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In brief

Stumbo backs creative reclamation

HAZARD — In an address Friday to the East Kentucky Leadership Conference, House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, announced his support for new mine reclamation techniques.

One day after a UK professor called for an end to all Kentucky surface mining at the same conference, Stumbo pointed out that great progress has been made in responsibly extracting coal. He told attendees that his staff is now examining ways to ensure that the best possible use is made of land after it is mined.

As an example of creative use of mined land, Speaker Stumbo pointed to a new road project in Eastern Kentucky that will make extensive use of former mine property and save major expense for taxpayers. "The Mud Creek road will run along donated right-of-way from a former mine site. Not only do citizens save the cost of purchasing land for the roadway, we also have land that is well prepared for highway construction and future development."

Stumbo emphasized that each former mine site has its own unique range of possible uses. From hardwood forest plantings

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Suit claims power plant is dangerous

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — The Sierra Club, a nonprofit, conservation organization with some 4,000 members in Kentucky, has sued East Kentucky Power Cooperative, alleging a new boiler at its Spurlock coal-fired power plant in Mason County was constructed with-

out proper permits. The organizations says the inspections for those permits are conducted to ensure plants operate at proper levels for the "hazardous air pollutants it will emit."

Local provider Big Sandy RECC is a member and cooperative of East Kentucky Power.

The Sierra Club sets out in its law-

suit that East Kentucky Power started construction on the Spurlock Generating Station near Maysville without first securing determination that emissions control would satisfy requirements of the Clean Air Act.

The suit states in its opening complaint the primary purpose is to "stop EKPC from illegally emitting from its Hugh L. Spurlock Generating Station

... pollutants which will cause cancer, birth defects and other illnesses in the people of Kentucky."

In May of last year the organization said it notified the company of the requirements to obtain the proper inspections, but that the company continued construction.

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ARBOR DAY



photo by Jarrid Deaton

A group of seniors from Prestonsburg High School planted a tree near the baseball field at StoneCrest on Friday. Other students from Prestonsburg High School and the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center also planted trees in honor of Arbor Day.

Roundup nabs unlucky 13

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — More than a dozen Pike County residents are behind bars following a drug roundup Thursday.

The roundup was conducted by the Pike County Sheriff's Department, Operation UNITE, Kentucky State Police and the Pikeville Police Department.

At the end of the day, 13 people were taken into custody on various drug-trafficking charges, including a Shelbiana man and his grandson.

Pike County Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keese said the arrests were the result of several months of investigations.

Police said those investigations led them to one man, Curtis Bryant, arrested at an apartment building near Shelby Valley High School who they say was dealing prescriptions drugs from his apartment along with his grandson.

Ten people were charged with second-degree trafficking charges, while one was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. In addition, one suspect was charged with trafficking marijuana and another with trafficking only.

Those arrested during Thursday's operation and their charges include:

- Everett Nelson Thacker — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Kenneth Charles — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
John Rowe — first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Curtis Bryant — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Jerry Iricks — trafficking in marijuana.
Mesha Iricks — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Melissa Bentley — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Dewey Anderson — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Donnie Jason Smith — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Marshal McCoy — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Justin Tyler Trimble — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Cas Kilgore — second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
Katrina Young — trafficking in controlled substance.

Federal inmate guilty of murder

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

LONDON — A former USP Big Sandy inmate saw an additional 26 years added to his prison sentence Thursday for the murder of another inmate.

Terrell Johnson, 33, of Omaha, Neb., pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree murder in August of last year. He was sentenced Thursday for fatally stabbing fellow inmate Calvin Speight in the neck with a prison-made weapon in October 2006.

Speight's death was the first murder at the Martin County prison since it opened in 2003.

Johnson was sentenced to 26 years by U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Van Tatenhove in London.

"I think the sentence imposed by the court today sends a loud message that any type of violence in any of our maximum security facilities will not be tolerated, especially murder," Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert

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HOT TIME



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Prestonsburg firefighters battled a brush fire on the hillside of Mays Branch in Prestonsburg on Friday.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Delmar Roy Baldrige, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 20. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Montgomery Baldrige. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Elzie (Rube) Bentley Jr., 66, of Langley, died Sunday, April 19, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mary Magalene Smith Buehrer, 74, of Pedro, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday in King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Glenna Ellen Damron, 87, of Honaker, died Sunday, April 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mae Robinson Edwards, 90, of Sandy Hook, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, April 19. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home.

■ Edna Allen Frazier, 95 of Covington, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, April 19, at the St. Elizabeth Hospice Center in Edgewood. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

■ Denver Hall Sr., 49, of Martin, died Saturday, April 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Pauley Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Hubert D. Hicks, 86, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 16, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Avanelle Fugate Hicks. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19, and graveside services were held Monday, April 20 at Camp Nelson Cemetery in Nicholasville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Emily B. Preston, 91, of Barefoot Bay, Florida, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, April 19, at Sebastian River Medical Center in Sebastian Florida. Services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Aycock Funeral Home, Fort Pierce, Florida.

■ Merthie Short, 93, of Garrett, died Friday, April 17, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Irene Fraley Spradlin, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 16, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Jeffery Ken Bentley, 44, of Marrowbone, died Friday, April 17, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Reable Adkins Coleman, 86, of Grundy, Va., a Pike County native, died Thursday, April 16, at the Clinch Valley Medical Center, Richlands, Va. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Jack Sidney Cox, 88, of Freeburn, died Tuesday, April 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, under direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Meda Estep, 91, of Phelps, died Thursday, April 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20 under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ George F. Johnson Sr., 90, of Virgie, died Sunday, April 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lexie Sowards Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Patty Cole Johnson, 63, of Cabin Fork, died Friday, April 17, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Delphia Gannon Justice, 92, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, April 22, at the Parkview Nursing Home, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Cledis Kinney, 81, of Shelbyana, died Monday, April 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Cotton Lott, 61, a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 11, at Stone County Hospital in Wiggins, Mississippi. She is survived by her husband, Leroy Lott Sr. Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 14 under the direction of Moore Funeral Home of Wiggins, Miss.

■ Charles Blain "Chuck" Matthis, 60, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 17, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Gay McCoy, 86, of Slaters Branch, died Saturday, April 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Willie Joe Meade, 73, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jammetta Mounts Meade. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Michael Travis Mullins, 28, of Lick Creek, died Thursday, April 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Jena Renee Ward Mullins. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19 under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Liew Osborne, 96, of Ashland, a Pike County native, died Monday, April 20, in Kingsbrook Lifecare Center. He is survived by his wife, Opal Osborne. Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood.

■ Ledna Mae Ratliff, 77, of Regina, died Sunday, April 19, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Debra Robinson, 43, of Raccoon, died Sunday, April 19, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Billy Robinson. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Millie Irene Thompson Stallard, 103, died Wednesday, April 22, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, at the McVey Missionary Baptist Church, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Kirk Louis Taylor, 64, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, April 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Helen Hester Taylor. Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Willie Marie Bevins Young, 96, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, April 22, at the Signature Health Care Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Richard S. Gussler, 74, of Louisa, died Monday, April 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Alma Farris Gussler. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Kathy Jackson, 52, of Louisa, died Saturday, April 18, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Charles Edward Mitchell Sr., of Mount Sterling, a Louisa native, died Saturday, April 18, in Veterans Administration Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Diana

of Magoffin County, died Sunday, April 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Earnie Patrick, 51, of Salyersville, died Sunday, April 12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Jolly Rowe, 57, of Royalton, died Wednesday, April 8, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Mary Elizabeth Caudill Summa, 75, of Royalton, died Saturday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 15, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Lloyd Adams, 66, of Redfox, died Friday, April 3, at home. He is survived by his wife, Rita Combs Adams. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, and burial was in the the Mountain Memory Gardens, Hindman, under the direction of the Letcher Funeral Home.

■ Paul Ray Caudill, 66, a Knott County native, died Friday, April 10, in Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Caudill. Services were held Tuesday, April 14, at Rose of Sharon Church.

■ Ed "Lill Ed" Combs Jr., 41, of Isom, died Wednesday, April 8, at the Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman. Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Virgie Mae Dobson, 76, of Talcum, died Thursday, April 9, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Diamond Hall, 70, of Kite, died Thursday, April 9, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Odus Holland, 75, of Hindman, died Wednesday, April 8, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Jason M. Mullins, 32, of Pinetop, died Wednesday, April 1, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Josephine Poloski, 83, of Hazard, died Thursday, April 9, at the Hazard ARH. Graveside services were held Friday, April 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Harry William Dent, 92, of Louisa, died Saturday, April 18, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 21, at Elmwood Cemetery in Wayne, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Ivory Juanita Fugate, 84, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 19, at Woodland Oaks Health Care Facility. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Richard S. Gussler, 74, of Louisa, died Monday, April 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Alma Farris Gussler. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Kathy Jackson, 52, of Louisa, died Saturday, April 18, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Charles Edward Mitchell Sr., of Mount Sterling, a Louisa native, died Saturday, April 18, in Veterans Administration Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Diana

Mitchell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, Taul Funeral Home in Mount Sterling is in charge of arrangements.

■ Mary Ethel Meadows, 79, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 16, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ William C. Perry, 77, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 16, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Essie May Ray, 89, of Blaine, died Tuesday, April 21, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Bennie Atkinson, 79, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 19, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Anna Jean Jones Atkinson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Heather Diana Brown, 30, formerly of West Van Lear, died in Elizabeth, N.J. A celebration service will be Friday, April 24, at 10 a.m., at Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville.

■ Harry Eugene Castle, 78, of Ashland, a native of East Point, died Saturday, April 18, in Oakmont Manor in Flatwoods. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, under the direction of Carman Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Hamilton Cook, 87, of Wittensville, formerly of Logan, a resident of Mountain Manor in Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Paul B. Hoskins, 76, of Circleville, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Saturday, April 4, as the result of a car accident. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, under the direction of Magoffin Funeral Home.

■ Bill Slone, 64, of Hager Hill, died Monday, April 20. He is survived by his wife, Judy Rice Slone. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ William "Bill" Darwin Slone, 64, of Hager Hill, died Monday, April 20, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Judith Marion Rice Slone. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Thomas R. Tackett, died Saturday, January 31, in Winder, Georgia. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Clarence Delong, 57, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, April 15, at Hospice Care Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Barton Delong. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Ray Endicott, 88, of Grove City, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Tuesday, April 14. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Spende-Miller Funeral Home.

■ Kathy Jackson, 52, of Louisa, a Martin County native, died Saturday, April 18, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Sara Nona Jean Maynard, 31, of Inez, died Thursday, April 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Johnson Baldwin Osborne, 83, of Inez, died Tuesday, April 14, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Charles Osborne.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Luther Franklin Preece, 94, of Oceana, W.Va., a Martin County native, died Thursday, April 16, in London, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, under the

direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Jack Earl Vernon, 52, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, April 22. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Larry "Red" Hamilton

Larry "Red" Hamilton, 54, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at his residence.

Born March 6, 1955, in Ashtabula, Ohio, he was the son of Squire Hamilton of Pikeville, and the late Menda Newsome Hamilton. He was disabled from furniture sales, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his stepmother, Laura Mae Hamilton.

In addition to his father and stepmother, survivors include two sons: Samuel Edward Hamilton of Orwell, Ohio, and Daniel Lee Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters: Angel Bryant of Dayton, Ohio, and Tammy Marie Hamilton of Pikeville; two brothers: Scott Edward Hamilton of Geneva, Ohio, and Joseph Lee Hamilton of Pikeville; two sisters: Jean Elaine Moore of Mousie, and Jeannette McCracken of Ashtabula, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by two sons: Larry Hamilton Jr., and Matthew Paul Hamilton; a brother, Squire Hamilton Jr.; and a sister, Joann Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 26, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers, and Scott Hamilton officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home; services were held nightly at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

John D. Martin

John D. Martin, 85, of Teaberry, died Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born April 12, 1924, in Craynor, Floyd County, he was the son of the late Andy and Polly Mitchell Martin. He was a retired truck driver, and a deacon of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church (Baptized, October 15, 1989).

He is survived by his wife, Verdine Mitchell Martin, (married 67 years).

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons: Melvin (Phyllis) Martin of Hi Hat, Danny (Annette) Martin of Grethel, and Johnny Martin of Teaberry; three daughters: Pearl (Leonard) Hall of Canton, Ohio, Maggie (Zadis) Tackett of Beaver, and Ann (Darvene) Hamilton of Teaberry; a brother, Joe Martin of Beaver; a sister, Ocie Reynolds of Teaberry; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Andy Clinon Martin; three brothers: Charlie, Kenis and Bill Martin; and five sisters: Fronnie and Bertha Mitchell, Goldie Hamilton, Tavie Howell, and Delmie Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 26, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Beaver, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Victor Earl Harper would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the support during our recent loss. Thanks to all who visited, sent flowers or food, or helped in any way. A special thanks to Dr. Sikdar; Dr. Mannon; the Highlands 2nd floor Nurses; and Pikeville Home Health. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; the City of Wheelwright; and Deputy Ray Bates, for all their help. Also, very special thanks to the Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church, and the House of Prayer, for their special words and prayers. We will never forget all the wonderful people who comforted us during such a hard time. May God bless.

THE FAMILY OF VICTOR EARL HARPER

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A year has gone by since your passing, and we continue to feel the grief from losing you. We were together for nearly 35 years, and I know we will be together again in Heaven, as this is our Father's will. Our tears continue to fall, and our hearts ache from the loneliness. We miss our frequent visits with you, we miss your joking personality and your laughter as we spoke of the days gone by. You never complained even though family and friends knew of your pain and discomfort. We would ask, how are you today, Bill? And your response would be, ah, I'm alright. We miss you so very much, and we will have a reunion with you when we meet again in Heaven.

Sadly missed by:

Your wife, Helen, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors

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U.S. General Services Administration

Effectiveness of remedy for squeaky brakes is questionable

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My daughter-in-law just sent her son out to wash her car's brakes. I told her I had never heard of that before. She said that when her brakes start to squeak, she gets her son to wash the accumulated dust out and they stop squeaking. She said she learned this from her dad. She said you can see the water coming out black for a while, then when the water comes out clear, the dust is gone. Is this for real? — Marie

RAY: We've never heard of this either, Marie. But starting tomorrow, we're offering a \$75 brake-hosing special at the garage.

TOM: What she's having her kid do can't really hurt the brakes, unless it's done while the brakes are hot. Then the cold water could warp the rotors. So you want to make sure the brakes have been sitting for at least an hour before turning a hose on them.

RAY: But otherwise, it's a harmless exercise. The brakes are designed to shed rain and road water. I'm just not sure it's doing much good.

TOM: Right. You can put the hose on the outside of the wheel and rinse off any loose dust on that side of the brakes. But it would be very hard to get to the other side (the inboard side) of the brakes. So you'd never clean more than half of them.

RAY: I'm not aware of small amounts of brake dust being a cause of brake squeal. Normally, when someone comes into our shop with squeaking brakes, we remove the rotors and all the pads, and deglaze everything with an abrasive. But who knows? Maybe the hose is doing a much more rudimentary version of that.

TOM: And if it works, why not?

RAY: Personally, I think she's just getting her son out of the house for half an hour so she can have some peace and quiet. Have you ever heard her tell him that it's time to go out and wax the mailbox?

Tom and Ray address a cardboard controversy

Dear Tom and Ray:

A group of us get together at a diner for coffee most mornings. Recently I made a

critical error and told the guys that I had put a piece of cardboard in front of my radiator for the winter. So, when it's 20 below zero, my Toyota warms up quickly. And instead of the temperature gauge sitting near the "cold" mark all day, it comes up about a quarter of an inch on the gauge. Well, the responses ranged from "Have you lost your mind?" to "You're going to ruin the engine," to "It won't do any good." My friend — our resident pseudo-engineer — explained that the thermostat in the cooling system handles all that stuff, and that any participation on my part, by adding cardboard, is completely unnecessary. He convinced the group that he was right. But is he? — Joe

TOM: No. He has his head up his radiator hose, Joe. In extreme cold temperatures, like when it's 20 below zero, your cooling system may work too well.

RAY: Here's a basic description of how the system works. Most engines run most efficiently at about 200 degrees Fahrenheit. So the coolant just stays inside the engine — and does not get

sent through the radiator — until that temperature is reached.

TOM: Then the thermostat opens, allowing some of the hot engine coolant to flow through the radiator, where it gets cooled off by the cold air blowing through it. By opening and closing like that, the thermostat keeps the engine in its most efficient temperature range, and allows you to have hot air blow on your tootsies.

RAY: But here's the problem. When the ambient temperature is very low, it takes longer for the engine to reach operating temperature. And then, when the thermostat finally opens and allows the coolant to flow into the radiator, the ice-cold coolant that HAD been sitting in the radiator then gets pushed into the engine, lowering the engine temperature far more than necessary. So, the engine spends a lot of time BELOW operating temperature, fighting to get warm enough.

TOM: So when it's bitterly cold out and you cover up the grill with cardboard, you're preventing the frigid outside air from blowing through it, and keeping the coolant inside



board for their grill, I still have the box that my most-recent ex-wife left me to live in.

RAY: On another note, we made a dumb mistake a couple of weeks ago. We were trying to help a woman whose mechanic had put coolant in her windshield-washer reservoir, and it was greasing up her windshield. We told her to drain and wash out the washer reservoir, and then add some windshield-washer concentrate and run it through the lines.

TOM: But we apparently wrote "coolant reservoir" instead of "windshield-washer reservoir," leading some readers to wonder whether WE were the knucklehead mechanics she went to in the first place! Could be. We apologize for any confusion — in addition to the usual confusion we cause!

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Lawsuit

"The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that coal-fired plants, such as Spurlock 4, emit 67 of the 188 individual hazardous pollutants Congress listed for regulation," the lawsuit states.

One of the pollutants the lawsuit points out is mercury contamination, but also named

are arsenic, dioxins, considered one of the most potent carcinogens, acid gases, lead and other heavy metals.

In late March of this year, East Kentucky Power customers saw an increase in rates following a settlement to allow the company to raise wholesale rates.

The new rates, which took

effect on April 1 and saw an increase of \$5.60 a month on average per customer, were intended to pay for the new Spurlock unit, the company said in a statement at that time.

The new rates, according to the company, would increase its annual revenue by about \$59 million or 7 percent.

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Murder

Duncan Jr. said in a statement Thursday.

Johnson was serving a sentence at USP Big Sandy for armed robbery in Nebraska. He had four years remaining on

that sentence, which began in 2000. He will now serve the rest of that sentence in addition to the 26 years for murder.

According to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's office

for the Eastern District of Kentucky, the investigation leading to the conviction was conducted by USP Big Sandy special investigation services and the FBI.

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Stumbo

to housing sites, the best and most productive choice should be freely available.

The strong community benefits of appropriate reclamation strategies are shown in the Stonecrest development in Floyd County, Stumbo said.

"I led a 10-year effort to reclaim this former mine site. Now it is home to an industrial site, a public golf course, a

beautiful residential area, a horse show facility, as well as baseball, football and soccer fields." Stumbo said this successful cooperative effort between the state, local and federal governments should be the rule, rather than the exception.

He also praised recent efforts to tackle coal power plant emissions, and said that

his proposal would complement other efforts to ensure that coal remains an economic boon for the state.

"Kentucky is blessed with abundant coal reserves and beautiful land. We can enjoy the jobs and cheap energy provided by coal, while protecting our heritage of natural beauty," Stumbo said.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

SS online services best in government

by JENNIFER HOPKINS
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that it always nice to be considered the best in the business? It's even better when the judges are members of the public we serve. Social Security is proud that the American public has put our online services at the top of the list again.

In the most recent survey of e-Government services by the American Customer Satisfaction Index, Social Security's online services earned the highest overall score of 79 percent satisfaction. (The average score for the Federal government was 75.)

In particular, our Retirement Estimator scored 89, the top score in the federal government. The Retirement Estimator provides immediate retirement benefit estimates based on your own earnings record to help you plan for

your retirement. The online Retirement Estimator is a convenient financial planning tool, since it eliminates the need to manually key in years of earnings information. The estimator also will let you create "what if" scenarios. For example, change your "stop work" dates or expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. Check it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Also earning high marks from the public were our online Retirement Application and Medicare Extra Help Application, with each scoring 87.

In a separate survey, Nextgov, a website devoted to technology and the federal government, listed socialsecurity.gov as one of the top five federal websites in its review of best online practices.

It is important to note that the usefulness of our website is enhanced because much of

the online information is available in Spanish, as well as 14 other languages. Many documents are also accessible to people who use screen readers, screen magnifiers and voice recognition software.

To learn more, see the recent press release about Social Security and the American Customer Satisfaction Index at www.socialsecurity.gov/press-office/pr/onlineservices-accollades-pr.htm.

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RELAXATION



BSCTC Professor Toufic Saad, second from left, leads workshop participants in a self-acupressure and deep-breathing exercise. The participants are using the pads of their fingers to activate two pressure points which, when activated together, can calm the spirit while enhancing focus and concentration. For more information about any of the free workshops, contact Saad at toufic.saad@kctcs.edu, or by telephone at (606) 889-4771.



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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Is the bank rescue working?

This is earnings-report season for America's banks, and lo, what signs and wonders it has wrought.

Goldman Sachs reported \$1.66 billion in profits in the first quarter. JPMorgan Chase posted \$2.1 billion in earnings. Bank of America, \$4.2 billion. Even Citigroup, the biggest and most beleaguered of America's banks, reported a \$1.6 billion gain, its first in 18 months.

Among them, these four big banks alone have received more than \$125 billion in federal bailout funds, plus help from the Federal Reserve in buying up government debt. So do these earnings reports indicate that the rescue is working?

Yes, if you're a credulous shareholder. Not so much if you're trying to get a loan or a taxpayer wondering what's being done with your money.

These earnings are ephemeral. Goldman Sachs changed its accounting calendar. JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup counted the loss in value of its debt as a positive. Bank of America counted \$2.2 billion in gains from its acquisition of Merrill Lynch simply by re-pricing Merrill's assets. Nobody knows what the assets are really worth, but assuming they're ever sold, it probably will be at deep discount.

The last six months apparently taught bankers nothing about the suicidal folly of using accounting tricks to disguise financial realities. We're surprised only that Lehman Brothers didn't rise from the grave to report a billion dollars in earnings.

There are many reasons for the bankers' legerdemain. They want to keep shareholders happy. They want to reassure Congress and the public. They want to appear healthy before Friday, when the Treasury Department is to give them the results of the dreaded "stress tests." They want to look healthy enough so that the Obama administration will allow them returns on their bailout money, thus freeing them to pay themselves more than \$500,000 a year.

The people of the United States, and indeed, the people of the world, are suffering because of a financial collapse brought on, in large part, by bankers and their cronies. So successfully have they taken control of the apparatus of government that it's become nearly impossible to hold them accountable. Lending by the 20 largest banks in the Troubled Asset Relief Program has remained flat, even though the TARP funds were supposed to free up credit.

So far, President Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner have tried to work with the banks, on the theory (probably correct) that unhappy bankers could make things much worse. This week, Geithner suggested that Treasury may seek to take an equity position in banks in return for suspending interest payments on federal bailout loans.

That move is overdue. Depending on the results of the stress tests — and we hope bank examiners didn't fall for accounting tricks — the government should treat big banks the same way the FDIC treats smaller banks in distress: Take them over, straighten them out and break them up into manageable pieces.

The fundamental question is this: Do you trust the banks?

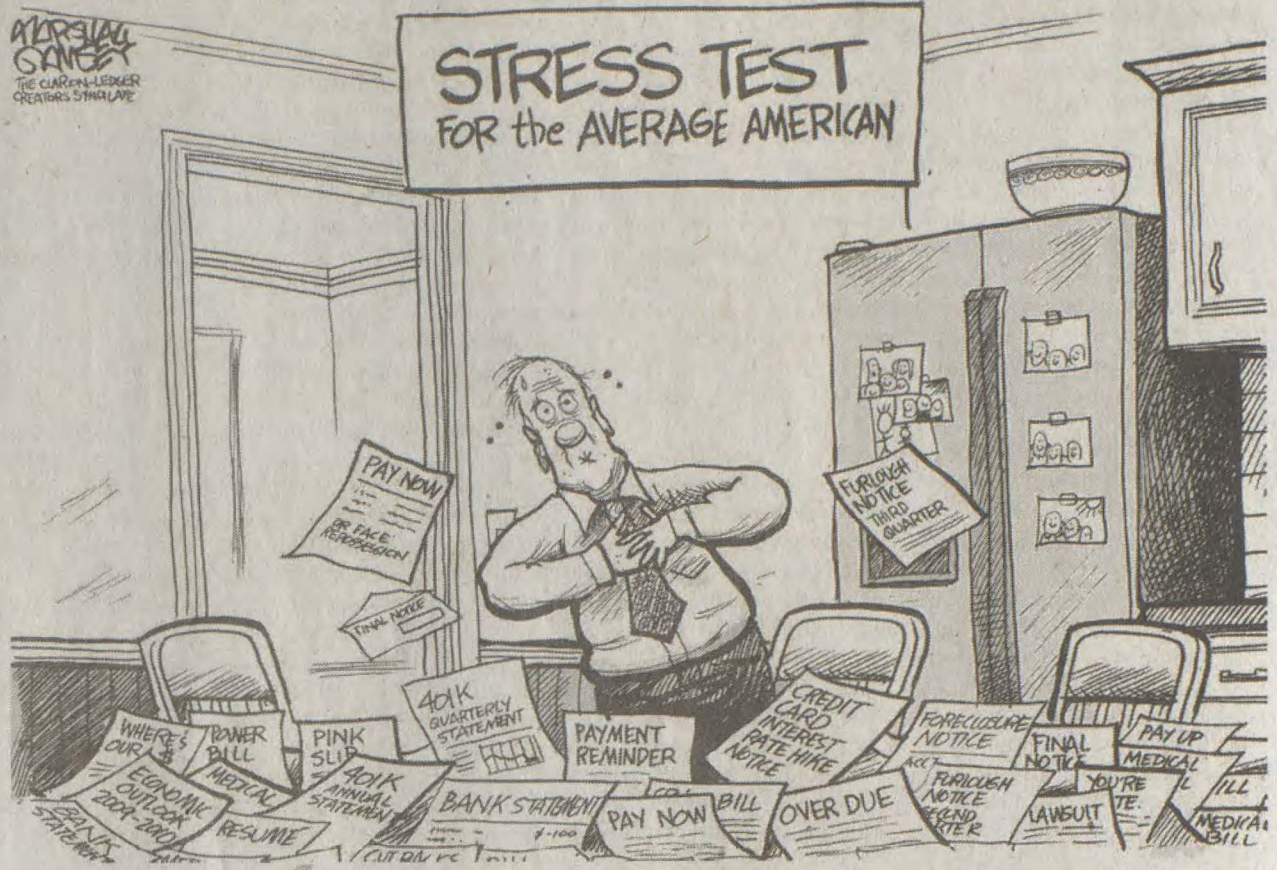
Do you trust their earnings reports, their lending policies, their devotion to the public good? Or do you suspect bankers' first allegiance is to preserving the sweet deal they've created for themselves in the last 25 years?

Before answering, read Simon Johnson's "The Quiet Coup," an article in the May edition of *The Atlantic* magazine (online at www.theatlantic.com). The former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund says the United States has developed what is, in effect, a "banana republic" oligarchy among financial and government interests.

"Even leaving aside fairness to taxpayers," Johnson writes, "the government's velvet-glove approach with the banks is deeply troubling, for one simple reason: It is inadequate to change the behavior of a financial sector accustomed to doing business on its own terms."

To coin a phrase, we need change we can believe in.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



— Chuck Norris

Thomas Jefferson, American hostages and Somali pirates

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS SYNDICATE

A couple of weeks ago, Somali pirates hijacked a cargo ship with 20 American crew members on board. Thank God and the Navy SEALs that they all got out alive. But will Americans be as lucky next time?

During 2008 alone, these thugs raided more than 130 vessels, resulting in 50 successful hijackings and millions of dollars paid in ransoms. With at least five well-organized pirate gangs off the Horn of Africa — including the al-Shabab militia, which is a group of Islamic extremists that some people compare to the Taliban — all seeking and splitting the spoils of these sea traders, isn't it time America better protects our merchant mariners in volatile areas, such as off the Somali coast? Isn't it time they are armed with better deterrents than fire hoses, rubber bullets and sonic weapons? Isn't it time our Navy SEALs reach land and cut pirates off at the pass?

Ransoms only enable these hooligans. And negotiations never work

with them. We need to cut them off so that no one else goes missing in action. For proof of that, we only need to look back and learn from our revolutionary predecessors. Our Founding Fathers not only demonstrated how we need to rescue our citizens but also instilled the notion within these pirates that America never will appease or tolerate captors and that we never will pay their ransoms again.

Some might not know that America has been dealing with African marauding mariners since our inception. Though it's not a direct parallel, I believe we need to do as Thomas Jefferson did during the Barbary Wars, in which Muslim extremists, or pirates, from the Barbary States (Tripoli, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, which were semi-independent provinces of Turkey) fought many countries, including the new United States, that they considered Christian nations.

While the United States was mopping up from the Revolutionary War, we also were squaring off against largely Muslim pirates in the Mediterranean Sea. These sea bandits cruised the coastlines stealing cargo, destroying villages, and enslaving millions of Africans and hundreds of thousands of Christian Europeans and Americans. Because America was a newborn nation, we had rela-

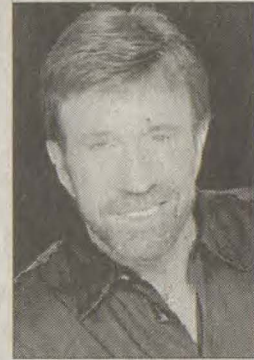
tively little naval defense. Our rebellion against Britain severed our protection by the Royal Navy. And while France helped during the Revolutionary War, we were on our own as of about 1783. And so our merchant ships were exceptionally vulnerable to attack in and out of the Great Sea. As a result, our cargo and seamen were captured, and our country's leaders were forced to negotiate with the Barbary pirates.

In 1784, envoys were dispatched to secure peace and passage from the Barbary States. Treaties were made. Tributes and ransoms were paid. Our cargo and captives were freed.

And our ships traveled safely. But over the next decade and a half, we gave millions of dollars to these radicals, including an estimated 20 percent of our federal budget in 1800! (Despite that, men such as Thomas Jefferson argued vehemently against paying ransoms and tribute; Jefferson believed the only road to resolution would be through the "medium of war.")

America's first four presidents (Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison) each dealt with this east-west conflict of powers to varying degrees. Though numerous negotiations and treaties were made, includ-

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Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway

Quick: How can we replace newspapers?

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

My hometown newspaper died the other day. Oh, it won't admit it. Like a chicken that's been decapitated it's still running around in circles, but it's all over but the plucking. The paper in question is the *Ann Arbor News* which last month announced it was discontinuing its printed versions on all but two days a week, Thursdays and Sundays. The rest of the time it would exist exclusively online.

There's a lot of that going around these days. Both the Detroit papers, the *News* and the *Free Press* are going to a print-internet hybrid and the *Christian Science Monitor* has abandoned paper altogether. It is now a very elaborate blog.

There's nothing wrong with this, I guess, if you enjoy firing up your computer over your morning coffee to browse through the news. I don't.

I like the feel of a newspaper, especially in the morning when I can depend on it to soak up the excess moisture on my coffee cup. I like it because I can read it on the bus on the way to work or in the bathroom. I can start a fire in the fireplace with it or use it to discipline a dog. Many's the time I've used one for an umbrella.

What can I say? I'm a newspaper junkie. I am also of the generation that distrusts cell phones and would rather have its fingernails pulled out with pliers than Twitter, whatever that is.

I do not expect people of the younger persuasion to sympathize with my sense of loss at the disappearance of real newspapers. They think meaningful communication requires noise.

The idea behind the switch to a hybrid version of papers is to limit the print version to the two or three most profitable days of the week, when the paper is heavy with ads. Color me skeptical.

Reading newspapers is, as much as anything, a matter of habit. Each morning (or evening) a physical object presents itself on your doorstep and says: "Read me." So you do. An object that says: "It's Thursday, time to break your habits of the week and read me" is far less compelling. Not that people are rushing to read newspapers anyway. In the past year or so 100 papers, the *Rocky Mountain News* among them, have ceased to exist. The *San Francisco Chronicle* announced it was losing \$1 million-a-week and might have to close, which would make San Francisco the first major American city to be without a newspaper.

The *New York Times* is threatening to close its sister publication, the *Boston Globe*, and has asked its own employees to take a "temporary" pay cut — or else.

Some of the biggest and best papers in the country — the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times* — have filed

for bankruptcy.

Staffs everywhere are being cut to the bone and Washington and foreign bureaus have become endangered species.

There are those who are sanguine about the fading American newspaper. They say that it is merely the victim of a superior technology, in a long line of similar victims, like buggy whips for example.

To which I say: No. Newspapers are not buggy whips. They are nothing like buggy whips. They are more important.

They live at the very center of democracy. They provide and organize the information that allows a citizenry to govern itself.

Can the Internet do that? Technically yes, but it's doubtful that it will, not on a consistent basis. Gathering the news is simply too expensive an enterprise to be supported by the frail revenue sources of the Internet.

What you will get is a combination of opinion and semi-fact that pretends that Wikipedia is as reliable as the *New York Times* and *Matt Drudge* can be trusted.

In addition you will lose that sense of community that even a mediocre paper brings to its hometown.

And your coffee cup will leave a ring on the table.

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This Town, That World

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

VINDICATION

On my desk, which, I may say without fear of contradiction, has something on it, a piece entitled, "The Desk with Nothing on It." This great bit of writing is by a man named Col. Harold Wellington Jones, and it appeared in "Green Fields and Golden Apples."

Besides taking gentle pokes at "the great one" who sits behind a spotless desk, looking the veritable "penguin in an ice box," the writer manages to unearth a halo from the mess, and put it on the head of the fellow who works with "a million papers under his elbows" and gets things done.

It's a shame Col. Jones copyrights the article. I have been needing a defender for years, and that copyright prevented me from swiping his brain-child and hiding it in the fifth layer on this desk of mine till I could gleefully print it verbatim, in toto, and with no end of satisfaction.

TO COOL THE KEYS

I've seen my part of zany happenings around newspaper offices, and so am what you might call blase about these odd incidents that pop up. But when I approached the old Underwood, the other morning, and glimpsed a faucet attached to it (photo unavailable) the hair that isn't on the top of the old head began rising. It later developed that the gadget is one of these fun things which attaches to any plain surface by suction cup. The only thing missing was a sign which might have read, "For the Old Drip."

GLAD TIDINGS

This report, direct from the headquarters of Poke Warden Watt Hale:

One of his deputies showed up, the other morning, with the most woe-begone expressions on his face that had been seen thereabouts in years. When Watt inquired what was the trouble, the man opened grim lips to intone, "It's gone."

"What's gone?" Watt inquired.

"The poke. What the freeze didn't get, the frost has."

Warden Hale immediately summoned his staff and sent his top men out to inspect the damage. The bad news got around, and he himself was busy reassuring everybody that, somehow we'll pull through, dark though the outlook may be, and so on.

Then the field agents began filing in with their reports, and for days Watt has been evaluating the information. And only now does the sun break through yon dark clouds, as Watt issues the following official statement.

"Save your bacon grease, folks! Some of that poke will pull through. All is not lost."

IT'S SAFE TO GO, MAYBE

My neighbor, Roy Ramey, exacted a promise from me, the other day.

"Are you going fishing next week?" he wanted to know, and when

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Students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center planted trees at StoneCrest on Friday in honor of Arbor Day. photos by Jarrid Deaton

GREENING UP

Trees planted for city's Arbor Day celebration

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was trees, not tees, that brought students from Prestonsburg High School and the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center to StoneCrest on Friday.

The students were joined by local officials as they planted over 700 trees, continuing a tradition that started around six years ago. Over 50 students participated in the event.

"Today is important," said Sen. Johnny Ray Turner. "It teaches the young adults about their civic duties. I admire these young people for coming out today."

The group of students, some of them with dirt and mulch streaking their clothes, appeared to be having fun as they placed the small trees in the ground and pounded down the dirt to hold them firmly in place.

The event started at 9 a.m. with local leaders talking to the students before they headed outside to plant the trees. A special lunch cooked by Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg, was held a few minutes after noon, bringing an end to the day.

In total, around 500 redbud trees were planted, followed by 100 pecan trees and 100 hazelnut trees.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin praised the group of students, saying that their actions would help to ensure a future for the popular mountaintop location.

"By planting these trees your children will be able to come here and appreciate the beauty of the area," Fannin said. "Also, the con-



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Magistrate John Goble and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin shoveled dirt around a tree at StoneCrest on Friday. The three joined students from Prestonsburg High School and the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in honor of Arbor Day.

cession stand over and the horse park was built totally by the job corp. It shows how we all work together up here."

Peter Barber, with the division of forestry, presented Fannin with a special banner commemorating Prestonsburg's eighth year as a

recipient of the Tree City USA award.

The Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance, attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities across the country.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Eden Lake'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A happy young couple on holiday find themselves decidedly unhappy when they run afoul of a pack of restless youths in this suspense yarn from first time director James Watkins.

This one begins with a wink at the audience as we meet Jenny. She's a kindergarten teacher and when we first see her she is involved in a delightful game of "peek-a-boo" with her cute-as-a-button students.

Enjoy the moment because it's the only one in the film that doesn't drip with tension. She gets picked up by her boyfriend, Steve, and the pair set off for a weekend in the country at the titular location.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The ride begins ominously with a radio personality tearing into Prime Minister Tony Blair's failed attempts to bridge the generation gap with a mutual respect program that encouraged sitdowns and open communications between parents and their children. They arrive at a hotel near the lake just in time to grab a bite and observe the horrid behavior of a young child whose parent belts him with a meaty, Mike Tyson-like fist, after the child has acted up for a prolonged period of time.

They set out for the lake in the morning and pitch a tent at the idyllic location, but trouble brews immediately when a group of teens choose the same spot to blast music and misbehave. Steve opts to try a little open communication but gets the stink eye for asking them politely to turn down the tunes. The kids eventually stalk off, but you know they'll be back, with a vengeance.

What began with a few leers at Jenny and some tough talk goes another step when the gang raids the campsite and makes off with Steve's car keys and wallet. He, once again, chooses to confront them, but the talk goes badly and he is forced to defend himself when one kid pulls a knife on him.

Their struggle winds up killing the group's mascot, a hound, and the pair flee in Steve's ride. He winds up crashing into a tree and is too injured to flee. He wisely advises Jenny to run for help as the gang descends on him.

Jenny takes off but runs a full circle before coming upon the group as it tortures Steve. Their leader, Brett, shrewdly coerces every member of the group into cutting Steve so that no one can later say that they didn't take part in the mayhem. Jenny succeeds in getting the gang to chase her and Steve is able to free himself, but that is just the start of their nightmare.

The next 24 hours make up the bulk of the film as the youngsters hunt the couple and Jenny and Steve abandon reason to become as lethal as their pursuers. By the time Jenny stumbles into town looking like she's

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The sister test

by SALLY FRIEDMAN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SISTER'S SOUL"
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It began with my observation to my sister that our beautiful, rosy-cheeked mother was looking pale. I remember trying to keep the panic out of my voice, but I was certainly feeling it. Something was obviously wrong with Mom, and I was wondering whether Ruthie had noticed it too. She had.

And so began our unwelcome and

painful waltz with our 95-year-old mother's first real siege with serious illness. My sister and I had been so blessed: Not only had we had our mom all these years, we've had a healthy, vigorous and spunky mom to boot.

So this sudden and precipitous immersion into new and wondrous terms like "mass" and "metastasis" and "chemotherapy" was like walking on the moon for two dazed daughters.

Never before in all our decades as

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

sisters had Ruthie and I been as sorely tested. Instead of filling our lives with family, work and small indulgences, we were now frantically comparing schedules. Who would take mom to the oncologist? The pulmonologist? The gastroenterologist? The next CAT scan?

Who would try to decipher the internist's last cryptic message? And which one of us would start the "new normal" routine of scheduling nurses aides when we couldn't be with our ailing mother?

Mom herself was amazing: unflappable, determined and still talking about when she could resume her aerobics — yes, aerobics. Just

like her daughters, illness was a vast foreign country to her.

The sibling congeniality lasted for a few weeks. And then came the truly rough decisions that would test our bonds of sisterhood like nothing ever had.

Sitting in a hospital lounge on those awful molded plastic chairs, we faced a curt and cool young physician who gave us the ultimatum: Mom needed a form of chemotherapy

to arrest the tumor that was growing in her chest. And she needed it soon. Without it, there was almost no hope for survival. By now, Mom was too weak and too confused to make the decision herself.

Two sisters who used to fight over sweaters and whose turn it was to use the car were suddenly looking our mother's terminal illness square in the

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Soup

face ... and in the process, resurrecting old ghosts.

I'm the fearful, pathologically squeamish sister, the one who hid her face when the little girl next door came home

Norris

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ing the Treaty of Tripoli (1796-97), Tripoli (in present-day Libya) still declared war against the U.S. in 1801. It sometimes is called America's first official war. The Founders believed in a foreign policy of noninterventionism, but Jefferson realized that protecting America's borders also meant protecting American lives and property overseas.

He confessed to Congress in 1801 that he was "unauthorized by the Constitution, without the sanction of Congress, to go beyond the line of defense," but he still ordered a small fleet of warships to the Mediterranean to ward off attacks by the Barbary States. Marines and warships were deployed to the region. That eventually led to the 1805 surrender of Tripoli. It would take another decade, however, to defeat those pirates completely, or, should I say, cause them to retreat until a distant time when they would attack our country again.

America's victory back then over those sea radicals is commemorated today in "The Marines' Hymn," with the words "From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea."

The voices of our forefathers cry out from the Barbary Wars in the hopes of imparting some wisdom to us. As the adage goes, we either will learn from history's mistakes or be doomed to repeat them.

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

Lagoon

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death warmed over, her troubles begin anew as she must face the parents of her tormentors and finds that apples are never found too far from trees.

There are choice words to describe this film, and they would include grim, brutal, relentless and extremely bleak. Not since "A Clockwork Orange" has there been a film that offers so little hope for our future.

The actors are ultra-realistic and the top honors go to Jack O'Connell as the psychotic Brett and Kelly Reilly as the resourceful Jenny.

Watkins is a talent to keep an eye on but when you start with a film this scary, it'll be hard to follow up with another in the same vein.

If there's any complaint here it's that the film takes absolutely no prisoners and doesn't even hint at redemption for any of the characters. That said, it's a bold statement that sticks to its guns and never glamorizes the use of violence.

The down side is that you'll never take that European vacation you always dreamed of, but in today's economy that's a load off of anyone's mind. Instead you might just want to spend that dough on armor siding for your home.

Best line: "I say we find him and drown him like a (F-bomb deleted) puppy."
2008, rated R.

Allen

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I assured him I was not, he almost demanded that I sign the pledge. But when I finally convinced him I would be home this week, he said, "Then I can go."

The aforementioned Ramey has designs on the bass at Kerr Reservoir, and I am fighting the temptation to blackmail him. I could show up, you know, about the time he's ready to flare forth on the lake, bringing with me, the kind of weather that is spelled with a capital W.

after an accident with her arm in a cast.

Ruthie is the tough cookie, stalwart, stoic and yes, stubborn. But rational, wise and strong, too.

"We can't put her through this," I insisted when the doctor outlined the possible side effects. "Let her go in peace."

"We have to consider it," argued my sister.

I will never ever forget that conversation, which quickly turned into an awful, debilitating argument. I will never for-

get the pain I felt about what was slipping away that night.

And it was not only our mother, it was also two sisters who had faced so much together but now were up against the one thing we couldn't solve with a conversation and a hug. Not this time.

When it was clear that nothing could be settled in that stifling little space with the young doctor tapping his foot in impatience, we decided to sleep on it all.

As we went our separate

ways, I looked back once and saw my sister walking down the street with her usual purposeful stride. I barely made it to the car before breaking down in wracking sobs.

The next morning, I knew what I was going to say. And I said it: "It's up to you," I told my big sister. "YOU decide."

And suddenly, across area codes, I heard Ruthie laugh. "Those were going to be my exact words to you," she said.

And somehow, that laughter was both a balm and a clar-

ifier. Suddenly, we could talk without the awful tension and anger of the night before.

Our decision: Mom would have the anti-body treatment not because we thought she should, but because it's what SHE would have chosen if she were well enough to make choices.

I suppose by most standards, I, the sister who really didn't want to subject mom to the treatment "lost."

But oh how I won when after three treatments, mom

started rallying. After four, she was almost her old self.

And six months after my sister and I had faced our toughest sister test, our mom was back to her aerobics class.

For now, we can rejoice in this gift of her dramatic improvement. Ruthie and I keep, taking pictures of our mother to preserve forever the good fortune of the here and now.

And there's nothing quite as wonderful as celebrating blessings ... with a sister.

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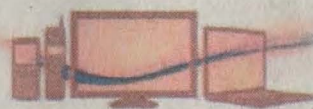
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Hood set to lead All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky's top boys' high school basketball players have been assembled together as one team for the annual Kentucky-Indiana All-Stars series. The Kentucky All-Stars – boys and girls – were announced Wednesday by the sponsoring Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation following tryouts held at Campbellsville University last weekend.

The 2009 Kentucky Boys High School All-Stars are Mr. Basketball Jon Hood, Madisonville-North Hopkins;

Russ Middleton, Mason County; Darren Ballou, Adair County; C.J. Penny, Anderson County; DeLon Butler, Apollo; Vee Sanford, Lexington Catholic; Ethan Faulkner, Elliott County; Casey Wilford, Christian County; Evan Faulkner, Elliott County; Aaron Wilson, Fulton City; Corey Jackson, Shawnee; and Ridge Wilson, Central.

Tony Hopper (Apollo) will serve as the Kentucky All-Stars head coach. Mike Listerman (Covington Catholic) will assist Hopper as the Kentucky team faces Indiana in a two-game series.

Indiana swept last year's series, defeating Kentucky in two games.

Paintsville High School standout Landon Slone, a Floyd County native, represented the 15th Region as a member of the Kentucky All-Stars last season. Slone recently wrapped up his freshman season with the University of Kentucky men's basketball team.

The Kentucky-Indiana two-game series will be played at Conseco Fieldhouse on June 13, 2009 and at Bellarmine University in Louisville on June 14. For more information about the All-Star game or the Kentucky Lion's Eye Foundation, call the office at 800-232-5308 or visit www.kyallstars.net.



FIRST PITCH

Floyd County school board member Doug Hopkins tossed out the first pitch when the Allen Central Middle School baseball team hosted its first home game earlier in the season. Allen Central is Floyd County's lone middle school baseball team.

Ky. Girls' All-Stars roster announced

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – The Kentucky All-Stars girls' basketball team has been announced. The team is made up of the following players: Adia Mathies, Iroquois; Avery Jones, duPont Manual; Jacy Bradley, Boone County; Asia Mathies, Iroquois; Brittany Coles, Henry Clay; Ashley Rainey, Warren East; Devin Fothergill, Southwestern; Mariah Robinson, Ohio County; Tiara Hopper, Butler; Chelsea Tolliver, Simon Kenton; Alex Jones, Elizabethtown; Kourtney Tyra, Jackson County.

Scott County's Steve Helton will guide the Kentucky All-Stars as their head coach. Hart County mentor Tommy Adams has been tabbed as an assistant coach for the Kentucky All-Stars.

Two games between the Kentucky All-Stars and their Indiana counterparts will be played at Conseco Fieldhouse on June 13 and at Bellarmine University in Louisville on June 14. For more information on the girls' All-Star games or sponsor Kentucky Lion's Eye Foundation, call the office at 800-232-5308 or visit www.kyallstars.net.

Dodson signs with UK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky men's basketball program has signed Miami-Dade Community College standout Darnell Dodson, Coach John Calipari announced on Friday.

Dodson, originally from Greenbelt, Md., attended Miami-Dade Community College last season where he helped guide the Sharks to a Southern Conference Championship and a 26-2 regular season record. The 6-7 small forward averaged 15.7 points and 5.6 rebounds while shooting 76.7 percent from free throw line en route to First Team All-Southern Conference honors.

Dodson joins DeMarcus Cousins (Mobile, Ala.), Kentucky Mr. Basketball Jon Hood (Madisonville) and Daniel Orton (Oklahoma City, Okla.) as members of UK's 2009 signing class.

The late signing period runs from April 15-May 20.

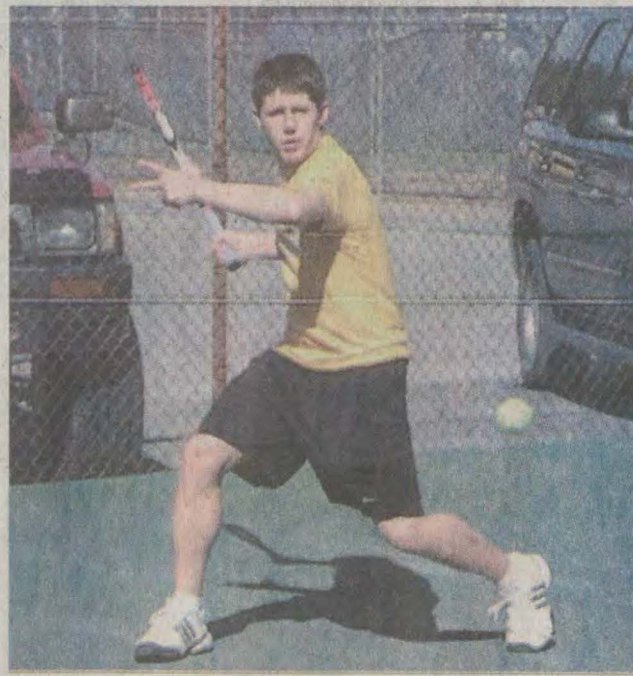


photos courtesy of Paintsville High School

Siblings Zach and Kelsey Hughes of Paintsville High School were the singles champions of the Prestonsburg Invitational Tournament held on Saturday, April 18. In the finals, Zach Hughes defeated Brennan Alderman from Pikeville High School (7-5, 4-6, 6-2) for his championship. Kelsey Hughes won over Shika Sachdeva, also from Pikeville (7-6, 7-3 tiebreaker, 6-0), to claim her singles championship.

With rain predicted for Sunday, the nine schools competing in the P.I.T. stayed on schedule and were able to finish all matches in one day.

Zach is an 18-year-old senior at Paintsville High School. His sister Kelsey, is a 15-year-old freshman. Their parents are Brad and Rhonda Hughes of Paintsville.



15TH REGION ALL 'A' SOFTBALL

Lady Rebs outlast Valley for title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK – Allen Central outlasted host Shelby Valley 3-2 Thursday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game. After battling back to tie the game and send it into an extra stanza, Allen Central prevailed in the eighth inning.

"It was an incredible win for us," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "We played good defense."

Shea Spurlock pitched eight strong innings for the Lady Rebels. Spurlock overcame some adversity

before Thursday's title tilt.

"We had a scare Wednesday night," Burke confided. "Shea Spurlock was going to just pitch two innings against Magoffin County but she was struck in her pitching hand with a line drive. This happened in the top of the second. We iced it down off and on all night and wasn't sure if she would be able to play. In the end, she said she was going to play. She pitched Thursday night with a bruised pitching hand. She's pretty tough."

Allen Central scored first and last in the championship contest against Shelby Valley.

In the first inning, Megan Jones got on with a walk. Logan Cline then moved Jones over to third base with a hit. Sarah Kinney then brought Jones home with a sacrifice fly.

Shelby Valley tied the game later in the first inning. The game remained tied until the fifth inning when Shelby Valley went out in front 2-1.

Allen Central batters came through with clutch hits late in the game. Leading off the seventh inning for Allen Central was junior catcher Ericka Moore with a blast to deep center field. Moore's home run that tied the game and

sent us into an extra inning.

Jones led off the eighth inning for Allen Central with a triple. Jamie Mullins drove Jones home with the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly.

"We held them and won the game," said Burke. "Our girls have improved every week and are hungry for wins. I am very honored and proud to be their coach."

Spurlock held Shelby Valley to five hits. The Allen Central starting pitcher recorded five strikeouts.

Allen Central improved to 7-5 following the championship victory.

Preseason grid set

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The tradition-rich Big Sandy Valley Conference has released the pairings for its 2009 preseason grid. This year's grid will take place at Hazard High School on Saturday, Aug. 22. HHS features a new turf field. All members of the middle school football conference will participate in the preseason grid.

Allen has rejoined the Big Sandy Valley Conference following a hiatus.

A breakdown of the 2009 Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid follows.

Game 1: Hazard- Magoffin County, 10 a.m.; Game 2: Paintsville-Letcher County Seventh, 11:15 a.m.; Game 3: Belfry vs. Letcher County Eighth 12:30 p.m.; Game 4: Allen vs. Betsy Lynch 1:45 p.m.; Game 5: Martin County vs. Perry County, 3 p.m.; Game No. 6: Johnson Central Eighth vs. Breathitt County, 4:15 p.m.; Game 7: Johnson Central Seventh vs. Adams, 5:30 p.m.



photo courtesy of Brit 57 Racing

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Late Model driver Brittany McKinney made a recent visit to the school of fan Dakota Parks. More photos from the visit appear inside today's edition.

Kentucky elk hunt draws international interest

Deadline to apply is Thursday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Kentucky's 2009 elk hunt is drawing international interest as the April 30 deadline to apply approaches.

Seven Canadian residents are among the record 35,390 applicants registered so far for the 1,007 quota elk hunt tags being issued this year by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Hunters from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, Maine and Puerto Rico have paid the \$10 fee to register for the elk hunt drawing.

"Although this season will be only the ninth hunt conducted since our elk restoration project started in 1997, Kentucky already has the reputation as the premier place to hunt elk in the eastern United States," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gassett. "We're proud that Kentucky is home to one of the most successful wildlife restoration efforts in the country over the past decade."

Kentucky's elk herd numbers approximately 10,000 free-roaming animals in the southeastern region of the state – more than all the states east of the Mississippi River combined. Kentucky also offers more elk hunting permits than anywhere else in the eastern United States.

Hunters throughout the country are anxious to try what Kentucky has to offer, noted Wildlife Division Director Karen Alexy.

"So many people want to hunt elk in Kentucky because 300-class bulls are commonplace, and hunter success rates are world-class," she explained. "Last season, 96 percent of our bull hunters and nearly 90 percent of our cow elk hunters took an elk. That's an incredible harvest rate."

Kentucky is already home to two bulls recognized as trophies by the Boone and Crockett Club. That number is likely to grow this year as more bulls grow old enough to reach trophy proportions.

"We've found that elk in Kentucky grow faster than in the western United States because the winters here are milder, and they have plenty of food available all year round," said Tina Brunjes, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's big game coordinator. "Their growth rate and survival rate actually exceeds our original expectations."

Kentucky's experiment with a free-roaming elk herd began with the release of seven Kansas elk near Hazard in December 1997. Over the next few years, 1,549 elk from six western states made the cross-country journey to their new home in Kentucky. In 2001, Kentucky held its first elk hunt in some 150 years. As the herd has grown, the number of quota hunt permits has increased from 10 in the first year to more than 1,000 this fall.

"The odds of being drawn for

White Team holds on for 37-28 win in Annual Red-White Game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The Louisville defense led by 11 stops, including the game winner, held on for a 37-28 win over the offense in the annual Red-White Spring Game in front of a crowd of 15,300 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium Friday night, April 17.

The scrimmage which signaled the end of the Cards' 2009 spring drills pitted the U of L offense (Red team) against the defense (White team) in 16 total series. The scoring system for the offense featured points for touchdowns (6), field goals (3) and PAT (1), while the defense accumulated points based on defensive touchdowns (7), turnovers forced (6), three and out's (3), fourth down stops (3) and stops (2).

"I thought both teams played hard and I saw a lot of good things on both sides of the football," said Louisville Coach Steve Kragthorpe. "The defense was very physical and I think Coach Guy has done an excellent job with that group. They have built off what they accomplished last season."

Sophomore Victor Anderson carried the ball eight times for 26 yards and a pair of scores. Junior Blayne Donnell finished with 13 carries for 57 yards, while redshirt freshman Darius Ashley added 43 yards on 12 attempts. The Cardinals finished with 230 rushing yards on 50 carries.

The Cardinal passing attack was led by redshirt freshman Zack Stoudt who finished with 84 yards on 5-of-7 passing and a touchdown. Junior Tyler Wolfe completed 4-of-11 attempts for 52 yards and a score, while transfer Justin Burke completed 6-of-10 for 69 yards. JUCO transfer Adam Froman connected on 3-of-6 passes for 58 yards, including a 41-yard gain to sophomore Josh Chichester. The Cards' finished with 274 yards through the air and 471 total yards in the game.

"I was very pleased with the way the quarterbacks played and managed the football game," said Kragthorpe. "I want to go back and watch all 15 practices and really start to evaluate the quarterback race."

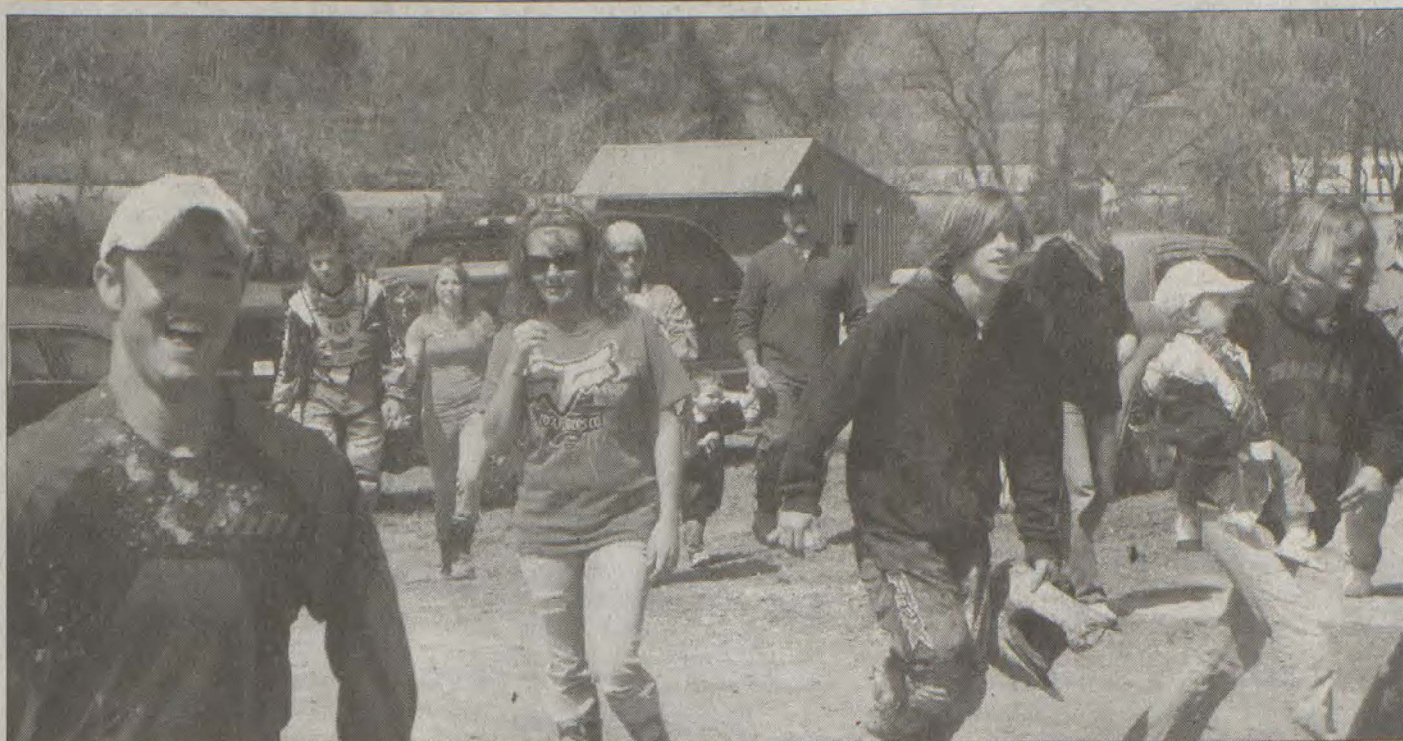
The defense jumped out to an 8-0 lead on three straight defensive stops capped by a William Savoy sack. The offense quickly answered with a nine-play, 65 yard drive ending in a Doug Beaumont 35-yard touchdown catch from Wolfe.

After a 38-yard run by Beaumont, Anderson scored from a yard out to give the offense a 14-8 lead. Following back-to-back defensive stops, Stoudt found redshirt freshman tight end Nate Nord on a seven-yard touchdown strike to give the offense a 21-13 halftime lead.

U of L's defense recaptured the lead for good, 22-21, on a pair of three-and-out's and a defensive stop to open the second half. The defense continued their momentum as redshirt freshman Drew Davis recovered a fumbled snap in the end zone for a touchdown to give the White team a 29-21 advantage. After a three-and-out and fourth down stop, the offense scored on an Anderson two-yard scamper trimming the margin to 34-28.

Louisville's offense had one final attempt in the simulated overtime period but came up three yards shy of the come-from-behind win as sophomore fullback Zach Meagher was stopped by senior safety Justin Mathews, preserving the White team's victory.

The Cards will kickoff the 2009 season against Indiana State on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.



photos courtesy of Beaver Junction Motocross

BEAVER JUNCTION MOTOCROSS competitors took a break from their bikes when the track, located at Dwale, hosted an Easter egg hunt. Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to host riders again next weekend. The track hosts riders in numerous classes.

Final four champions score high in classroom

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS – The 2009 Men's and Women's Final Four champions are among nearly 800 Division I sports teams being recognized for top academic performance as part of the NCAA's academic reform program.

Based on their most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates, the men's basketball team at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the women's basketball team at the University of Connecticut have earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards. These awards are given each year to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in each sport with their APRs.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester or quarter by tracking the academic progress of each student-

athlete. The APR includes eligibility, retention, and graduation in the calculation and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

High-performing teams receiving public recognition awards this year posted APR scores ranging from 976 to a perfect 1,000, said NCAA President Myles Brand. He stressed that three of the four 2009 Men's Final Four teams – Michigan State University and Villanova University along with North Carolina – are receiving public recognition awards for their high APR scores.

"The vast majority of sports teams are performing very well academically and exceeding the 925 threshold for their APR scores," Brand said. "Nearly 800 of these teams are worthy of special attention, and I commend

them for their excellence in academics and athletics."

The 767 teams publicly recognized this year for high achievement represent 11.9 percent of the approximately 6,484 Division I teams. The list includes 448 women's teams and 319 men's or mixed squads.

A total of 205 institutions, out of 331 Division I colleges and universities, placed at least one team on the top APR list. Another six schools that offer athletics in more than one division, out of 50 overall that do so within the NCAA, placed Division I teams on the list as well.

For the third consecutive year, Yale University had the most teams (28) recognized. By conference, the Ivy Group had the most number of teams honored (144), followed by the Patriot League (85) and the Big East Conference (60).

Last year, a total of 712 teams were recognized. The number of teams in some sports may exceed 10 percent depending on how many achieved perfect 1,000 APR scores.

Multi-year APR scores for all Division I sports teams, including the teams receiving public recognition awards, will be announced May 6. The announcement also will include immediate and historical penalties for low-performing teams. The most recent APRs are multi-year rates based on scores from the 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years.

UK honored: The University of Kentucky men's basketball program was also honored for its work in the classroom.

MSU women's cross country program receives NCAA award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Morehead State University women's cross country team is among the nearly 800 Division I sports teams being recognized for top academic performance as part of the NCAA's academic reform program. Based on its most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rate, the women's cross country squad has earned an NCAA Public Recognition Award.

"Academics are at the forefront of our efforts within the athletics department at MSU," said MSU Athletic Director Brian Hutchinson. "We are very proud of the status of our women's cross country team. They stand out as a group for all our teams to emulate."

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15th Region Baseball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Paintsville	15-3
Johnson Central	11-6
Belfry	10-4
Lawrence Co.	9-8
Magoffin Co.	8-4
Pikeville	8-8
Phelps	7-2
East Ridge	6-3
Prestonsburg	6-10
Allen Central	5-9
Pike Co. Central	4-7
Sheldon Clark	4-9
Betsy Layne	2-7
Shelby Valley	2-9
South Floyd	1-10

(Weekend games not included in records.)

15th Region Softball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Lawrence Co.	14-5
Magoffin Co.	12-3
Johnson Central	12-4
East Ridge	8-3
Betsy Layne	8-5
Allen Central	7-5
Prestonsburg	7-9
Shelby Valley	6-2
Belfry	6-4
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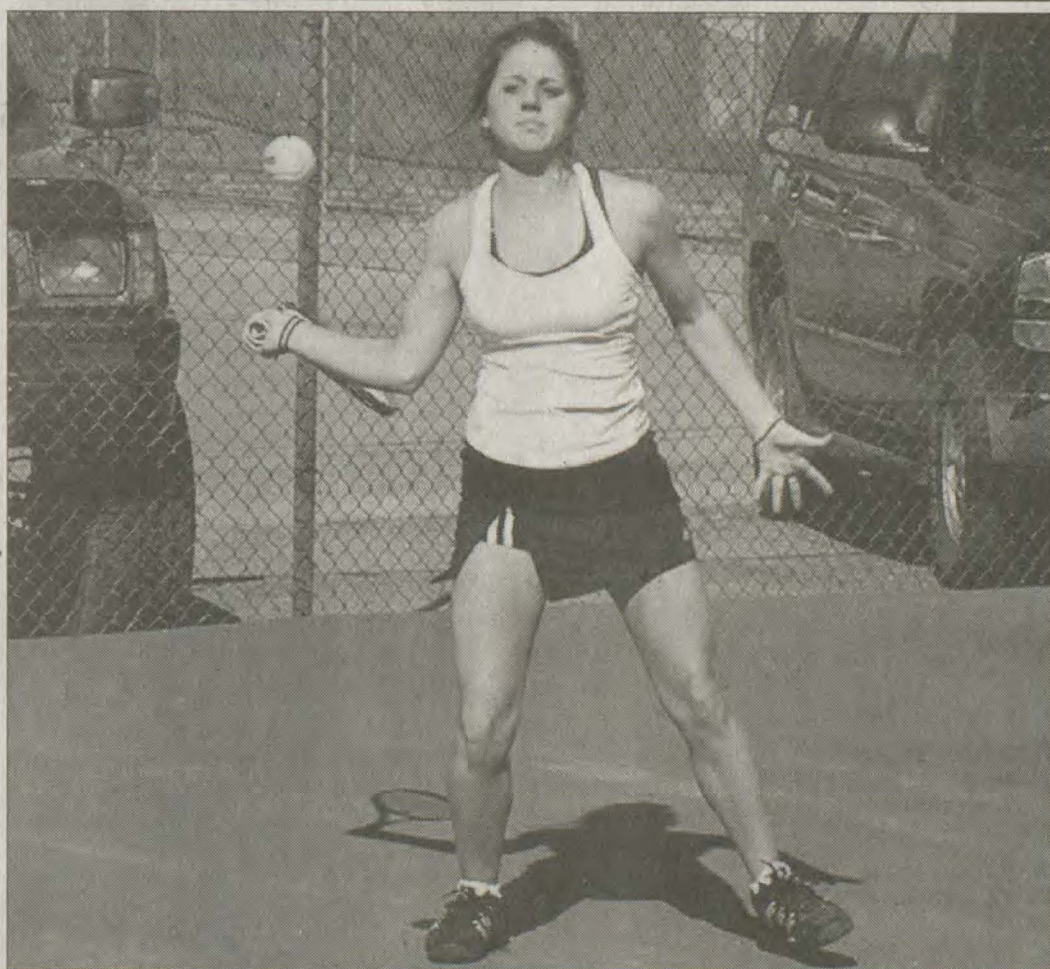


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PAINTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN KELSEY HUGHES claimed the female singles title in this year's Prestonsburg Invitational Tournament.

Elk

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a Kentucky elk hunt are better than they've ever been," Alexy said. "And a Kentucky elk hunt is truly the hunt of a lifetime."

The deadline to apply for the 2009 elk hunt is midnight (Eastern time) April 30. Applications are available online only at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website, www.fw.ky.gov. The cost to apply is \$10. The hunt is open to residents and non-residents, with special drawings for

seven youth hunters.

For more information about season dates and elk hunting in Kentucky, call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549, or visit the department website and click onto the "Elk Hunting" icon.

Participated in a past elk hunt? If so, The Times wants to hear from you. Share your elk hunting experience with the readers of The Floyd County Times. Call 886-8506.



photo courtesy of Family Academy of Martial Arts

TEST TIME: Family Academy of Martial Arts Maytown class student Joshua Akers received his 8th Gup Yellow Belt during recent testing. Pictured (from left to right) are Maytown Instructor John Vaughn, Akers and Master Instructor Mike Gambill.

Shakey fishing for bass: simple and effective

by LEE McLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — The first time I watched Chad Miles fish, he caught a 23-inch largemouth bass within the first 10 minutes. Tossing a straight-tailed, 6-inch plastic worm beside a submerged flat rock, he took his hand off the handle of his spinning reel as his lure fluttered to the bottom of Nolin River Lake.

He gently shook the rod tip a few times, and then slowly lowered the tip. The rod cracked upward and bowed as he stuck that big hog. He told me the Shakey style was dynamite on Nolin River Lake. He wasn't lying.

The Shakey style of fishing is the latest of the rages that burn through the bass fishing world every couple of years. Bass anglers well remember the Sluggo, drop shotting, the rise of creature baits, Carolina rigs, stroking a jig and the float and fly.

The reason these techniques move from a local quirk to nationwide rage is they catch a lot of bass. Many of these new lures or new fishing presentations are just variations on the tried and true. Shakey-style fishing is an improvement on an older technique.

"It is very similar to the old dead-sticking technique," said Miles, development coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Once I became confident with the Shakey, I went from throwing a baitcaster 80 percent of the time to throwing spinning gear 80 percent of the time. I have a ton of confidence with that presentation when it is tough."

The Shakey style is power fishing with a finesse presentation. A special jig allows the plastic bait to stand up from the bottom while the angler gently jiggles the handle to give the lure some action.

A Shakey rig consists of a leadhead jig with a large hook designed to hold 4- to 9-inch long, straight-tailed soft plastic worms. Some manufacturers add a corkscrew or nub to the head to hold the soft plastic bait, while others have just a ball or football head.

"With the Shakey, most think it is just a worm presentation," Miles explained.

"It doesn't have to be, you can be just as effective with a crawfish or creature bait."

Toss the Shakey rig onto a main lake or secondary point, preferably one with a mixture of rocks and mud. Let it hit bottom and slowly crawl the rig a few feet while shaking the rod tip side to side. You may also let the lure sit still and gently shake the tip to make the soft plastic bait quiver in place. This is especially effective on spotted and smallmouth bass.

"I use as light a weight as I can get away with," Miles said. "With the lighter weight, it has a slower, more appealing fall and you don't get hung as often. I'll use a jig as light as 1/16-ounce if there is no wind. If don't have constant contact with the bait, go up in weight until you do."

Try sloping banks near the channel with stumps, boulders or chip rock as well as channel drop-offs with the Shakey rig. The flats near those channel drops are excellent spots as well. Fishing channel drop-offs and the adjacent flats with this rig works extremely well on Kentucky Lake, Lake

Barkley, Barren River Lake, Nolin River Lake and Yatesville Lake.

Although he does throw creature baits, crawfish and other soft plastics, Miles usually uses a worm 4 to 5 inches long. "I catch as many good ones on the shorter worms," he said. "If you fish a 7- to 8-inch worm with an 1 1/2- to 2-inch long head like most Shakey's are, there's a lot more worm exposed without a

hook. I miss more. The bass move the bait without a hook-up with the longer worms, but this doesn't happen nearly as much with the shorter worms."

Miles uses 8- to 10 pound fluorocarbon line on his spinning reels for this technique.

"Fluorocarbon line sinks so I can use a lighter head," he said. "The sinking is more important than less visibility. Don't go crazy on your hook-set with fluorocarbon. It will break because it doesn't stretch."

He ties this to a 7 1/2-foot, medium power, fast action spinning rod.

"You get a better hookset and you don't get hung as often with the longer rod," Miles said. "It allows you to lift it straight up and avoid snags while working it slower."

Get out and try Shakey fishing this summer. You can fit all the tackle you need in one small box and catch bass.

Author Lee McClellan is an award-winning associate editor for Kentucky AfIELD magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a lifelong hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

- 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results**
- Feb. 7 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
 - Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Matt Kenseth)
 - Feb. 22 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
 - March 1 — Shelby 427, Las Vegas. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 8 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kurt Busch)
 - March 22 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 29 — Goody's Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
 - April 5 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Gordon)
 - April 18 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Mark Martin)
 - April 26 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
 - May 2 — Crown Royal Presents the Russell Friedman 400, Richmond, Va.
 - May 9 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
 - May 16 — x-NASCAR All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
 - May 24 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
 - May 31 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - June 7 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - June 14 — LifeLock 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - June 21 — Toyota/Savemart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 - June 28 — LENOX Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 - July 4 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 - July 11 — LifeLock.com 400, Joliet, Ill.
 - July 26 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis.
 - Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - Aug. 9 — Centurion Boats at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 - Aug. 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - Aug. 22 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
 - Sept. 6 — Pep Boys Auto 500, Hampton, Ga.
 - Sept. 12 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
 - Sept. 20 — SYLVANIA 300, Loudon, N.H.
 - Sept. 27 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - Oct. 4 — Price Chopper 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 - Oct. 11 — Pepsi 500, Fontana, Calif.
 - Oct. 17 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 - Oct. 25 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
 - Nov. 1 — Amp Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.
 - Nov. 8 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
 - Nov. 15 — Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - Nov. 22 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race**

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Driver Standings:** 1. Jeff Gordon, 1,242; 2. Jimmie Johnson, 1,157; 3. Kurt Busch, 1,144; 4. Tony Stewart, 1,138; 5. Denny Hamlin, 1,088; 6. Clint Bowyer, 1,052; 7. Kyle Busch, 1,026; 8. Carl Edwards, 1,023; 9. David Reutimann, 992; 10. Kasey Kahne, 975; 11. Jeff Burton, 953; 12. Matt Kenseth, 946; 13. Mark Martin, 937; 14. Greg Biffle, 930; 15. Juan Pablo Montoya, 910; 16. Kevin Harvick, 869; 17. Ryan Newman, 863; 18. Brian Vickers, 848; 19. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 843; 20. David Stremme, 829.

Hikers can get moving with 'Trail Shape' from Kentucky State Parks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Parks are offering hikers an opportunity to see waterfalls, age-old fossils, hundreds of species of birds, and plant species that existed when dinosaurs roamed the land.

It's all part of a free program called Trail Shape. Hike on 16 trails during a 1-year period and become eligible for a drawing for a 2-night stay at a Kentucky State Resort Park. The trails total 40 miles and hikers must document their experience with photos at designated "photo spots."

"The Trail Shape program was developed to combine people's desire to get fit and stay in shape, while exploring some of our great state parks and Kentucky's beautiful scenery all at the same time"

says Carey Tichenor, director of Recreation & Interpretation for Kentucky State Parks. "Why not enjoy the great outdoors while exercising? It is much more interesting than a treadmill or walking laps around the block."

The trails vary from one to five miles and feature different terrain. Along your treks, you are asked to keep a written journal of your outings. The journal should include start and end dates, date of each individual hike, time, weather conditions, and any unique observations and experiences along your hike.

Once completed, submit your digital photos from the designated photo spots, along with an electronic copy of your hiking journal on CD. Select entries will be chosen for posting on the Kentucky

State Parks website (unless you opt-out) to share with and inspire others.

If all trails are completed and documented, you will receive a Trail Shape certificate, Trail shape custom bandana, and will be entered into a drawing for a two-night stay at a Kentucky State Resort Park.

For details and a list of the trails and photo spots, visit www.parks.ky.gov and look for the Trail Shape logo.

Kentucky State Parks offer nearly 300 miles of hiking trails throughout the state, ranging from short walks of less than a mile to several trails of more than 10 miles. Visit www.parks.ky.gov for more details.

For more information about recreational trails in Kentucky, visit www.tourism.ky.gov/outdoors/.



photos courtesy of Brit 57 Racing
LATE MODEL DRIVER Brittany McKinney visited fan Dakota Parks recently at her school in Wolfe County. McKinney drives for the Brit 57 Racing team based out of Grethel. The Betsy Layne High School student is in her fourth season as a racecar driver.

Brittany McKinney plans to race the No. 57 Late Model throughout the 2009 season.



Betsy Layne too much for Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — The Betsy Layne Lady Cats remained in the win column on Thursday, defeating Shelby Valley 14-4.

Host Shelby Valley produced 14 hits in 34 at-bats. The home-standing team, however, struggled to make the most of their offensive opportunities.

Betsy Layne plated its 14 runs on 15 hits. Keturah Tackett had a pair of doubles for the Lady Cats. Amby Tackett, Lindsey Martin and Megan Hamilton each had one double for visiting Betsy Layne. Martin and Kendra Case contributed one triple apiece for the Lady Cats.

Betsy Layne was active on the basepaths, stealing nine bases.

Martin drove in a game-high three runs for Betsy Layne. Tackett, Case and Hamilton had two runs batted in apiece.

Keturah Tackett was the

winning pitcher for the Lady Cats.

"We started off hitting and never let up," said Betsy Layne Coach Gloria Mullins. "We made a few minor mistakes but never let it get us down. This was a big win for us since we lost to Shelby Valley in the second round of the All-A. We have three district games coming up next week which could decide who we play in the district tournament. I hope these wins will keep our heads up and have us ready for those games."

Lady Cats KO P'burg: Betsy Layne established an early lead and never faltered on Monday evening in a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup versus Prestonsburg. The Lady Cats, playing in the road at StoneCrest, set the tone early on en route to an 18-3 win in four innings.

Betsy Layne limited the Lady Blackcats. In 23 at-bats, Prestonsburg had 10 hits, including two doubles.

Betsy Layne made the most of some offensive opportunities. The Lady Cats batted .500 (16-for-32). Kendra Case paced Betsy Layne offensively, finishing with a triple and a double. Jordan Hamilton had a triple while Amby Tackett legged out a triple. The Lady Cats stole 11 bases.

Keturah Tackett was the winning pitcher for Betsy Layne.

"We played well," said Betsy Layne Coach Gloria Mullins. "Our hitting is picking up. Kendra Case is finding her bat and beginning to settle in the batter's box. She is really quick and if she gets on base she is hard to throw out. Our team is finally coming together as a team and they depend on each other at every game. If one player is out the team feels the effects. We had two players out in the All-A due to illness and it really affected our play. Hopefully everyone is healthy and ready to play."

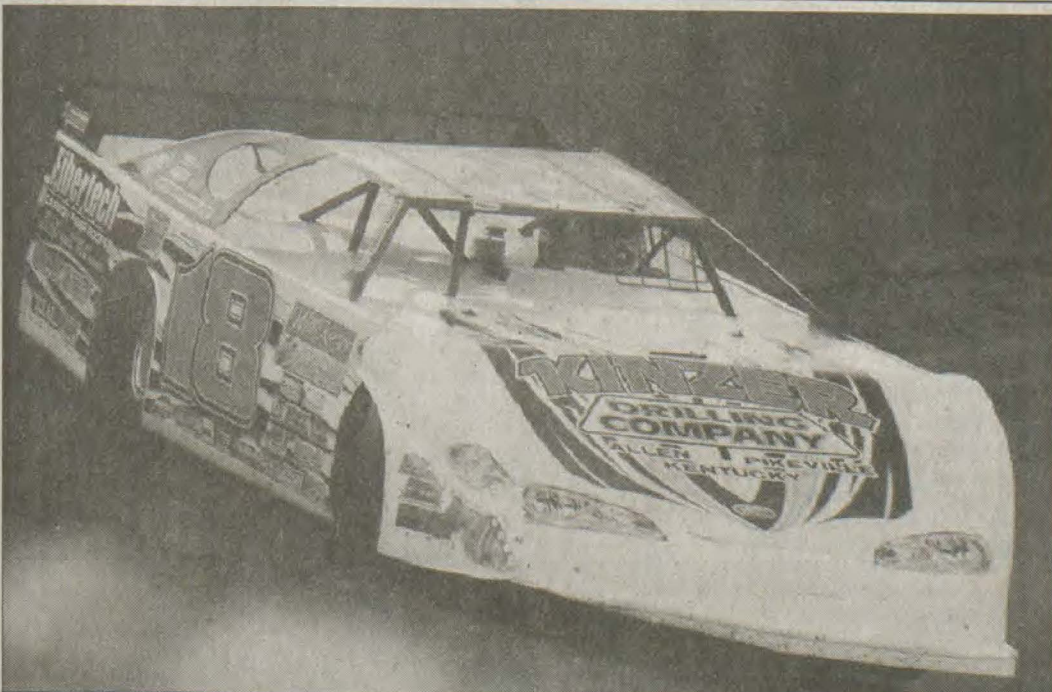


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ALLEN-BASED LATE MODEL DRIVER BRANDON KINZER is several races into the 2009 campaign. Kinzer was racing in Alabama earlier in the weekend. Results of the races were unavailable at press time.

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be entered against him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.
Anthony Craig Davis
Davis Law Office
104 Hays Complex
P.O. Box 220
Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605
Office: (606) 478-1002

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0829

In accordance with KRS 350.055,

notice is hereby given that Viking Mining, LLC, 800 North Side Drive, Suite 27; Summersville, WV. 26651, has applied for a permit for a surface contour mining and reclamation operation affecting 142.62 surface acres and 249.00 auger/high-wall mining and reclamation operation for a total of 391.62 acres located 1.25 miles southwest of Hartley in Pike & Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1469's junction with KY State Route 610. The proposed operation is located on Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork of Shelby Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright

USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the surface contour and auger/highwall methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed under this operation is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road; Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Southern Water & Sewer District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be accepted through Friday, May 1, at 2 p.m. For further information, please contact Gary Blankenship at 606-377-9296.

Southern Water & Sewer District
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Weeksbury Community House of God, Box 311, Weeksbury, KY 41647, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to install a bridge. The property is located at the mouth of Mills Branch of Rt. 466, 2 miles from 122 intersection. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.



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