applicant lacks good

moral character, or whether the appli-

cant will obey the laws of the

Commonwealth in the operation of

the business, or whether the appli-

cant, within the last two (2) years,

prior to the date of filing, the applica-

tion has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person

desiring to oppose the permits shall

file with the County Clerk, no later than April 16, 2009, in writing, allega-

tions that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said

written information shall be signed,

dated and reflect the current address

of said person providing the informa-

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hear-

ing has been scheduled for April 16,

2009, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as

soon thereafter as same can be heard

Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County

Justice Center, 2nd floor, in

Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge-Executive shall hear

evidence in support of or in opposition

HON. KEITH BARTLEY

Floyd

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to the granting of the permit.

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den, porch / steps. Central heat and air. No pets. Call 874-2238. New Allen.

Houses for Rent

For Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath lots of cabinets, FR, LR and utility room @ Valley View Estates @ Langley. \$650. a Hardwood flooring month plus deposit. Call after 6:00 pm. Call 285-9694.

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FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the installation of voice, data and security monitoring systems for the Magoffin County Health Department, will be received by the Magoffin County Health Department, 723 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky until 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, April 20, 2009, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Please mark clearly on envelope appropriate Bid. No.

Bids are desired for the following branches of work:

Bid No. 1. - Installation of wiring and data network, television coax runs.

Bid No. 2. - IP Office Telephone sets.

Bid No. 3. - Termination of wiring for voice and data network, television coax runs.

Bid No. 4. - Installation of Monitored Security System.

Bid No. 5. - Installation of Access Control System.

Bid No. 6. - Voice Over IP Communication System.

Bid No. 7. - Installation of Security Cameras.

Bid No. 8. - Installation of Polycom Video Conference Unit.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Contract, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Magoffin County Health Department,

723 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, KY 41465. Requests for bid information can be made by contacting Brenda Powers at

606-886-2374 or by email at Brenda.Powers@bigsandy.org The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Bids may be awarded as individual contracts or as one contract to

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Sections 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246 and Title VI. Minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days after the actual date of the bid opening thereof.

Federal and State Wage Rates DO APPLY to this project.

Joann Arnett, Chairperson Magoffin County Health Department

"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY"

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES **NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS**

NATURAL GAS FACTS

Natural gas is lighter than air, non-toxic and contains no poisonous ingredients. Breathing natural gas is not harmful as long as there is adequate air to breath along with it. Natural gas will not burn by itself. Combustion can occur only when there is a mixture of gas and air containing between 5 percent and 15 percent natural gas and between 95 percent and 85 percent air. Because of its unique qualities of being lighter than air with a narrow band of combustion, natural gas is one of the safest energy sources available. It is also one of the most economical sources. Understanding and following safety procedures will make natural gas an even safer choice.

THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF NATURAL GAS

Gas accidents can be avoided if you understand the potential hazards.

Natural gas can be a fire hazard, if you let it. Don't let it. A very hot stove, open flame or pilot light can ignite any combustible materials that happen to be near. Keep paper, curtains, paints. solvents.,etc.. away from gas appliances.

Natural gas can be ignited by open flames or sparks. That's why un-burned natural gas should never be allowed to escape into a room. A spark, flame, lit match or cigarertte, even the flick of a light switch may be enough to cause an explosion.

(3) CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Even though natural gas itself isn't poisonous, gas burners that aren't adjusted properly can produce deadly carbon monoxide. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but it's a killer. To avoid its dangers, always make sure that any natural gas appliances in your home are properly adjusted and vented to the outside..so they'll burn safely and efficiently.

(4) SUFFOCATION

Natural gas can cause suffocation if it replaces air containing oxygen. (Only air that has oxygen can sustain life.) This is another reason why natural gas should never be allowed to leak from appliances or build up in an enclosed area or room.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON SENSE SAFETY RULES... IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE SAFE GAS APPLIANCES AND TO USE GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY!!!

(I) KEEP COMBUSTIBLES such as papers, fluids, paints, curtains and rags away from furnaces, water heaters and gas ranges

(2) TEACH CHILDREN never to light or play with the controls of any gas appliances.

(3) KEEP PILOT LIGHTS of your gas range lit. If you put them out to save energy, a dangerous gas build-up can occur if someone accidentally turns on the range.

(4) KEEP GAS RANGE CLEAN — make sure burner bowls are free of used matches, grease, paper, etc.

(5) AND, NEVER USE YOUR GAS RANGE to heat your home or apartment. This practice creates a serious fire hazard and

puts you and your family at risk from dangerous carbon monoxide fumes. (6) MAKE SURE APPLIANCES ARE VENTED — Natural gas needs air containing oxygen to burn safely and efficiently. Without enough air, dangerous carbon monoxide is produced. For this reason, always make sure that your gas furnace and water heater are vented to the outside of the building. If you re not sure your appliances are vented properly, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor or plumber.

(7) KEEP FLUES AND CHIMNEYS CLEAR — Have your fluepipe and chimney checked to make sure they're not blocked with debris such as nests, branches, or ivy. (Your heating contractor can inspect and clean fluepipes for you.)

(8) SIGNS OF POOR FLUE VENTILATION — Indoor wetness (condensation); unusual smell in your home that doesn't go away; sick houseplants; yellow or wavering appliance flames; soot in your home; pilot light that keeps going out.

CERTAIN OLDER GAS CONNECTORS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in the process used to join their tubing to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic- coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!

HOW DO I KNOW IF A GAS HAZARD EXISTS??? - YOUR SENSE OF SMELL SHOULD TELL YOU

(1) A GAS LEAK IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS! — Gas may leak from faulty appliances, broken pipes or broken mains. Make sure all members of your family know what to do if they smell gas.

(A) IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:

1) Do not light matches.

2) Do not turn lights on or off. 3) Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.

4) Do not use the telephone.

5) Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.

6) If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter the 7) Call the utility company or fire department from a nearby building or house. Do not use the telephone in your house.

8) Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.

9) Never take chances! If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION

Phone Number - 606-886-6871, Day or Night

Phone Number - 606-886-2900, Day or Night

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUTSIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING — Gas leaks outside are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:

I) A gas odor.

2) A blowing or hissing sound.

3) Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.

4) Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.

5) Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

6) Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.

If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES

1. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining and repairing their service lines.

2. If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.

3. Buried gas piping should be:

I. Periodically inspected for leakage.

II. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.

III. Repaired if any unsafe conditions are discovered. IV. Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.

4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand. Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.

1. Continuous patrolling of gas system. 2. Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.

3. Annual/ semi-annual leak surveys.

4. Immediate response to any reported problem. 5. Propert operation and maintenance of system

6. Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/ accidents. Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES

In accordance with federal and state regulations governing natural gas pipeline safety, Prestoneburg City's Utilities Commission is pursuing a damage prevention program to minimize accidents and/or disruptions that could involve its underground pipeline facilities. If you observe any type of construction or excavation, or if you plan to do any work requiring digging near a company pipeline, please call the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission so that we can send qualified personnel to locate and properly mark the exact location of the pipeline. Knowing the exact location of the underground pipeline will reduce the possibility of property and/or personal and financial loss to both parties.

David M. Ellis, Superintendent

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

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Natural Resource's

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br mobile home for rent. Located North of Prestonsburg. Deposit and references required. Call 889-0363.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0338 Amendment

No. 3 accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, Watergap Road Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County. amendment

add an additional 51.5 acres of surface disturbance and will add an 6.7 additional auger acres, making the total area within the permit boundary acres.

The amendment area is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon

Branch. The proposed amendment located on the David Wayland. Handshoe and U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Homer Ratliff. David Compton, D.Allen, Craig Hicks and Linda Prater. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Homer Ratliff and

has been filed for

The application

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public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources. Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office 3140 South Lake Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections,

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

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5496 Renewal

(1) În accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FCDC Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for underground coal mining operation, located 0.75 mile north of Dana, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.84 surface acres, and 1175.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1182.17

(2) The proposed operation approximately 3.2

miles south from U.S. 23's junction with County Road 1426, and located 0.00 miles west of Prater Creek. The latitude 37º33'51". The lon-

gitude is 82º41'40" (3) The proposed operation is located Harold the U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn

Mining Company. The application will underlie land owned by Sophie & Adkins, Donald and George Ann Adkins, Norman & Mae Martin, Herman Conn. James Johnson. Bailey Crum, Mexico Spears, Jim and Gertrude Sammons, Mousie Dingus, Allan Fred Conn, Brice Presley, Estate, Conn Kenneth Spears, Emmin & Cynthia Akers, Jr., John D. and Emodel A. Boyd, James & Williams, Bertha George Newsome, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company. Jimmy Akers, Harry Ruth Crum,

Richard Sammons, Edward & Doris Robinson, Bennie Edward Boyd. Newsome, David Akers, John Hall, Joyce Hall, and Beverly & Mullins, Herbert & Lettie Mae Cordial, Ella Jarrell, Jackie & Geraldine Jarrell, Ralph and Ruth Slone, Daniel Artis Allen W. Eula Ray Akers, Francis Akers. James & Akers, Bertha Williams, Creek Community Park, Lee Akers, George Newsome

Columbia Gas Co. Jay & Erma Crum, Bill & Peggy Solomon, and Thurman Akers. (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at Department Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. Written comments objections, or requests for a perconference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5497 Renewal

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(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055 notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located southeast Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.77 surface acres, and underlie 1,400.16 acres,

and the total area

within the permit boundary will be 1,406.93 acres. (2) The proposed operation approximately 1.5 mile southeast from Ky Rt. 979's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Creek. Branham The latitude is 37º28'24". The longitude is 82º37'55" (3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is tion will underlie 41653, has applied owned by for renewal of a Martin, permit for an Darrin & Roy Kidd, underground coal Oliver & Mildred mining and recla-Newman, Oliver mation operation, Newman, Jake located mile northeast of Drift, in Akers, Oscar & King, Floyd County. The Leonard & Mildred operation disturbs Mary 2.59 surface acres, Newman, William & and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69. (2) The operation

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Pearl Justice. Kinnis Tackett, Ira B. Stephens, K.C. Rogers. Dean Akers, Lee & Lizzie Alley, Jessie Stephens, Lizzie McKinney, and Jack & Patsy King, and Willis Newman. .(4) The applica-

tion has been filed for public inspec-Department Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY comments, objections or requests

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5503

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0326 Amendment No.

accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teavs Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has filed for an amendment to an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie in Floyd County. amendment proposes to add 31.51 acres and delete 7.74 acres of surface disturbance area for a total area within the permit boundary of 99.18

approximately 1.70 miles southeast from State Route 80's junction with State Route 680 and located 0.50 miles west Turkey Creek The proposed amendment located on Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation uses the

amendment area is

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area method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment owned by The Elk Horn Coal LLC. Company, Eugene Mullins, Lee and Lizzie Wallen Estate, and

Larry Collett. The amendment application been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources-Prestonsburg Office, Regional

3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, requests for a perconference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, Hudson Complex, U.S. 127

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE [1] Pursuant to Application Number 836-5493

Amendment

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In accordance with KRS 350.070. notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc, North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2 miles southeast of Teaberry in Floyd County. The amendment add 0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional acres making total area of 798.78 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area' is approximately 0.25 miles Southeast from KY 979 s junction with Tinker Fork County Road and located 2 miles east of Big Mud Creek. amendment will land underlie owned by Donald Ray & Alpha Jean Hamilton, Emmitt Hamilton, Rodney & Sandra Howell, Freda Johnson, Mary Lou Bentley Elmer Howell. Hamilton and Larry

& Betty Jo Tackett.

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The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits. Hollow, Hudson -U.S. 127 South, Frankfort

Kentucky 40601. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5496 Renewal

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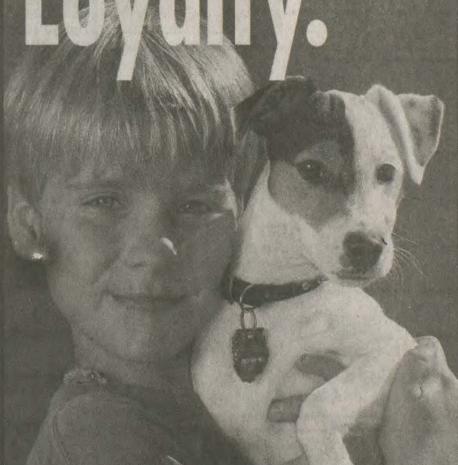
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'Boone at Noon' marks birthday

RICHMOND Boonesborough State Park kicked off its "Boone at Noon" program Saturday, April 11, to help commemorate the 275th anniversary of explorer Daniel Boone's birth.

Once a month, from April through September, the park near Richmond will have a 30-45 minute presentation on Daniel Boone or a topic related to his family and the exploration of Kentucky. The programs are included with fort admission.

The April 11 event featured Jerry Raisor, the park's curator, who will discuss "Daniel Boone and Land Acquisition." The other programs are:

May 2: Pam Eddy, park ranger-historian, Cumberland Gap National Park, "Daniel Boone and the Cumberland

June 27: Jim Caudill, local historian, will be presenting his program "A Boone Related Flintlock Rifle." Caudill has a gun built by Daniel Boone Bryan, a nephew of Daniel Boo

July 11: Paul Tierney, park naturalist at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, will speak on "Daniel Boone at

Blue Licks." Aug. Boonesborough's Fort Manager, Bill Farmer, will present "Boone - The Natural

Sept. 5: Jessie Mains, 18th Century longhunter reenactor will present, "Daniel Boone and the Longhunters."

All of these programs will be held behind the Fort at the half-face shelter, weather permitting. They will be inside the orientation block house in case of rain.



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Easing the acid load

by SANDY MILLER HAYS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

It's funny to think of finding inspiration in a muffler shop, but that's what

When you think of great advertising campaigns, ones that have real impact on people, you might think of slogans like "Mmmm, mmmmm, good," "It's the real thing," or "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh, what a relief it is."

But there are other advertisements that can make big a difference in someone's life, too, even if they're less well known. I'll never forget a poster I once saw in an optometrist's office. It showed a very blurry photograph of a typical elementary school playground, and the message at the bottom said, "This is how Tommy sees. This is how Tommy thinks everybody sees."

In other words, get your child's eyes checked, because he or she may not realize that their bad eyesight isn't normal!

Another one-the one I saw in a muffler shop--was simply an X-ray of a human spine, with the tag line below: "Limit one per customer."

Much as we like to fool ourselves that there's a pill to fix every physical ailment, the truth is that when it comes to your body, it's still "limit one per customer." And the structure that holds it all together, that makes it possible for us to stand and sit and move, is our bones.

If you're a regular reader of this column, you know I have an obsession with bone health, for good reasons. Osteoporosis is rampant on both sides

(See SCIENCE, page six)

POISON OAK

Dogwood legend

by CLYDE PACK

Since this coming Sunday will be the first Sunday after the first full moon, after the first day of spring, it's Easter. And as far as I can tell—at least as of his writing—there's not a dogwood tree in bloom anywhere in eastern Kentucky.

Personally, regardless of what the calendar says, until I see dogwoods in



Clyde Pack

bloom, spring hasn't really arrived. Probably the best-known harbinger of the season. it's little wonder that North Carolina and Virginia have chosen the dogwood as their state flower.

Anyway, with Easter Sunday just four days away, I thought it would be apropos for this week's column to use a little poem I ran across a few years ago, and keep handy for just such an occasion. The poet is unknown, but it's entitled: "The Legend of the Dogwood," and goes as follows:

"When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew

To a towering size with lovely hue. Its branches were strong and interroven

For Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.

Being distressed at the use of this wood,

Christ made a promise which still

holds good.
"Not ever again shall the dogwood

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Slender and twisted it shall always

(See OAK, page five)

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APPALACHIAN WOMEN

Bertha Prater: A life well-lived

by DR. SANDRA PRATER

Recently I visited my family in Eastern Kentucky, and I was privileged to talk in-depth to three women who have lived all or most of their lives near Middle Creek in Floyd County. I was struck by the humility of these women who have all lived through hard times, but do not complain. Their ages range from 79 to 90.

Although there are common threads running through each of their lives, each woman's story has unique aspects. It is my wish to capture the goodness and gentility of each of them.

Bertha Prater

My "Aunt Berthie" is the daughter of Lewis and Suzanne (Watson) Shepherd. She turned 80 on December 11, 2008. She was one of ten children raised on Ruff 'n Tuff near David. Her three sisters have passed on, and she has lost four of her brothers, two in the past 12 months, including Gordie, who was only 64. These recent losses so close together hit her hard, but she has bounced back and was her usual merry self when I saw her recently.

She began our conversation with a story of my maternal grandmother, Laurie (Hicks) Prater. Laurie was the mother of my mother, Ruth, and Bertha's husband, Kenneth. Bertha laughed as she remembered that Laurie would approach the table at someone's house, spy a dish that looked appealing to her, and say she just wanted to "taste it." She would take a bite, then another, then another, until she had eaten a helping. We figured that this way, Laurie could pretend to herself that she had not eaten very much of the dish she could not resist. My own mother, who like her mother had a healthy appetite, also employed the same

Bertha also told me a story about my mother. She and my mother

were both pregnant at the same time in 1948, each with her first child. Bertha had chosen the name Sandra Lynn if her baby was a girl. Ruth gave birth first, and Bertha was shocked when she received the birth announcement in the mail. Ruth had named her daughter Sandra Lynn! Now Bertha did not know what to call her baby if it were a girl. As luck would have it, she did deliver a girl, and she said "the poor baby was born without a name." She was quite upset, and Kenneth came to the rescue. He named his first-born Susan Laura after her two grandmothers, a beautiful recovery, I

would say. Bertha speaks lovingly of her family life growing up. She and her sisters "kept the kitchen up" and did the family's laundry. She washed clothes on a washboard, and she used soap made from the hogs which her father raised on their farm. Her mother used the "clean fat' from the hogs to make soap for washing dishes and taking baths, and she used the fat from the hog intestines to make soap for washing the clothes. In addition to hogs, the Shepherds raised sheep, cattle, and chickens, and they owned horses. They grew corn in their garden to make fodder for feeding the live-

stock.

Bertha says that Sears and Roebuck helped her parents raise their 10 children. Lewis was a trustworthy man and had a charge account with Sears which was unusual at that time. When his kids needed clothes for school in the fall, Lewis and Suzanne would order the clothes and charge them until the spring when their animals would bear offspring. Lewis would sell the young animals and get enough money to pay his bill with Sears and Roebuck.

Bertha recalled the "Hoover Days" when he "almost starved the country to death." After the Depression, President Roosevelt started the "Happy Pappy" program, and her father was lucky enough to get a job working on road-building. On pay day Lewis would ride his red horse home, and he would have a bag of stick candy. He would give the bag to her mother, and Suzanne would handle the distribution.

would handle the distribution.

Bertha described her father as a "talented man" who would dehorn cattle, castrate male animals, and shoe horses to make extra money. She remembers his workshop (forge) where he worked on his

horse-shoeing trade.

Bertha's mother, Suzanne, had all her babies at home. Dr. Davis from Prestonsburg came for the births of the last three (Bertha and two of her brothers). Lewis would get in his wagon, hook up his team, and go to town to get the doctor who would stay up all night waiting for the delivery. One week after their births, the babies would be lying in the shade of a tree awaiting feeding from Suzanne who was hoeing corn in the field.

The babies in Bertha's family wore dresses. Her mother would set the corner of the bed on the baby's dress tail so that he or she wouldn't get burned at the fireplace.

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When Bertha started school, her uncle, Bob Shepherd, was her teacher. When Bob was only three weeks old, his parents were killed. Bertha's parents had been married less than a month, but they took Bob in and raised him. Bertha remembers that Bob called her mother, Suzanne, "mom," but he called her dad "Lewis." He knew that Lewis was his brother. Bob grew up and received his degree from Berea College (as did I).

Bob was the teacher in the oneroom school at Ruff 'n Tuff when Bertha started first grade there. She thought that her uncle was especially hard on her. Although her parents were not interested in formal education, Bertha walked two and a half miles to school each day one way.

She completed eighth grade and rode the bus to high school in Prestonsburg. She left her house before daylight and walked to the bus stop at the mouth of Middle Creek. She did not have a flashlight, and her walk to the bus stop took her by Norman Shepherd's house where dogs would bark and scare her. She would walk to the bus stop in an old pair of shoes, then change into better ones before she boarded the bus. She left the old pair on a ledge until she got off the bus in the afternoon. She attended high school for two and a half years before she dropped out. She had tonsillitis and eventually her tonsils were removed by Dr. George Archer. Although I expressed chagrin that she was so close to finishing, Bertha seems to accept the way that her formal education was terminated.

My Uncle Kenneth, Bertha's husband, dropped out of school in third grade because his help was needed at the family sawmill and to help with chores. Bertha took care of all the business matters in their household. She paid the bills, handled insurance, and did the banking and marketing. I remarked that this was unusual in those days for the wife to handle those responsibilities, and she answered that she had more education than her husband, and it seemed a natural way for them to handle their affairs. I can imagine that perhaps some of their relatives might have made comments about their way of doing business, but I don't think either of them saw it as unusual.

Bertha attends church regularly and is the "older woman," as she says, who listens to the younger women and their problems. She pets them and lets them cry on her shoulder when necessary. She genuinely loves them, and she said she wishes she had an older woman when she needed love. I wish she had, too.

(See WOMEN, page three)

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Strides: Lions Walk for **Diabetes Awareness**

The first annual Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness will be held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on April 25 at 9 a.m. A \$10 donation to "Kentucky Lions District 43Y" is suggested.

Net proceeds will benefit Camp Hendon, a camp for children with diabetes.

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1969 will hold a class reunion on September 5, at Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge. Dinner will be from 6 p.m., till 8 p.m., in the dining room in lower level. The reunion will be upstairs behind check-in desk at lobby, from 5 till 11:30 p.m. Hope everyone will be able to

P.S. If reservations are needed, the number for May Lodge is 1-800-325-0142.

Betsy Layne High School class reunions, Sat., June

Betsy Layne High School Reunion classes of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s will be Saturday, June 20th. Call for additional information, Joe Hinchman, 859-373-0518, or Marvin Williamson, 606-478-

Arnett Singing Family to be at Freewill Baptist April 12, Easter Sunday

The Arnett singing family will be at the Freewill Baptist Church, in West Prestonsburg, Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist "A Picture of Calvary"

Easter Sunday, April 12 "A Picture of Calvary," a powerful program of drama and music that will answer your questions of who Jesus Christ is and why He had to *die, will be presented at the Katy Friend Baptist Church located at Abbott Creek Road, Sunday, April 12, at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend, admission is free.

Middle Creek Auxiliary "Clothes giveaway"

Sponsored by Middle Creek Womens Auxiliary. Free clothes will be given to anyone in need, on the following days, times, and location.

Friday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Location: Old Middle Creek Fire Department.

For more information, call: Dearl Faye Holbrook, 886-8481; Terri Dickerson, 889-0123, after 2:30 p.m.

Joyous Junk sale May 8th and 9th

All proceeds go toward the home repair fund. Locaed at the Auxier Center, 21 South River Street. For more information, call 606-886-0709.

An Eveing of Gospel Music at Mountain Arts Center

An evening of gospel music featuring the Barrett Family and the McKameys will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsurg, at 7 p.m. For ticket information, contact 1-888-622-2787.

> Duff Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be every Wednesday, from 9:00-12:00 at James A. Duff Elementary. Call the school at 358-9420 or 358-9878 for the required items necessary for kindergarten registration.

"Run For the Son 2009" Saturday, May 2nd

The Ransomed Riders of Paintsville, invite the motorcycling community and you, to "Run For the Son 2009". Ride out and join us Saturday, May 2nd, at the Sonic Drive-In, Paintsville, for a 100-mile ride and bike show.

Price for participation is only \$15.00 for singles or doubles. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., Bike Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the Ride-out will be 1:00 p.m., rain or

Trophies will be awarded in 10 separate classes, plus specialty trophies and door prizes will be given away.

"Run For the Son" is a mission of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. All proceeds go toward Christian

Higher education begins here

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Tutoring Learning, College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old

Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.

For more information about the times and locations of

these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Highlands Regional Medical Center

Community Calendar April 2009 **GED Classes**

April 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th

Floyd Room, Highlands Regional Medical Center, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

GED Classes

April 14th, 21st, 28th Floyd Room, Highlands Regional Medical Center, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Veterans Administration April 10th

Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00

Senior Advantage

April 14th Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00

Diabetes Education

April 18th Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Blood Drive**

April 30th Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information concerning the support groups, please contact: Highlands Educational Services 1-606-886-Department at

Floyd County Luncheon programs Garden Pro Series

Location: Floyd County Extension Service, 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes Toyota).

Time: All sessions will be from 12-1 p.m. Lunch will be

provided.

April 9—Home Lawns The purpose of this program is to help residents gain the knowledge and skills needed to maintain the home lawn,

garden, and landscape.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information. Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, e-mail: patricia 466@hot-

mail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 2 and 7, 1999)

The U.S. Department of Justice has OK'ed a grant of \$225,000 to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to fund three additional enforcement officers over a three-year period

The Kentucky Revenue Cabinet is providing extended individual income tax assistance service by telephone, from April 5 through April

Floyd County students brought home honors from the Kentucky High School Speech League Junior State Speech Tournament at Western Kentucky University, March 12-13

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn is going to have to let his wife go-from her job as a deputy sheriff, that is, if an opinion by the County's Ethics Commission has any merit A garbage pile at Wheelwright City Hall was

collected during the city's spring cleanup week. As much as 12 to 15 truck loads of garbage have already been hauled away by county

McDowell Elementary student Dustin Hunter met the Easter Bunny during a recent egg hunt sponsored by the Floyd County Area Technology Center

When Mark McLemore took over as the new manager at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Thursday, he was returning home. "This is coming home," McLemore said at a reception hosted by park employees. "I look forward to getting involved with the park and with Prestonsburg

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said 60 to 70 persons are already slated to be in the county on June 1, to begin work on improving housing for low-income area residents. Most of them are from the Appalachia Service Project of Johnson City,

After an executive session during a specialcalled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Wednesday, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said he and the county commissioners are willing to pay \$15,000 for the Wheelwright gym, with some strings attached

After being lifted for a couple of days, the ban against burning in Floyd County has been reinstated by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt

State work crews are ganging up on potholes this week. Through Friday, motorists are encouraged to turn in their favorite pothole

The Central Kentucky Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot, at Prestonsburg Village, on Monday, April 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

Spring has sprung, and so have building projects throughout the City of Prestonsburg. Last year was the biggest year for the number of construction projects within city limits, and this year is already showing signs that it's going to be another big year, according to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin

As workers hammered nails at the site of the new Citizens National Bank (Bank Josephine), Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin signed a proclamation, Tuesday, declaring International Building Safety Week in Prestonsburg, April 4-10, in conjunction with the national observance

Despite requests from Prestonsburg High School supporters for speedier action on athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd, the Floyd County Board of Education, at Monday night's special-called session, decided to look at the situation more carefully, before taking any action

Air Force Lt. Col. Paul C. Ackerman, son of Margaret S. Ackerman of Prestonsburg, deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Northern Watch, is helping enforce the No-Fly Zone over northern Iraq..Lon May, Floyd County's Flood Plain Coordinator's job is to protect us from ourselves, to save us from regrets later on, and to keep us high and dry

Opportunities for area businesses to do business with the Bureau of Prisons will be among issues addressed by the BOP staff during their visit to Floyd County on April 22

There died: Virgil McGuire, 75, of Jeffersonville, February 25, at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington; Marvin Akers, 86, of Berea, Tuesday, March 30, at the Rockcastle County Hospital; Namon Akers, 88, of Banner, Wednesday, March 31, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Billy Powers, 69, of Auxier, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Willie James Elliott, 86, of Harold, Wednesday, March 31, at McDowell ARH; Lowana Jarrell Bearden, 58, of Dana, March 30, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Ivel Ratliff, 72, of McDowell, Wednesday, March 31, at the Hazard ARH; Martha Hamilton Duricka, 80, of Lackey, Tuesday, March 30, at Hazard ARH; Larry Noble Anderson, 58, of Hamilton, Ohio, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Goldie Shelton, 84, of Virgie, Tuesday, March 30, at her residence; Howard W. (Fred) Stumbo, 76, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of McDowell, Wedenesday, March 31, at his residence; Jo Ann Homes Hunter, 69, formerly of Prestonsburg, March 9; Lucy Patrick McHone, 90, of Chelsea, Michigan, Saturday, April 3, at Stockbridge Country Manor, in Michigan; Betty Page Johnson, 63, of Georgetown, formerly of Dwale, Wednesday, March 31, at St.

Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Elmer Watkins, 65, of Ivel, Thursday, April 1, at Ivel; Randell Lee (Tad) Boyd, 56, of Martin, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Curtis Bartley, 80, of Prestonsburg, Monday, April 5, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Mitchell Lee Campbell, 54, of Garner, Friday, April 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wyoma Tackett, 83, of Hi Hat, Thursday, April 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 5, 1989)

In a scene that seemed straight out of a movie script, a fight in Floyd Circuit Court, Friday, resulted in the stabbing of Woody Gene Jarrell, 28, and the arrest of Russell Jarrell, 54

Peggy and James Howell woke up with a jolt, early Tuesday morning, as tornado-like winds whipped their mobile home off its foundation and wrenched its skirting

The defense attorney for convicted murderer Oakie Bevins has filed, in Greenup County Circuit Court, for a hearing to re-plead the Floyd County man's death sentence

Allen Council members dismissed city polce officer Arthur Shepherd, just two weeks after employing him, after a background check indicated that Shepherd had been arrested for speeding and possession of marijuana

There died: Marie Maggard Adkins, 71, of Martin, March 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rosemary Horn Brown, 55, former Hueysville resident, April 1, in Indiana; Malissie Collins, 89, of Ohio, March 28, in Ohio; Victor "Bud" Keathley, 44, of Michigan, March 23, in Michigan; Ralph Salisbury, 71, of Michigan, March 20, in Michigan; William Taulby Slone, 78, of Prestonsburg, April 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago Unavailable.

Forty Years Ago (April 3, 1969)

Its pilot Middle Creek project financed for the year by \$20,000 appropriation from the Appalachian Regional Commission—the Floyd County Soil Conservation District has submit-

ted a new proposal for a bigger undertaking of the same nature. The new project is to include an area of approximately 17,000 acres, and has asked for \$125,000 to carry out the improvement plan

have asked the Floyd Circuit Court for relief after having been denied benefits by the Kentucky Workmen's Compensation Board Purchase of the D.&D. Food market by

they suffer occupation-connected lung disease

Two Floyd County mineworkers who claim

Williamson Piggy Wiggly Inc., was announced here, Tuesday

U.S. Judge Mac Swinford, Tuesday, upheld a \$7,231,356 judgement awarded to South East Coal Co., Irvine, Ky., in a case tried last Floyd County Farmers last year, received a

total of \$104,067 through participating in the several programs conducted in the county under the agricultural conservation program When Prestonsburg's new low-rent housing

complex, Indian Hills, opened to occupants, March 22, its 42 units were quickly filled, and 95 families were left on the waiting list

The layoff at Kentucky Appalachian Industries (KAI) which became effective Tuesday, is only temporary, The Times was told

There died: William A. Cook, 81, on Topmost; Mrs. Edith Hays, 47, formerly of Garrett, at her home at Grand Rivers, Ky.; Robert Adkins, 71, of Hueysville, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin; Mrs. Mannie Davis, 57, of Hippo, at the home of a daughter at Dema; Calvin P. Herrick, 67, father of Calvin Herrick Jr., of Prestonsburg, at Hollywood, Fla.; George W. Jones, 72, at his home at Manton; Buck Moore, 85, of McDowell, at the

Fifty Years Ago (April 9, 1959)

Negotiations at Washington, between the United Mine Workers and truck coal operators of eastern Kentucky, apparently were headed for a breakdown, Wednesday. The conference was foundering on the unyielding stand taken by both sides on contract terms. The chief bone of contention between the truck operators and

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Women

During difficult times in her life, both medical and personal, her faith has seen her through.

Bertha is a great example of a life well-lived. She was a dutiful daughter and a faithful wife and has been a loving mother to her three children. She has been a regular church goer all her adult life. She is cheerful, smart, and funny, and she is a wonderful cook. She makes gingerbread, chocolate pies, cornbread, soup beans, greens, and delicious soups. She is honest and straight-forward in her dealings with others. Relatives from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Boyd County, Kentucky, attended her birthday party on a snowy December day, and she was gracious and humble when she

discovered the "little spaghetti dinner" was actually a party in her honor.

Bertha Shepherd Prater was born and raised in Ruff 'n Tuff hollow. When life has been rough on her, she has been tough and stood her ground. With typical Eastern Kentucky resilience, she has retained her great sense of humor and her kind and generous heart and is an inspiration to all those who know her.

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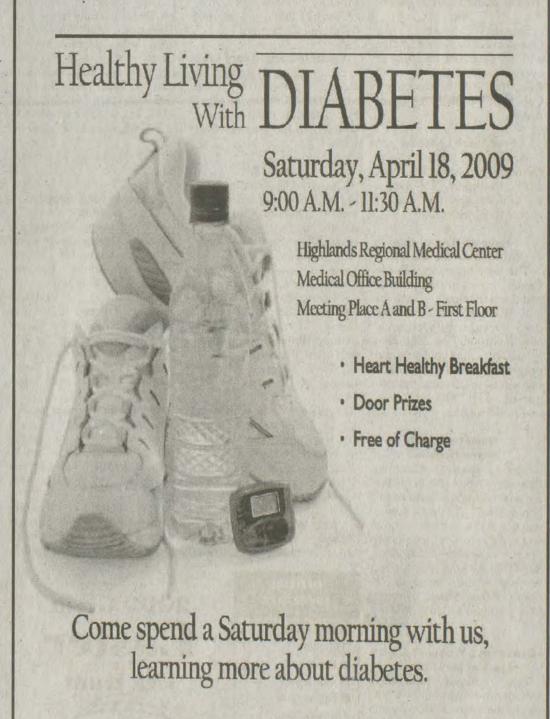
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REGIONAL

a protective wage clause. Closing of the mines has idled—7,000 workers

Senator John Sherman Cooper proposed, last week, that a home garden program be started immediately for needy families

A concerted move throughout the Big Sandy Valley in Kentucky and Virginia, to convince congressional leaders of the need for action of flood control, is being prepared in advance of Washington hearings set for April 28 and 29

The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad expects to begin construction here, within the next two weeks, of a 50x80-foot building, which will serve it as permanent quarters

The offense of breaking and entering, one of the most common on Floyd court dockets, came to special attention by Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill. In his instructions to the grand jury, he recommended stiffer penalties and fewer proba-

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Spurlock, of Richmond, a son, on March 27. He has been named James Richard

There died: George Stratton, 76, of Betsy Layne, at his home; Mrs. Eliza Skeans Blackburn, 56, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday

home.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 7, 1949)

Circuit Judge W.B. Ardery has called for arguments in the \$2,000,000 Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company rate case, and has set the oral arguments for April 8, in circuit court in Frankfort

Recent creation of one new eastern Kentucky judicial district, and the reshuffling of others, including the 31st Review, caused a member of the not-partisan constitution commission, this week, to propose a constitutional amendment which will make a recommendation by the Court of Appeals necessary, before a new district can be created, or old boundary lines changed

At a fiscal court meeting, salaries were set for county officials as follows: County Judge \$4,200 a year; County Attorney, \$1,800, Jailer \$1,200; County Clerk, \$750. Unchanged are the tax levy figures: 50 cents per \$100 valuation on

the union, is a wage increase of \$2 per day, and at home; Johnnie Jenkins, 47, of Pyramid, at his real estate and personal property for the bond fund; \$1.50 poll tax; 20 cents on each \$100 cash value of bank stock; 1 per cent of the market value of crude oil produced in this county; 2 per cent tax on forest lands for fire protection

The work of relocating graves, now in the Johns Creek area, and reinterment of 718 bodies, will probably begin around May 15, it has been announced

There died: Mrs. Margery Harris Prater, 61, of Emma, at her home; Sgt. George Elliot Webb, 22, of Wayland, killed in action in Lorraine, France; Mrs. Annie Mae Lazar, 30 years old, of Estill.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 6, 1939)

Between 5,000 and 7,000 Floyd County miners were idle, this week, while mine workers' representatives were in futile parley with coal operators' delegates in New York, on the wage and hour scale

Miss Gertrue Knott, founder of the National Folk Song Festival, Washington, D.C., Monday,

heard a number of Floyd Countys' Plain-Song Chanters and singers of traditional hymns and ballads at the home of Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, render "mountain music," which she declares to be among the best in the land

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"I have examined school classes in first aid in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, and this is the best instructed class I have ever examined," H.L.H. McGuire, examiner for the U.S. Bureau of Mines, last week, told seventh and eighth grade students of the Weeksbury school, who had completed a first-aid course under the tutelege of Carl G. Ford, principal

For the ninth consecutive year, the Floyd Fiscal Court, Wednesday, approved the appropriation necessary for retention of services of County Agent S.L. Isbell

Thirty Prestonsburg businessmen and women will receive diplomas at a commencement banquet to be held at the Auxier Hotel, April 21, by the Mayo State Vocational School

There died: Mose Henderson, 26, of Clear Creek, at Beaver Valley Hospital; Willie Estep, 58, at the home of a daughter, at Garrett; Rev. V.D. Harman, 71, father of Dan Harmon, Wayland, at his home in Louisa.

Calendar

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. July 23, 2009

* Dying with dignity: Latestage dementia care and endof-life issues

* Paliative medical and behavioral care approaches Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

Auxier Community Center Free GED classes, Monday, 10 a.m.-12.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meet-

for group Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Free Bible Lessons

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

following schedule: Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m. Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from

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

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606)

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to Tuesday and Wednesday, from attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

UNITE

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

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

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

'Earn While You Learn' The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications

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for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Program Employment (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provid- 5 Stir-fry pan ed and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 15 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appoint-

GED classes are also avail-

Looking for a Support Group?

·Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic **Violence** Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

·Overeater's Anonymous -Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

·US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their fami-

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lies. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline 24-hour Crisis Line manned Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

·Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

·A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 Drive, North Lake Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or doslone@eastky.net.

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•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll

 East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers -Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-422-7927, or email to: 5147. Everyone welcome.

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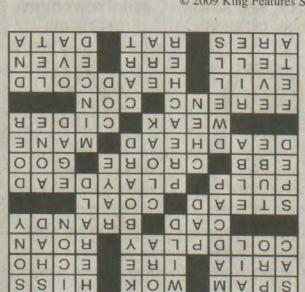
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Goodman selected for statewide KCTCS award

COVINGTON - Patricia for her singular accomplish-A. Goodman is one of three ments in organizational develemployees of Gateway Community and Technical College to be nominated for statewide recognition by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Goodman is a Floyd County native and a graduate and former employee of Prestonsburg Community College, now known as Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Goodman, dean of institutional research, planning and effectiveness at Gateway in Northern Kentucky, will be recognized during the annual New Horizons conference in May when she will be eligible to be named outstanding administrator for all of KCTCS.

"Being nominated for the New Horizons award is the highest honor an employee can receive from the college or the system," said G. Edward Hughes, GCTC president/CEO. "The selection process at GCTC is not easy, because we are fortunate to have highly talented faculty and staff in all departments. This year, Patricia stood out

opment, particularly in regard to accreditation and strategic planning.'

Goodman puts her background as a community college graduate to work guiding GCTC's institutional effectiveness activities. A native of Eastern Kentucky, Goodman joined Gateway in 2006 as dean of institutional research, planning and effectiveness. In 2008, she led a team of 69 GCTC employees through an intensive process that culminated in December with the college being awarded full regional accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools. As part of the strategic planning process, she also led the development of new cross-functional teams involving all employees and instituted a peer review process to assure con-

Goodman chairs Gateway's Institutional Effectiveness Council. Before joining Gateway, she served in faculty, staff and administrative leadership positions at Big Sandy Community and Technical College where she served most recently as director of institutional effectiveness.

Goodman is president of the Southeastern Association for Community College Research and is a member of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, the Kentucky Association for Institutional Research and the Society for College and University Planning. She is a graduate of the American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute, the KCTCS President's Leadership Seminar, and Leadership East Kentucky. Her community involvement includes prior

of the American Red Cross, the Eastern Kentucky Longterm Recovery Coordinating Committee, the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Council and its district board, and the Floyd County 4H Council. She was a member of the Prestonsburg Rotary Club from 1998 to 2005. Goodman has undergraduate degrees from Prestonsburg Community College and Sullivan University and an MBA from Morehead State University. She is on track to receive a Ph.D. in community college leadership from Walden University this summer. She resides in Union with her husband Sam and two chil-

Gateway also nominated Dr. Michelle Deeley Wilhite of Florence, associate professor of communications, and Nicole M. Stout Independence, senior adminising faculty and staff awards.



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With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see.

The petals shall have bloodstains marked in brown

And in the blossom's cener a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of

Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.

Protected and cherished this tree shall be

A reflection to all of my agony.'

And speaking of Sunday, along about the time I came across the above poem, one of our readers submitted a clipping from a West Virginia newspaper containing a column listing some "blue laws" (written to police the behiavior of citizens on the Sabbath) that are apparently still on the books.

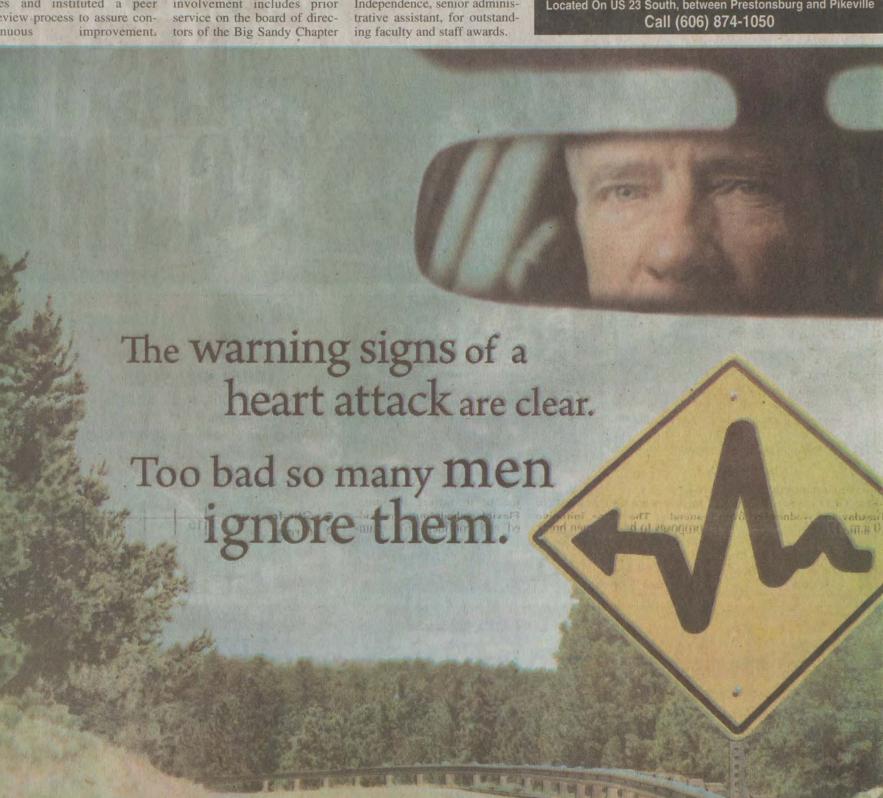
For example, in Wakefield, R.I., no one is allowed to attend a church service within four hours after having eaten garlic.

In Dyersburg, Tenn., women banned from using a tele phone on Sunday to ask a man

In Wadeville, N.C., citizens are enjoined against making ugly faces at dogs who may "freely roam" the community on Sunday.

In Marion, S.C., acrobats are forbidden to perform on church property on Sunday.

And finally, in Okanogan, Wash., people are not allowed to sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, and read the Sunday paper while church services are in session.



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of my family, and I have so many of the "risk factors"--age, race, red hair, fair skin, freckles--that they might as well go ahead and put my picture on the osteoporosis brochure.

So anytime there's new information about ways to protect and conserve bone (and muscle, for that matter), my ears perk up. And that's exactly what the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have been dishing up

Here's the latest: Our typical high-protein all-American diet could be harming our bones.

Diets that are high in protein, and low in fruits and veggies, lead to a mild acidosis as you age. That's because as protein metabolizes, it releases acids into the bloodstream in amounts that override the beneficial alkalinizing effect of the

potassium and bicarbonate in plant foods.

In a recent study, researchers funded by ARS studied the results from a group of 19 healthy individuals, all older than 50, who were on a controlled diet. To simulate the consumption of about 14 servings of fruits and veggies every day, nine of the participants received 3,510 milligrams daily of potassium bicarbonate in capsules. The other 10 participants received placebos.

After the volunteers had reached the maxis mum level of daily potassium bicarbonate or placebo capsules, the participants were put on either a 10-day low-protein diet or a 10-day highprotein diet, with a five-day "wash out" period in between. During the course of the study, every participant was on each diet at some point.

The researchers wanted to look at both an

alkali-producing diet (the folks who got the sume a lot of protein, you'll probably get the most potassium bicarbonate capsules) and an acid-producing diet (the folks who got the placebos). The researchers measured each participant's calcium absorption and measured certain markers of bone and muscle metabolism.

The results? When dietary protein intake went up, the folks who'd received the potassium bicarbonate had lower levels of urinary nitrogen excretion, an indication that they probably also had less muscle wasting. The group that got the potassium bicarbonate also had higher levels of IGF-1, a marker for both muscle and bone conservation, and of calcium absorption, a marker for bone conservation, on both of the protein diets, compared with the placebo group.

What does this mean for you? If you do con-

dietary benefit (and least negative impact) from the protein if you find a way to reduce the acid load that can accompany high protein consump-

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tion. The researchers didn't specifically test for this, but a simple way to counterbalance all that acid is with some good alkalinizing components in your diet -- in other words, more fruits and veg-

Turns out Mom was right again: Be sure to eat your vegetables!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in?house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more discoveries ARS http://www.ars.usda.gov/news.



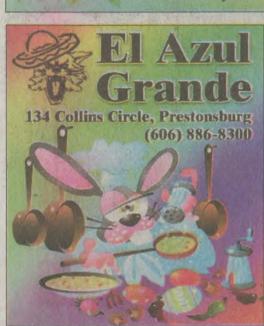
















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