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Smoke ban moves closer to passage

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – From early draft to first reading, the city of Prestonsburg is one step closer to a new law that would ban smoking in public buildings.

The Prestonsburg City Council gave the first reading during its regular meeting Monday evening before both supporters and those opposing such an ordinance.

At issue Monday was the call for an

exemption for bingo parlors in city limits, namely Court Street Bingo in downtown. Since the council first approved the drafting of an ordinance to ban smoking in public buildings, this has been the hot button issue.

"If you pass this, not only does the bingo hall lose, but the city of Prestonsburg loses," said Mary Stephens, a resident who runs two games at Court Street Bingo. "In the last five years, we've raised \$550,000

(See **SMOKE BAN**, page six)



Members of the Floyd County Breathe Easy Coalition were on hand for a first reading of an ordinance that would see smoking banned in public places within city limits. The group's main opposition are those seeking an exemption for bingo halls.

photo by Sheldon Compton

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER



photo by Ralph B. Davis

After Prestonsburg's Fourth of July fireworks were postponed due to rain and fog on Independence Day, the city finally lit up the skies with its annual pyrotechnic display on Friday night. The half-hour show featured \$32,000 worth of fireworks and drew crowds all along the city's main thoroughfares.

Ivel store robbed again

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

IVEL – The Ivel Double Kwik has again been the target of a robbery, one of several such incidents that have occurred across the region since the first of the year.

According to Kentucky State

Police, a white man wearing black shorts, a black shirt and a paintball mask entered the store with a small handgun and demanded cash from the clerk.

The store employees later contacted the state police and told investigators that the man took a total of \$201.15 in cash before leaving the scene in a red Ford

Ranger pickup truck. The truck left traveling south on U.S. 23, police said.

According to the clerks, another person was driving the truck, but police offered no description of this individual as of Tuesday.

The case remains under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

Old computers left outside after no one buys them

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – A stockpile of computers stored outside the old Prestonsburg grade school were recently declared as surplus and will soon be discarded, according to officials with the Floyd County Board of Education.

The computers were set outside several days ago and have been subjected to weather, rendering them unusable. However, according to Matt

Wireman, the school board's director of finance, treasurer and interim chief information officer, the computers were never a feasible option for use in any case.

"These were nonfunctioning or couldn't handle running the software we had," said Wireman. "We had a company coming to pick them up, but they couldn't, so we are working with another to take care of it."

Computers that fall under surplus criteria are advertised

in the newspaper for anyone who would like to bid on them, said Wireman. In the case of the most recent computers at the old grade school, no bids were received.

Though there is no way to calculate what value the dozens of computers might have had for the school system had bids been received, Wireman did say that the cost of disposing of them would have been too significant to have been beneficial

(See **COMPUTERS**, page six)



photo by Sheldon Compton

This stockpile of computers outside the old Prestonsburg grade school is due to be picked up and recycled in the near future. School board officials say the computers, which have sat outside the school for the past several days, have been declared surplus and that no bids were received from the public or private sectors for them.

Brother gets five years for shooting death

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – Terry Tuttle, the McDowell man charged last year for murder in connection to the shooting death of his brother, David Tuttle, will now serve five years in prison.

Tuttle pleaded guilty to one count of reckless homicide, an amended charge. He was originally charged with murder, but had claimed a gun he used to kill his brother during an argument at their mother's apartment at Minnie accidentally went off.

David Tuttle later died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Tuttle's claim that the gun fired accidentally was something prosecutors said could have been the case once they examined ballistic reports in the case. This figured in the

(See **PLEA**, page six)

Murder trial reset for November

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – The jury trial originally scheduled on Monday for a Harold man charged with murder for the 2008 death of 63-year-old Loretta Elswick in an automobile accident has been rescheduled for November.

Jonathan Pente, 37, was arrested after allegedly fleeing the scene of the accident on foot and charged with murder and three counts of first-degree assault.

According to the police report, which was released on Oct. 4, 2008, Pente was traveling north in the southbound lane of U.S. 23 at Harold, when the truck he was driving struck a van in which Elswick was a passenger. Three

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Obituaries

Wilburn "Buddy Boy" Caudill

Wilburn "Buddy Boy" Caudill, 71, of Minnie, died Monday, July 13, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born September 15, 1937, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late William and Frankie Jane Hall Caudill. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include two sisters: Shirley Ann Caudill and Mallie Johnson, both of Melvin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Virgil, Berlin and James Edward Caudill; and two sisters: Nancy Carol and Judy Mae Caudill.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 16, at 11 a.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Charlie Hamilton Family Cemetery, in Minnie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.
 (Paid obituary)

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Kevin Click

Kevin Click, 36, of Banner, died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at his residence.

Born March 2, 1973, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Clara Spears Click of Banner, and the late Lum Click Jr.

Other survivors include

three brothers: Steve (Elizabeth) Spears of Banner, and Greg and Clint Spears, both of Lexington; two sisters: Donna Spears of Paintsville, and Suzanna Keathley of Banner; six nieces and nephews: Nicole and Bruce Keathley, Reanna Fannin, Brandon and Olivia Spears, and Peyton Meek; and numerous special aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 14, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Shane Powers officiating.

Burial was in the Akers Family Cemetery, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.
 (Paid obituary)

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George Dutton

George Dutton, 51, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at his residence.

Born March 23, 1958, in Weeksbury, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Bessie Dulin Dutton. He was a disabled welder.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Lou Collins Dutton.

Other survivors include one daughter, Angela (Rick) Dupree of Taylor, Michigan; three brothers: Charles (Linda) Dutton of Frenchburg; Johnny (Mary) Dutton of Willard, Ohio; and David "Bo" (Marie) Dutton of Weeksbury; two sisters: Phyllis (Gary) Tackett and Carolyn (Jerry) Maynor, both of Weeksbury; two grand-

children: Michael and Anthony; and his faithful companion, Stubby.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Chester Dutton.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 13, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with J.M. Sloce officiating.

Burial was in the Weeksbury Community Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.
 (Paid obituary)

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Helen Tackett Hall

Helen Tackett Hall, age 76, of McDowell, wife of James Monroe Hall, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2009, at her residence.

She was born June 24, 1933, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Marion Tackett and Minnie Vance Tackett. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat.

Survivors include her husband, James; a son, Jeffrey Darrell Hall of Amanda, Ohio; four daughters: Mary Joyce Murphy of Port St. Lucie, Florida; Karen Ann Stephens of Lowmansville; Delores Miller of Prestonsburg; and Lisa Carol Fields of Port St. Lucie, Florida; two brothers: Roy Tackett of Paintsville; and Wade Tackett of Printer; five sisters: Mary Patton of Glendale, Arizona; Irene Tackett and Verlie Mae Tackett, both of Printer; Columbia Mullins of Bowling Green; and Gail Gayheart of Royalton; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, James Dwayne Hall; and six brothers: Alan, Roe, Junior, Walk, Timmy and Bill Tackett.

Funeral services for Helen Tackett were conducted Sunday, July 13, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was after 5:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home; and after 5:00 p.m., Saturday, at the church.

Pallbearers: Jamie Hall, Jody Hall, Keith Gayheart, Jackie Hall, Jeremy Hall, Justin Stephens, Jonathan Hall, and Dustin Breeden.
 (Paid obituary)

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Lena L. Bradley Hopkins

Lena L. Bradley Hopkins, age 99, of Wayland, went to be with the Lord, Friday, July 10, 2009, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born to Butler and Mary Collins Bradley on August 16, 1909, at Dema.

She was a member of the Caney Fork Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ishmael C. Hopkins; her parents, Butler and Mary Bradley; her stepfather, Allen Huff; and eight brothers and sisters: Alonzo, Green, Dale and Glidden Bradley, Hattie Barney, Maude Slone, Lucy Gibson and Marie Slone. Also one grandson, Frank Michael Baldrige; and her son-in-law, Frank Baldrige.

She is survived by three children: Betty Baldrige of Wayland; Edith (Gerald) Jones of Prestonsburg; and Ishmael (Marcia) Hopkins of Cynthia; her grandchildren: Jeffery (Alice) Hopkins, Tracy (Tim) Childers, and Carolyn (Derrick) Dunnaway; and her great-grandchildren: Zackery Childers, Dalton Childers, Elizabeth Childers, Jonathan Hopkins, Joshua Hopkins, Riley Mattox and John Mattox.

After being widowed at an early age, she was left with the task of raising her three children alone. She did this with love, and continued to actively be involved with her children and grandchildren.

She was an avid gardener,

tending her roses and flowers, and appreciating their beauty. She also raised vegetables, and gave them to family and friends. She was a recycler before the term recycle was popularly used. Throughout the years she was always interested in what family, and nieces and nephews, were involved in their life.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with James Cluett Hall, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Bradley Cemetery at Wayland.

The family has chosen Hall Funeral Home to care for the arrangements.

Pallbearers: Walter Scott Slone, Gerald Jones, Derrick Dunaway, Jeff Hopkins, Dan Ballman and Don Baldrige.
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Arda Lou Hall Kidd

Arda Lou Hall Kidd, age 64, of Honaker, widow of Truman S. Kidd, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2009, at her residence.

She was born June 12, 1945, in Pikeville, a daughter of the late Harry and Agnes Risner Hall. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Mud Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Gregory Kidd, and his wife Freeda, of Honaker; three brothers: Ted, Terry and Tommy Hall, all of Little Mud; and one sister, Dottie Hall of Betsy Layne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral service was conducted Saturday, July 11, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial was in Truman Kidd Cemetery, in Honaker.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Adam Hall, Travis Hall, Kenny Hall, Jimmy Hall, Barry Hall, Dylan Barely, Jeff Kidd, and Chris Kidd.

Honorary: Ted Hall, Terry Hall, Tommy Hall, Joe Risner, Larry Clark, and Lencon Boyd.
 (Paid obituary)

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Eddie Von Martin

Eddie Von Martin, 62, of Dema, died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center, in Richmond.

Born January 24, 1947, in Dema, he was the son of the late Berlin and Marie Slone Martin. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Moore Martin.

Other survivors include two sons: Eddie Tilden Martin of Mt. Sterling, and Jackie Brent Martin of Dema; a daughter, Erika Von Easter of Richmond; five brothers: Harold Ray Martin of Hindman, William James Martin of Frenchburg, Madison Martin of Dema, Ernest Martin of Plymouth, Ohio, and Larry Martin of Dema; four sisters: Berleen Bouser of Dayton, Ohio,

Sandra Gibson of Willard, Ohio, Jewell Blair and Karen Jones, both of Hindman; seven grandchildren: Paula Jordan, Evan Brent, Weston Brent, Wyatt Makay, Kirsten, Kylee Marie and Kennedy Von; and numerous special nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ronnie Martin; and one sister, Geraldine Martin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Hindman, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Eddie Von Martin Cemetery, in Dema, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with additional services each night at 7.
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Junior "Red" Martin

Junior "Red" Martin, age 83, of Lackey, husband of the late Mildred Martin, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2009, at his residence.

He was born January 26, 1926, in Punkin Center, Wayland, the son of the late Watt Martin and Sallie Conley Martin. He was a retired coal miner; an U.S. Army, World War II veteran; and member of the Church of God.

Survivors include, five sons: Charles "Duke" (Georgia) Gibson of Ezel; Gordon Gibson of Lawrenceburg; Jackie (Sharon) Gibson of Lackey; Terry "Moe" (Connie) Gibson of Prestonsburg; and Larry Martin of Punkin Center; seven daughters: Linda (Bill) Caudill of Piercetown, Indiana; Patricia (Jerry) Conley of North Judson, Indiana; Sherri Liskey of Harrodsburg; Connie (Mike) Sexton of Lackey; Vicky Conley of Lawrenceburg; LaDonna (Jr.) Patrick of Prestonsburg; and Rhonda (Chuck) Scoville of Ivel; a sister, Kathryn Currens of Shelbyville; 24 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in

death by a daughter, Sally Jo Martin; and two brothers: Charles Martin and Joe Martin.

Funeral services for Junior "Red" Martin were conducted Sunday, July 12, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Larry Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Family Cemetery, in Punkin Center, Wayland, with the Hal

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Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF VIRGIL OUSLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Darrell Smith would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss: those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman Freddie Lewis for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear.

For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF DARRELL SMITH

Card of Thanks

The family of Harold C. Barnett would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or prayers to our family during this difficult time. A special thanks to Clergymen Chuck Ferguson and James Harmon for their comforting words; Appalachian Hospice and Dr. Lowell Martin for all the care they provided to our father; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF HAROLD C. BARNETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Zackery Allen Coleman would like to sincerely say, thank you, to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time, those who sent flowers, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergyman Red Lawson for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

To all we say, "thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF ZACKERY ALLEN COLEMAN

Card of Thanks

The family of Moses Frasure would like to thank Hall Brothers Funeral Home for the outstanding service and accommodations, and the family and friends who came out to show their love and support. Moses was a kind and gentle man and will be missed by all who knew him.

THE FAMILY OF MOSES FRASURE

Appalachian writers to gather at annual workshop



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HINDMAN — With its upcoming 32nd annual Appalachian Writers Workshop (July 26-31), Hindman Settlement School continues an extraordinary literary tradition that began more than a century ago.

The Knott County institution has attracted writers since its earliest days. In 1905, Ann Cobb arrived to teach and published a number of sketches and dialect poems. Lucy Furman, an accomplished writer before coming to Hindman, published five novels about her years as housemother to the small Settlement boys and her association with the school and the surrounding area. The late James Still, poet, novelist and short story writer, was associated with Hindman for nearly 70 years and is buried on the Settlement's cam-

pus. Hindman alumnus Albert Stewart, a poet and founding editor of Appalachian Heritage magazine, organized the Settlement's first Appalachian Writers Workshop.

This year, the workshop includes tracks on writing nonfiction, poetry, short stories, children's stories, memoirs and novels. The workshops are taught by a talented group of published writers who mentor workshop participants, both in groups and individually.

Each evening workshop staff will read from their works. All evening programs start at 7:30 pm and are free and open to the public. All readings will be in the May Stone Building at the Settlement School.

The evening schedule includes:
 ■ Sunday, July 26 — Anne Shelby,

"The Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales"

■ Monday, July 27 — Kevin Stewart, Jeff Daniel Marion and George Ella Lyon

■ Tuesday, July 28 — Silas House, Laura Benedict and Karen McElmurray

■ Wednesday, July 29 — Ron Rash, "Jim Wayne Miller/James Still Lecture"

■ Thursday, July 30 — Pinckney Benedict, Ann Pancake and Maurice Manning

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Cinema 7—Held Over
 I LOVE YOU BETH COOPER (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

Cinema 8—Starts Wednesday, July 15
 HARRY POTTER (PG). Mon.-Sun. 8:20; Fri. (5:00) 8:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:30-5:00) 8:20.

Cinema 9—Held Over
 TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (4:45) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:45) 8:00.

Cinema 10—Starts Friday, July 17
 YEAR ONE (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

\$5.6 million Johnson County bridge opens Friday with ceremony

RIVER — The new bridge across the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River from the community of River to Offut in Johnson County will be officially open and dedicated on Friday, July 17, at 11 a.m. during a ceremony open to the public.

State and local officials will join the family of the late Irvin Clay to name the bridge in his memory and cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the \$5.6 million span. The event will take place on the lot next to the River end of the bridge. The bridge will be closed to traffic during the ceremony, so people from the Offut side of the river should plan to arrive at the site before 11 a.m.

Irvin Clay, the father of Herma Clay Preston and grandfather of Mike Preston of Preston Funeral Home, owned the property on the River side of the bridge where a residential subdivision now stands. A coal miner, farmer and merchant (he had three grocery stores), Clay was a prominent member of the community until his death in 1973 at age 75.

Old-timers remember a generous man who kept families from going hungry by extending credit at his grocery stores, credit that many folks could never repay. He was a member of River United Baptist Church, and a 32nd degree Mason in the

Paintsville F&AM Masonic Lodge.

Clay had two daughters, Herma Clay Preston and the late Vonda Clay McKenzie.



Irvin Clay

Herma and her son, Mike Preston, will represent the family on Friday along with Vonda's daughters, Phyllis Jean Sneed and Frances Daniel, both of Columbus, Ohio.

"We appreciate Sen. Ray Jones and Rep. Hubert Collins," Mike Preston said, "for passing the resolution in the Kentucky General Assembly to name the bridge after my grandfather. Not only does the bridge pass over what used to be his home place, Irvin Clay was a good neighbor and friend, a generous and caring person who loved his community."

Collins, chairman of the House Transportation Committee in the Kentucky General Assembly, will be among the speakers. He will be joined by Mike Preston, grandson of Irvin Clay; and John P. Sammons, who served as Highway District 12's project inspector.

A caravan of fire engines, rescue vehicles, law enforcement cars, and anyone from the general public who wants to join will make the first official crossing after the ribbon-cutting. "We know that the bridge is being used already," said Sara George, Highway District 12 Information

Officer. "Technically, however, it is not open to the public. So we are going to have a parade of vehicles to make the first official crossing of the bridge."

Highway District 12 Chief Engineer Kevin Damron said that the new bridge is a transportation improvement that will affect the lives of everyone in Offut, River, and the surrounding area. "There has never been a bridge along this stretch of the Levisa Fork that accommodates motorized vehicles. People have used a walk bridge to get to the post office and back to the Offut side of the river.

"Anytime communities and neighborhoods are connected with a good road or bridge, amazing things start to happen. Good things that benefit everyone. We are just happy that we can join the celebration of this major community improvement project," he said.

The bridge was built by Bush & Burchett of Allen, Floyd County. Excavation and grade work was done by Bizzack, guardrail by Big Sandy Guardrail, and traffic

control was provided by KVWV.

Members of the River Homemakers and the River Volunteer Fire Department are providing refreshments afterward. Pepsi-Cola of Staffordsville has donated soft drinks and bottled water.

In case of rain, the event will be held inside at the River Volunteer Fire Department, the site of the Dec. 6, 2005 groundbreaking. Everyone in the Offut and River communities and surrounding areas is invited to attend.

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Our View

The middle path

On Friday, we published a story representing two divergent viewpoints on the future of Eastern Kentucky, particularly in relation to coal mining.

On one side was Ron Eller, a University of Kentucky history professor who ruffled a few feathers earlier this year when he called for an end to surface mining during a speech before the East Kentucky Leadership Conference. Appalachia would be better off, he argues, if it focused on diversifying its economy through tourism and other industries.

On the other side was former Gov. Paul Patton, who made no bones about a future without coal mining. Patton painted a bleak picture of an Eastern Kentucky without mining, comparing it to a ghost town. Without coal, he said, there is no future for the region.

So who was right? That, of course, is a matter of opinion, but we have ours.

Both men are right, to a degree. And similarly, both men are also wrong.

Eller is correct in saying that Eastern Kentucky needs to diversify its economy. That is not necessarily an argument against coal mining, although we are certain he intends it to be. It's just good economic practice.

Eastern Kentuckians know well the dangers of depending too heavily on a single industry. They've seen it firsthand in the rise and fall of the coal markets, as the fortunes of families have risen and fallen with each boom and bust. Diversification would only help the region weather the ebb and flow of circumstances beyond our control.

But we are highly skeptical of Eller's view that tourism could play a large role in weaning Appalachia from coal. After decades of spending millions of dollars on attractions to draw tourists to the region, with only modest success, it should be quite obvious that tourism will only play a secondary role in developing Eastern Kentucky beyond a single-industry society.

The big payday promised by tourism is quite literally a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You can chase it all you want, but you will only end up running around in circles.

And that is why Patton is correct in saying that there is no economy in Eastern Kentucky without coal — at least for the foreseeable future. Quite simply, no other industry in Eastern Kentucky, current or proposed, can produce as many jobs or as much wealth for local residents as coal.

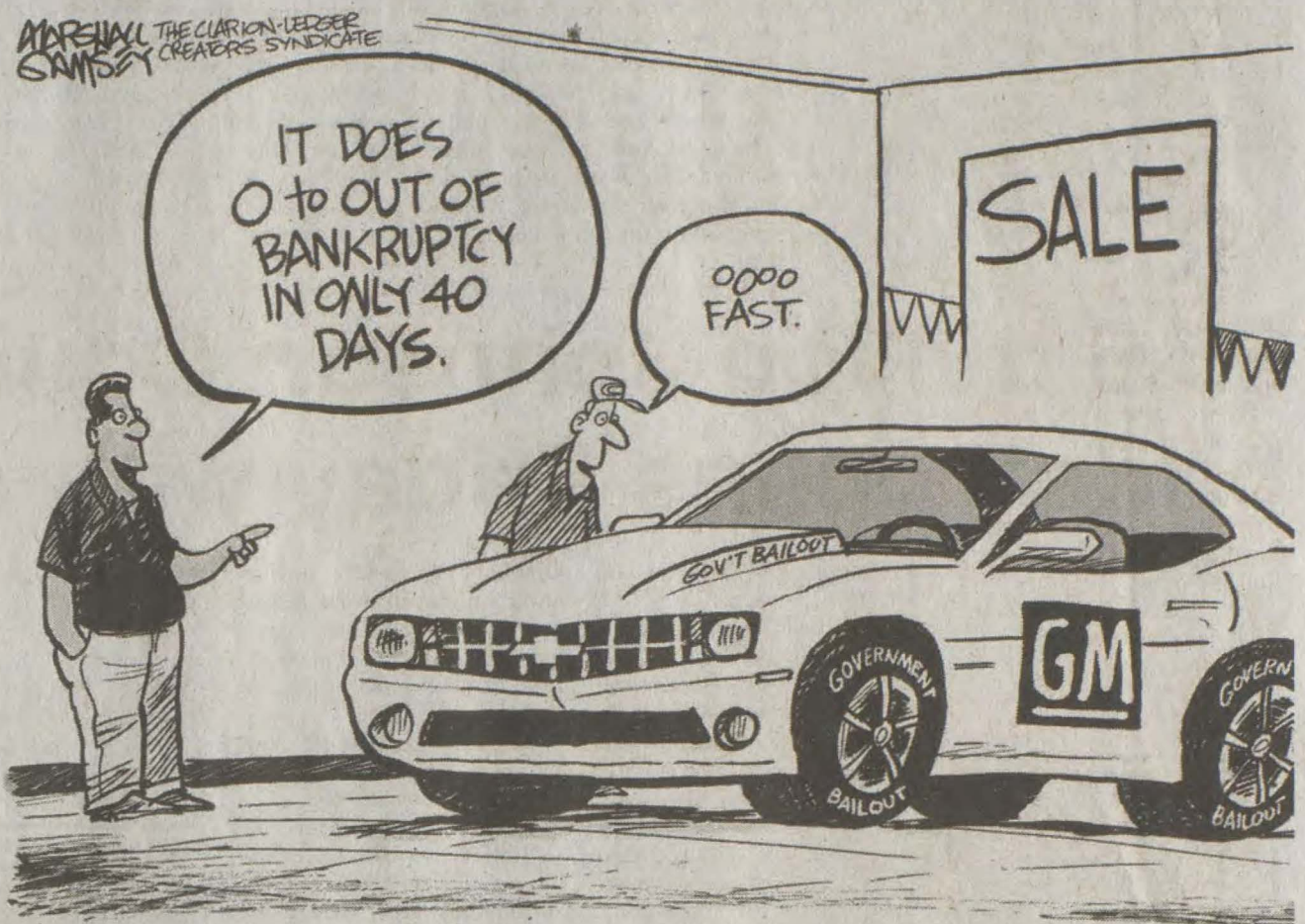
But the coal industry also needs to recognize that the world is changing and coal must adapt with it. Concerns about global warming and other environmental issues are pushing the world slowly but inexorably away from fossil fuels and toward renewable sources of energy. In the grand scheme, it is irrelevant whether such efforts as the cap-and-trade bill currently before the Senate succeed or not. The bigger picture is that the world has already expressed a desire to begin moving away from coal. That is not a statement for or against the industry; it's a simple, uncomfortable fact, and fighting against it makes it no less true.

Perhaps the only reason coal continues to enjoy prominence among the nation's energy infrastructure is that alternative, renewable sources of energy — wind, solar, hydrogen — are thus far too expensive and too inefficient to adapt to widespread use. Once technology catches up, however, Eastern Kentucky had best be prepared.

Coal could also lengthen its lifespan by embracing change. Research and technology work both ways, and the industry would be better served by working to improve clean coal technology and develop more environmentally friendly ways to extract the mineral from the earth. And the coal companies could protect their futures by diversifying into alternative energy, making the construction of wind farms or solar arrays part of reclamation efforts.

There is no question: For now and for at least the next generation, our region needs coal. At the same time, state and local leaders need to be proactive in preparing for a day when coal is no longer king. Standing steadfastly against the tide of history will only result in Eastern Kentucky being left behind.

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Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by HOUSE SPEAKER
GREG STUMBO

The author Jesse Stuart once said that "if these United States could be called a body, Kentucky can be called its heart."

That has always been true, for Kentucky is as much an ideal as a place. It represented the future when it was a frontier, and now it points to the future once again as it becomes a growing focal point for the next generation of domestic energy production.

If Kentucky is truly the nation's heart, then it could be said that our coal has been its lifeblood. For more than two centuries now it has kept our homes, schools, and businesses comfortable and well-lit. Along the way it powered both an industrial and now a technological revolution. Take away coal, and you might as well take away every other appliance, every other computer, and every other skyscraper along our city skylines, because it generates half of our country's electricity.

A vocal minority, often led by those who have never called the coal fields home, has sought to keep this critical resource underfoot, however, always with the magical assumption that another ready and reliable replacement would take its place.

Thomas Jefferson said that "a little rebellion now and then is a good thing," and as usual, he was right, but not in the way that those who oppose coal might think. The "Appalachian

Revolution" was started 30 years ago by those who returned home after graduating from college. They became businessmen and community leaders, and many attained high public office.

During this time, the area produced a two-term Governor; a Lieutenant Governor; a Speaker of the House who had been Majority Floor Leader; other legislative leaders that include the current House Majority Floor Leader and House Majority Whip; and a host of local, forward thinking officials like Pike County Judge/Executive Wayne Rutherford and Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman.

They came of age when the modern era of coal mining began in 1977 with the enactment of the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, which drove away renegade coal operators and established more responsible ways to mine the land and then reclaim it.

That federal law — and the "Broadform deed" amendment added to our constitution in the 1980s to give landowners more say in how coal is mined on their property — drove the modern era of coal mining in Kentucky, and they have been greatly helped by the General Assembly's decision in 1972 to establish the coal-severance tax. The hundreds of millions of dollars this has generated for coal-producing counties over the last three-plus decades has spurred a tremendous amount of economic development and greatly enhanced both the safety and quality of life in the eastern and western coalfields.

It would not be an understatement to say that coal built the airports in Pike and Martin counties and in Hazard. It paved the way for develop-

ments like Stonecrest and the Mountain Arts Center here in Floyd County and the East Kentucky Exposition Center in Pike County, and it has significantly improved our infrastructure.

It would be difficult to imagine the challenges our region would face without the benefit of coal. The industry's high-paying jobs have made a profound difference, especially when measuring their percentage of employment in many counties.

Coal stands ready to be the same fuel for the 21st Century that it was for the 19th and 20th. To help us make that possible, however, we need to bring coal mining and land reclamation even closer together. With approval from the federal government, Kentucky can better ensure that post-mined land use truly lives up to the promise of the federal reclamation act, which envisioned far more than acres of pasture.

If coal-mining companies and our communities worked more closely together, we could see even greater opportunities for long-term success. Land could be reclaimed for new roads, development, subdivisions, or hardwood forests. There have been tantalizing examples of success, but they need to be maximized so that every mined acre is reclaimed to its fullest potential.

Our "Appalachian Revolution" continues because our area still lags behind in the critical areas of education and healthcare. But the dedicated spirit of our people and their elected officials and business leaders will ensure that the victory will be won, a victory that will provide a bright future for the mountains and for the children who call them home.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

We know that the typical middle class family in this country needs two incomes to make ends meet and the current recession is making hard times even harder. What I, and maybe you, didn't realize is that the burden on the middle class is so heavy nationally that middle class Americans now have less access to a college education than the lowest economic classes, which usually have more access to financial aid than those with higher incomes.

That is the message in a May 2009 Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center study I mentioned to you last week that covers trends in college attendance in Kentucky and the U.S. from 1993-97 and 2003-2007. And it is a frustrating message because Kentucky set a very serious goal 12 years ago of doubling its number of college graduates in the state to around 791,000 bachelor's degree holders by 2020, meaning our state needs another 211,000 degree holders within the next 11 years. If middle class access to higher education in Kentucky is as limited as it

appears to be nationally we might not meet that goal.

Lucky for us, based on the study, Kentucky seems to be faring better than we might imagine. The study reveals that since the mid 1990s, our state has seen an increase in the probability rate for college attendance among 18 to 24 year olds compared to the national rate across all income levels, including the middle income level. From 2003-07, the probability of 18-24 year olds attending college in Kentucky (the typically college age range) indicated that Kentucky had gained on the national average. Kentucky's probability rate was 39 percent over that four-year period compared to a U.S. rate of 44 percent, but don't let the higher U.S. rate fool you. The study states that the difference in the rates is not statistically significant, "indicating Kentucky's gain on the nation relative to its standing 10 years earlier."

We can also assume from the study that the probability of the 18 to 24 year old group attending college using income as the only determinant was greater from 2003-07 in Kentucky than the U.S. as a whole, although only in the highest income group. The rate was 51 percent in Kentucky versus 50 percent nationally for the higher income group. Kentucky was only three percentage points behind the 36

percent national probability rate for attendance by those in the middle income bracket—much higher than Kentucky's 26 percent rate 10 years before but only three percent higher than the national rate 10 years before.

One thing we should not assume from all this data is that Kentucky's college attendance rate have been unaffected by annual tuition increases at Kentucky colleges and universities. "It is possible that the gains would have been even higher without the large increases in the cost of college over the last several years," the study states. We need to do something about our high tuition rates, for the sake of our families, our educational system and our state's future.

We should also not assume that family income is always a "sure thing" when it comes to determining access to college whether nationally or in Kentucky. From the study, and I quote: "The lowest and middle income students have a lower likelihood of attending college than the highest income students," it says, "with middle income students actually having a lower probability of attending college than those from the lowest income group." One of the three key findings of the study was that family income often determines whether one

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Obituaries

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Pallbearers: Jeremy Conley, Josh Conley, Gordon Gibson, Terry Gibson, Christopher Gibson, Justin Blair, and Jeff Campbell. (Paid obituary)

Wilmington; and, two granddaughters: Nicole Osborn and Skylar Pitzer.

In addition, he is survived by his sisters: Geraldine Redfern of Clarksville; Judith Kay (Rick) Johnston of Wilmington; and Carla (Donald) Jones of Miamisburg.

Also surviving are his nephews: Todd Redfern of Clarksville; Tyler (Julie) Johnston of Sarasota, Florida; James Jones of West Carrollton; and Jordan Jones of Miamisburg; and his nieces: Robyn Rodfern (Dale McVey) of Hillard, Ohio; and Betony (Mark) O'Connor of Champaign, Illinois; a great-niece, Tia Redfern; and a great-nephew, Graham Johnston.

Surviving also are aunts: Millie Gray of Wilmington; Lottie Friend Lamb and Laverna (Robert) Jeffery of Lebanon, Ohio; and Virginia (Bill) Smith of Nashville, Tennessee; and several cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 16, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Arnold Turner officiating.

Interment will be at Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m., until 9 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, D.A.V. The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Chaffin Setser.

Other survivors include five sons: Henry Lewis (Sharon) Setser of East Point; Mickey Lee (Debbie) Setser of Prestonsburg; Timothy Dean (Sheila) Setser, of East Point; Rickey (Mary) Setser of East Point; and Jeffrey Keith (Heather) Setser of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Alicia (John) Salisbury of Ivel; nine grandchildren: Leslie, Matt, Jason, Donald, Patrick, Jessica, Seth, Kristany and William; and one great-grandchild, Aubrey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Tom, Herman, Billy and Millard Setser; five sisters: Elsie Roop, Edith Petrie, Ruth George, Ruby Setser and Josephine Setser.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 1 p.m., at Lancer Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Kevin Collins and Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Military services will be conducted by D.A.V. Chapter 169, of Betsy Layne.

Burial will be in the H.L. Setser Cemetery, (Lancer), in Prestonsburg.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lancer Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

Victor L. Osborn
Victor L. Osborn, age 70, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Clarksville, Ohio, died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 5 p.m., in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born in Oregonia, Ohio, May 2, 1939, the son of the late William Carl Osborn and Jewell Sadler Osborn.

He was a brick layer in the Clinton County area for many years before moving to Kentucky. He was a Kentucky Colonel and a former member of the Clarksville Masonic Lodge No. 322, F&AM.

He is survived by his fiancée, Nell Stone of Prestonsburg; a son, Vincent L. Osborn of Blanchester; a daughter, Angela (John) Pica of



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attends college. Because middle class families have higher incomes than lower income families, you would think that middle class student would have a higher probability of going to college than lower income students. But the fact is that because of economic burdens and lack of opportunities that lower income students might have for education, a discrepancy remains.

If you would like to read more about the study titled "Trends in Postsecondary School Attendance, Kentucky and the United States, 1993-97 to '2003-07" from KLTPrC, you can access it on the Internet at http://www.kltprc.net/policynotes/pn0028_college_affordability.pdf. Other data about state policy important to Kentucky can also be found on the site www.kltprc.net.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and I look forward to sharing with you again next week.

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for part of us went with you,
the day He took you home.
To some you are forgotten,
to others just part of the past,
but to us who loved and lost you,
the memory will always last.

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Prestonsburg, and Joann McDaniels of Spencer, Tennessee.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bradley Lewis.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 27, at

noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Judy Caudill officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Minnie Lou Walker

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Born September 20, 1944, in Harold, she was the daughter of the late Robert Lewis and Belle Endicott Harless. She was a retired LPN, and a member of the New Day Anointing Church, in Betsy Layne.

She is survived by her husband, John Walker.

Other survivors include one daughter, Valerie (John) Spears of Auxier; one brother, Henry Lewis of Banner; and two sisters: Sue Compton of

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Kentucky's wine industry maturing nicely, lawmakers told

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's grape and wine industry continues to grow — not just in the quantity of wine produced, but in quality as well, lawmakers were told during Friday's meeting of the Licensing and Occupations Committee.

winemakers are looking to Frankfort for help with the next step they say will help their industry: Sunday wine sales.

Chuck Smith, an owner of Smith-Berry Vineyards and Winery in New Castle, told lawmakers that although his business partially depends on

tourists visiting his tasting room, he has to turn away people on Sundays since he's not allowed to sell wine then. "They get a little mad about it," he said.

Losing Sunday customers in that manner is "a double negative" in some winemakers' eyes, said Mac Stone,

executive director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's marketing office. "They don't just not get that sale. They feel that person won't be coming back," he said.

Currently, it's up to local governments to determine whether Sunday alcohol sales

are allowed, and that's an issue some local leaders don't want to case votes on, Smith said. He'd rather see state leaders step in to allow Sunday sales at wineries like his.

Rep. Darryl Owens, D-Louisville, questioned whether lawmakers would want to take away the decision-making on Sunday wine sales from local governments. "If the community speaks, then the community speaks," he said.

Richmond winemaker Lowell Land responded that he sees the issue as one of personal rights. If Sunday wine sales were allowed, then "if you want to come to my place on Sunday, you can. If you don't want to, you don't have to," he said.

The grape-growing and winemaking business is still a relatively young industry in Kentucky. Although Kentucky

was known as a grape-producing state early in the nation's history, Prohibition erased the industry. But it appears to be making a comeback. There were only four small farm wineries in Kentucky in 2003. Today there are more than 50.

Lawmakers got to see one of those small farm wineries today during their meeting at Smith-Berry Vineyard and Winery. They met in a converted dairy barn that now contains some of the oak barrels used to age wine at Smith-Berry.

Rep. Rick Rand, D-Bedford, said he believes the success of Kentucky's vineyards and wineries will continue to grow. "I believe these wineries will be a signature industry in Kentucky," he said. "I think we're seeing the birth of an industry here."

Prestonsburg awarded LEPP funds to purchase body armor

FRANKFORT — The city of Prestonsburg has been awarded \$4,536 from the state Law Enforcement Protection Program to purchase body armor for peace officers, Gov. Steve Beshear announced Monday.

Under the LEPP, administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), appropriate agencies can seek financial help for certain defensive items essential in the course of their duties.

In conjunction with the Kentucky State

Police (KSP), KOHS derives income from sales of confiscated weapons. KSP conducts periodic auctions — only to federally licensed firearms dealers — which generate dollars for the LEPP initiative. The KOHS then assesses needs, and after prioritization, provides whatever funds are available in the acquisition of body armor, weapons, ammunition and electronic or muscular disruption technical devices, often referred to as "tasers."

"Statewide appeals for financial sup-

port always exceed resources," Thomas L. Preston, KOHS executive director, explained, "but we make every effort to respond with a priority focus on law enforcement safety."

LEPP support goes to police agencies of cities, counties, charter counties, unified counties, urban-counties and consolidated local governments, sheriff's departments and public university police departments.

Smoke ban

for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and \$500,000 for the football team."

Stephens also tossed in a bargaining chip, saying that Court Street Bingo would consider enacting a policy that would not allow visitors ages 18 or younger to enter the premises were an exemption included in the ordinance.

Stephens made her comments prior to the first reading Monday, something Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said was an uncommon thing for the city to allow. Typically, public discussion is offered prior to second readings, he said.

In turn, some of the two dozen or so members of the Floyd County Breath Easy Coalition attending the meeting posed questions to Stephens and the few others there to state the case for an exemption. The coalition approached the city council earlier this year asking for the smoking ban.

"You all made a blanket statement that everyone smokes at the bingo hall, but what about students or parents who come to help with the games?" Ken Carriere asked.

And so the debate among visitors continued Monday until Councilmember Gorman Collins Jr. interrupted, addressing both the crowd and his fellow councilmembers.

"I'm not looking for an argument here," Collins said. "I don't think this is the place for this. I'd rather remain focused and we could stay here all night long doing this."

However, others on the council, such as Freddie Goble, felt the city meeting was both the time and the place for such debate.

"I think we ought to give people the right to speak no matter if we're here until four o'clock in the morning," Goble said, a comment that was followed with some applause from those in attendance.

Before city attorney Jim Webb suggested moving along from the open discussion and resuming the talks prior to the second reading at the council's next regular meeting July 27, Collins toyed with the idea of an unofficial show of hands on the issue among he and other councilmembers.

"I'd like to know where we stand on this," he said, but the council declined to make a preliminary show of hands, opting instead to save their opinions for the second reading when the ordinance would receive a final vote.

Councilmember B.D. Nunnery mentioned some possible amendments he would like to see discussed before passage of the law, but did not elaborate. However, according

to the existing draft of the ordinance read Monday, there is no language included that would cover an exemption for bingo halls.

Fannin said the two weeks between now and the next reg-

ular meeting would allow both the council time to learn more from those in favor of the exemption and also additional opportunities for both sides to learn more from each other.

Plea

decision to allow Tuttle to plead.

Now Tuttle will serve five years in prison on the reckless homicide charge.

The two brothers were, according to police reports at the time, involved in an argument in late September at their mother's apartment in Minnie when David Tuttle was shot. Tuttle was first charged with first-degree assault, but after his brother died from the gunshot wound the charge was then amended to murder.

After the incident, David Tuttle was taken to nearby McDowell ARH and then transported to Cabell-

Huntington Hospital, where he later died.

Police on the scene just minutes after David Tuttle was shot said Terry Tuttle told them his mother had seen what had happened, adding that he and his brother had been arguing because David Tuttle had borrowed a truck without his permission. Police also said Terry Tuttle sat crying in the back of a police cruiser until state police arrived and continually insisted that he didn't intend to shoot his brother.

Until the time of his guilty plea, Tuttle had been held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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Computers

to the school board.

"They don't serve any purpose for us," continued Wireman. "It costs us more to try to do something with them, probably about \$50 a

machine."

The computers are currently slated to be picked up by representatives with Apple Computers, which will recycle them.

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others were injured in the crash and transported to the hospital.


Pente allegedly told police that he was trying to get to his children for a visit when he left the scene, and later admitted to have been drinking with a friend prior to getting behind the wheel.

The toxicology report, according to police, revealed

that Pente had a blood-alcohol level of more than twice the legal limit at the time of the accident.

Pente, who pleaded not guilty to the charges against him in October, has been lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$500,000 cash bond since his arrest.

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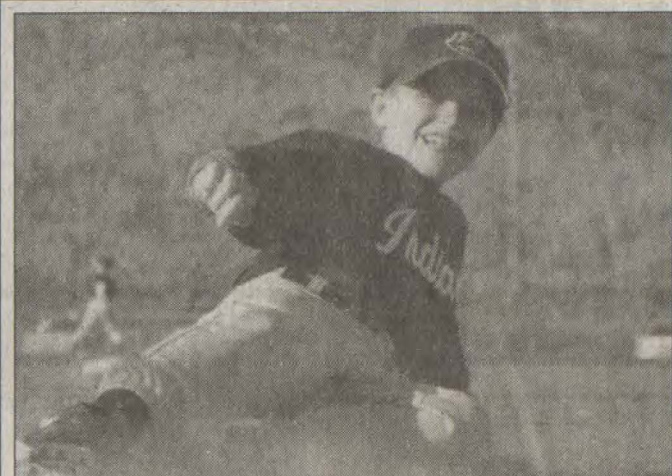
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XTREME Tumble and Party owners Amy Ellison and Amanda Hale.

Highlands Home Health COO elected president of Ky. Home Health Association

PRESTONSBURG — Sharon Branham, COO of Highlands Home Health, has been elected by her peers as the president of the Kentucky Home Health Association for a two-year term.

Branham has previously served on the board in several positions throughout her 23 years of home health experience. She is serving as the president of a 15-member board composed of more than 120 directors of home health agencies across the state.

"I look forward to leading the board as they develop their upcoming strategic plan to help home health agencies in our state deal with reimbursement cuts on the federal level and address the current fiscal budget crisis in Kentucky, which also affects home health agencies," Branham said.

Branham has helped Highlands Health System provide a continuum of care to patients through high quality home health services for 10 years.



Sharon Branham

Four motorcycle deaths on Kentucky roadways last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that nine people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, July 6, through Sunday, July 12.

Five of the crashes involved motor vehicles and one of those victims was not wearing a seat belt. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Boone, Calloway, Hancock, Hart and Pulaski counties.

Four motorcycle-involved fatalities occurred and three of those victims were not wearing helmets. Motorcycle crashes occurred in Elliott, Greenup, Hardin and Warren counties.

Through July 12, preliminary statistics indicate that 405 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is three more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There were 335 motor vehicle fatalities and 184 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Eighteen pedestrians have been killed. Forty-five fatalities involved a motorcycle and six fatalities involved an ATV. A total of 90 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-

222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

SBDC helps Lawrence County business open

PAINTSVILLE — According to Amanda Hale, she "would not have known where to start" had it not been for the Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center in Paintsville.

It was with the help of the Paintsville SBDC her dream of owning her own gymnastics and dance business became a reality.

Hale had been teaching classes at an area gym for more than eight years when she and a close friend, Amy Ellison, decided to open their own gymnastics and dance business.

Hale met with Mike Morley at the Paintsville SBDC, located

in the Highlands Entrepreneur Center, in October 2008. Morley helped Hale establish a thorough business plan and offered sound business advice which allowed her to make an informed decision concerning her desire to open her own business.

XTREME Tumble and Party received its start-up financing from Community Trust Bank in February of 2009 and opened its doors on March 1. This new business created three full-time positions.

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classes from ages 18 months to advanced levels along with Jeslyn Performing Arts, of Huntington, W.Va., which include hip hop classes on-site. Also offered are Zumba (aerobic dance) for all ages with three certified instructors and three competition all-star gymnastic teams.

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XTREME Tumble and Party is located off U.S. 23 next to the new Super Walmart in Louisa. Additional information is available by calling (606) 638-3224 or e-mail at www.x-tremetumbleandparty.com.

AARP to host meeting on health care reform

The Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528 AARP will hold its regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

The speaker for the meeting will be Paul Cook, an AARP volunteer expert on health care reform, specifically the six issues AARP is lobbying Congress on behalf of seniors.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

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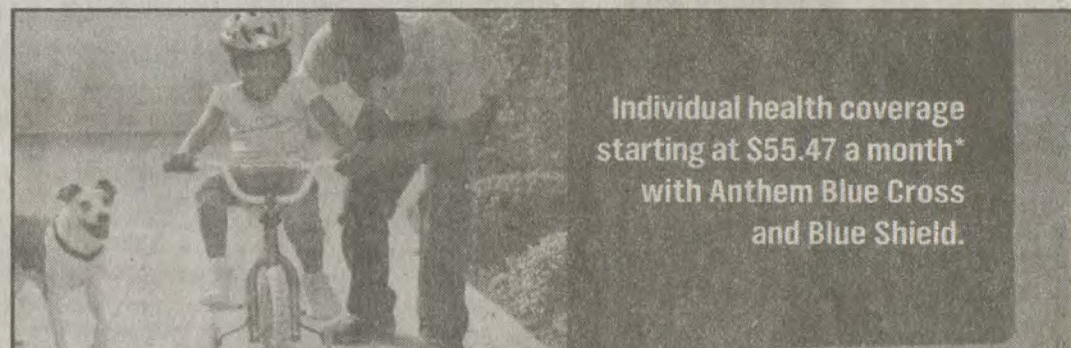
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 (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
 (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
 Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

PLAINTIFF VS. MICHAEL EDWARD CHILDERS, BRANDON CHILDERS, PATRICIA CHILDERS, and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 27th day of March, 2009 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$45,533.52, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, 23rd day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Being a certain tract of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, further described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a slake on the south side of the Kentucky Highway 777 right of way line, a corner to Raymond & Peggy Lawson; thence running with the said Lawson line in a Southerly Course 86 feet to a stake on the North side of Lawson Drive; thence in a Westerly course 22 feet to a stake on the South side of Law son Drive, also being a corner to Minnie Ramey; thence in a Southerly course with said Ramey line 45 feet to a stake in the center of Stone Coal Creek; thence in an Easterly course with the center of Stone Coal Creek 107 feet to a stake; thence in

a Northerly course 132 feet to a stake on the South side of Kentucky Highway 777; thence in a Westerly course with the right of way line of said highway 90 feet back to the point of beginning.
 EXCEPTION is hereby made to the said Law son Drive, which is a paved 10 foot wide road, located in the Southwest corner of the above property, which is to be left open.
 BEING the Same property conveyed to MICHAEL EDWARD CHILDERS and PATRICIA CHILDERS, his wife, by Deed with right of survivorship dated 7-27-05, of record in Deed Book 515, Page 445, in the Office of the County Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.
 Also situated on the real property is a 2005 Clayton mobile home, Serial N O CWP015734TN.
 TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
 (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
 (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount

of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
 Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 08-CI-01428 U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D. PLAINTIFF VS. DAVID HOWELL; HEATHER HOWELL; FLOYD COUNTY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 10th day of April, 2009 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$34,334.49, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, 23rd day of July, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Property commonly known as: 103 Water Birch Road, Banner, Kentucky 41603, and is more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at a point in the county road and Leo Jarrell property line, running approximately 125 feet with Leo Jarrell's property line, to the breaks in

the bank, and an iron stake, thence running with the creek in a northerly direction approximately 70 feet to an iron stake, thence running in an easterly direction to the corner of a black building, thence in a southeasterly direction approximately 25 feet to the county road, thence running in a southerly direction with the county road to the point of beginning.
 Being the same property conveyed to David Howell and Heather Howell, his wife, by deed dated August 6, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 501, Page 423, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.
 TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
 (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
 (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
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 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5238

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for Phase I & Phase II Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5238 Increment Number 1, which was last issued on 02/22/06. This application covers an area approximately 10.33 surface acres.
 The permit area is located approximately 0.9 miles northeast of Handshoe on Lick Fork of Sattlick Creek; approximately 0.2 miles West of junction of KY. Hwy. 2029 and County Road 1280. The operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7.5 quadrangle map at a latitude 37° 28' 47" and a longitude 82° 53' 38" in Knott and Floyd counties.
 The bonds now in effect for this increment are surety bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00 of which 85% of the total is included in this application for release.
 Reclamation work performed through June 2009, includes:
 Backfilling, grading, topsoiling, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching for the establishment of a satisfactory vegetative cover.
 Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 26, 2009.
 A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on August 27, 2009, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 26, 2009. This is the final advertisement of this application: All comments, objections or request for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 days of the day of this notice.

BOBBI L. BECKETT, A/K/A BOBBI L. PINSON, INDIVIDUALLY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBI L. BECKETT, A/K/A BOBBI L. PINSON MARGARET ELAINE BECKETT, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARGARET ELAINE BECKETT, CLARENCE BRANDON BECKETT, SCOTT LYNN PINSON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SCOTT LYNN PINSON, CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND EAGLE TRACE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 16th day of March, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$65,869.35, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, 16th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Being lot 17 Eagle Creek Subdivision as shown on plat recorded in File #980 as prepared by Fitch Land Surveying Co., dated August 10, 1997 and recorded in the Floyd County Clerks Office.
 The above lot is subject to those certain reservations, restrictions, and easements which are filled with the Subdivision map and the Declaration as recorded in Deed Book 406, page 713, in the Floyd County Clerks Office.
 Being the same property conveyed unto Mortgagees by deed of even date filed simultaneously herewith. Deed recorded in Deed Book 418 Page 410 in the Floyd County Clerks Office.
 Also mobile home currently situated on the real property described: 1998 Cavalier mobile home, 28' x 52', Serial Number ALCA0897556S299 69AB.

TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
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 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at a marked rock where David Chaffins line begins, running a straight line up the hill to another marked rock approximately 200 years at edge of drain; thence straight around hill to Patrick Heirs line and then a straight line to a marked rock on a steep near a White Walnut; thence a straight line to the top of hill to W.F. Conley line; thence back down center of ridge to James C. Chaffins line; thence running from center of ridge to a marked rock beside rock beside of a rock cliff; thence straight on down hill so a iron stake — center of bench at head of drain; thence running a straight line from drain to branch; thence back up branch to a marked rock at the beginning.
 It is understood that this property will not be sold without members of the family having first opportunity to buy.
 Being the same property conveyed unto Larry Chaffins and Sarah Chaffins, his wife, from Kelse Jerry Chaffins, John Wess Chaffins and Vicky L. Chaffins, dated the 31st day of December, 1977, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Floyd County, Kentucky in Deed Book 249, Page 384. Hiatt Chaffins died 11/27/96 removing life estate. Also mobile home currently situated on the real property described: 2007 Clayton mobile home, Serial Number CLHO32801TNAB.
 TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO.08-CI-01021 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.

Notice is hereby given that Kermit and Barbara Newsome of 681 Ky. Rt. 680, McDowell, KY 41647, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for placement of a 35 ft. x 7 ft. retaining wall to stabilize the creek bank from future erosion. The property is located on Fraziers Creek, near McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The latitude/longitude is 37°27'11.96"; 82°43'44.93". Any comments or objections concerning this applications shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

LEGAL NOTICE

Geoffrey D. Marsh, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Steven Porter of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit, filed on or about June 25, 2009, in which Steven Porter was named as Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number II of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action Number 09-CI-00578. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for a debt collection.
 Steven Porter shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order, which Order was filed on June 25, 2009, to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if he/she desires to do so. If he/she does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court.
 Anyone having information concerning Steven Porter, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020.
 Geoffrey D. Marsh
 Attorney at Law
 112 West Court Street
 Suite 100
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Vernon Wood, 748 Ky. Rt. 777, Langley, KY 41645, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill in back yard where flood washed it away. The property is located six-tenths of a mile from Langley, approximately one mile from Ky. Rt. 80 on Beaver Creek. 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on July 24, 2009, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, KY 41649, at 11:00 a.m.:
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 08-CI-01282 GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp. PLAINTIFF VS. ESTATE OF BOBBY E. BECKETT,

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 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

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BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 27th day of February, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$70,839.37, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, 16th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following real

against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CASE NO. 06-CI-01231 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC., Successor in interest to Community Trust Bank, NA PLAINTIFF VS. CINDY BRANHAM WILLIAM BRANHAM, REMIT CORPORATION and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 31st day of March, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$40,856.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 16th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 1 Being lot No. 14 of the Lake Drive Subdivision. Beginning at a point about 400 ft northwesterly of highway 304, said point being located at the edge of the dirt road opposite lot No.1, of Lake Drive Subdivision; Thence in a southerly direction 100 ft.; Thence in an easterly direction 100 ft.; Thence a northerly direction 100 ft. to the dirt road; Thence with the dirt road a westerly direction

100 ft. to the beginning. Parcel No.2 Excepted from parcel A: Beginning at the road on the corner of lot 14 and parcel A, running down the road 60 ft.; Thence running to the back corner of lot #14; Thence running with lot No. 14 to the point of Beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Cindy Branham and William Branham, her husband, by deed dated July 29, 1999, from Mary A. Odell (now Mary A. Carter) and James J. Carter, II, recorded in Deed Book 437, Page 377, Floyd County Clerks Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master

Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. NO. 08-CI-01019 HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-HL1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HL1 PLAINTIFF VS. LEONARD SMITH NISA SMITH aka NISA LYNN SMITH DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of April, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$90,863.33, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 16th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1 Beginning at Arthur Martins line at the county road and running down the road 100 feet to a planted stone thence running across the bottom to the creek thence running up the creek 100 feet to Arthur Martins line thence running

back across the bottom with the said Arthur Martins line to the beginning. Tract No. 2 Beginning at Dehner Keathleys line and running 135 feet down the highway to stake thence running east across the bottom to stake at creek thence running south easterly direction 135 feet to Delmer Keathleys line. Being the same property conveyed to Leonard Smith and Nisa Smith, his wife, from Ricky Gillespie and Sherry Gillespie, his wife, by deed dated November 17, 2006, recorded November 20, 2006, Deed Book 530, Page 95, Floyd County Clerks Records, and being known as 3407 Kentucky Route 3379, Harold, Kentucky 41635.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be oblig-

ated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. NO.08-CI-716 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, INC PLAINTIFF VS. TEDDY SPARKMAN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE; REGINA BAILEY AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE; CHARMAIN DOVE AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE; WILLIAM R. SPARKMAN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE; MICHAEL SPARKMAN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY; CENTRAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC; CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK; AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 10TH day of March, 2009 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of

\$7,551.71, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, 16th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 10:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Jesse Sparkman and Rushie Sparkman by deed from Kennel Conley and Mary Conley dated the 10th day of May, 1979 and of record in Deed Book 239, Page 468, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and more particularly described as follows:

One house and lot. Beginning at center of Elk Horn Coal Company spur tract; thence running down the seam 48 feet to a stake corner to W.E. Hughes and Susan Hughes; thence up the hill a distance of 102 feet to a stake; thence around the hill to a stake a distance of 48 feet joining J.A. Hicks; thence running down the hill with J.A. Hicks line to the beginning a distance of 102 feet.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The prop-

erty shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 858-0223 A1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 433 Daniels Creek, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface/ auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.2 miles Northwest of Hager Hill and situated in both Floyd and Johnson County. The amendment will add 77.20 acres of surface disturbance and delete 7.67 acres of auger area mak-

ing a total area of 361.98 acres within the amendment permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.0 miles Southwest from State Rt. 1750's junction with U.S. 23 and located 0.2 miles Southeast of the Big Lick Fork. The proposed amendment area is located on the Paintsville and Prestonsburg U. S. G. S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed the amendment is owned by Elijah & Sharon Freeman, Eliza Allen & Susanne Freeman, Tim & Dinah Miller, Lesia Kay Keel, Kirby & Dianna Bowling, Danese F. Amburgey, Wally & Patricia Pack, Billy & Malta Arms, Dixie Wells, Forrest and Clustena Hall, and Danny and Mary G. Fairchild. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 636-5033 Renewal No. 5

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that J.C.&P. Coal Corporation, General Delivery, Route 122, Bevinsville, KY 41606, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of East McDowell, in Floyd

County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.08 surface acres and will underlie 582.30 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 583.38 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile south from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road, and located 0.1 mile south of Frasure's Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 20 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 24 seconds. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Della Vance. The operation will underlie land owned by Della Vance, Wade Frasure, Rex Frasure, Boone Frasure, Hazard Collins, Helen Gayheart, Ottis Frazier, Wade Frazier, Eugene Frazier, Edd Mosley, Mike Kinney, Ray Hall, Bobby Holson, Moses Frazier, Jeff Henson, Sam Hamilton, Barrell Brown, Opal Moore, Orville Hamilton, Orbin Moore, Carl Bentley, Levi Blankenship, Charles Page, Ira Lee Jones, Kilhard Moore and James Jones. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Ned Fork Road. The operation will not involve the relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653/1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321.



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Kinzer finishes runner-up in Southern Nationals opener

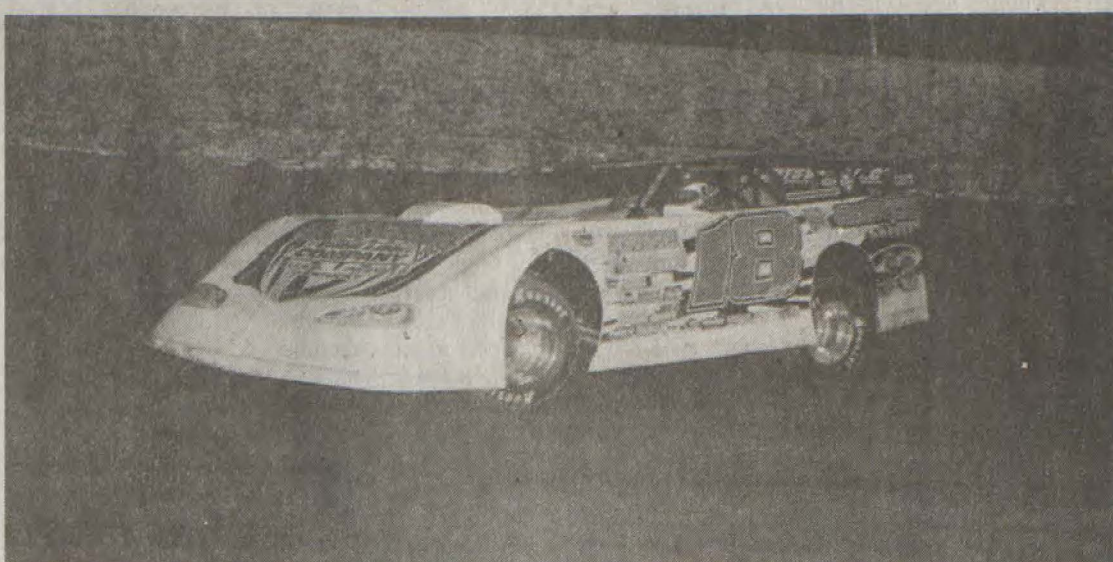
by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

RURAL RETREAT, Va. — Allen driver Brandon Kinzer finished second behind Vic Hill Monday night at Wythe Raceway in the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series event number one of 10. The event included 35 entrants from eight different states. Kinzer started the feature race third.

Results from the Southern Nationals Series opener were

as follows: 1. (2) Vic Hill, \$3,500; 2. (3) Brandon Kinzer, \$2,000; 3. (7) Tommy Kerr, \$1,200; 4. (1) Don O'Neal, \$800; 5. (9) Chris Combs, \$600; 6. (5) Dennis Franklin, \$580; 7. (8) Kerry Jones \$570; 8. (4) Austin Dillon, \$560; 9. (17) Jeff Smith, \$550; 10. (11) Rick Rogers, \$540; 11. (15) Jeff Cooke, \$530; 12. (13) Tim Dohm, \$520; 13. (6) Jenson Ford, \$510; 14. (12) Jonathan Davenport, \$500; 15. (21) Jared Landers, \$495; 16. (22) Gar Dickson, \$490; 17. (23) Shon Flanary, \$485; 18. (24) Daniel Baggerly, \$480; 19. (18) Chris Wilson, \$475; 20. (19) Tony Knowles, \$470; 21. (10) Bobby Mays, \$465; 22. (20) Dane Dacus, \$460; 23. (16) Randle Chupp, \$455; 24. (14) Anthony White, \$450.

The Southern Nationals Series was back in action Tuesday in Gastonia, NC at Carolina Speedway. Results from the second race of the 2009 edition of the Southern Nationals Series were unavailable at press time.



file photo
Veteran Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer claimed two top-five finishes in three days. Kinzer posted two top-five finishes at tracks in Kentucky and Virginia.

StoneCrest to host first Soccerama

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — StoneCrest will host the inaugural East Kentucky Conference Soccerama on Saturday, Aug. 8. The East Kentucky Conference is comprised of several area high school soccer teams. During the Soccerama, girls' teams will play from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Girls' teams in competition during the preseason event will include Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Johnson Central, Pike County Central, Belfry, Pikeville, Shelby Valley and Sheldon Clark. The boys' matches will run from 3 p.m. until around 6:30 and include Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Johnson Central, Pike County Central, Belfry, Pikeville, Shelby Valley and Hazard. Teams will compete on both StoneCrest soccer fields.

Prestonsburg starting practice: The Prestonsburg High School boys' and girls' soccer teams are scheduled to start practice today. Any PHS student interested in playing soccer may still sign up. Currently, Prestonsburg is the only Floyd County high school offering soccer to its student-athletes.

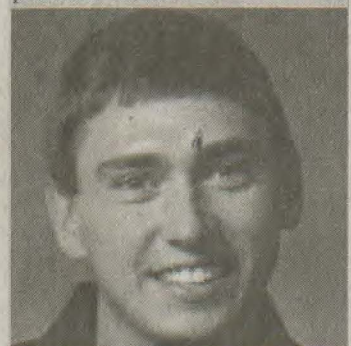
Herrick named GCAA All-America Scholar

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NORMAN, Okla. — Bellarmine University's Brooks Herrick has been named as a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar for the 2008-09 school year the Golf Coaches Association of America announced Thursday.

Herrick, a native of Prestonsburg, was one of just 37 NCAA Division II golfers to earn the recognition. To be eligible for Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar status, an individual must be a junior or senior academically, compete in at least two full years at the collegiate level, participate in 70 percent of his team's competitive rounds or compete in the NCAA Championships, and have a stroke-average under 78.0 and maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.2. A recipient must also be of high moral character and be in good standing at his college or university.

This past year, Herrick was a junior and completed the season with a stroke average of 73. He also distinguished himself by winning two tournaments, being named to the All GLVC and All Region teams, and qualifying for and competing in the NCAA Div. II National Championship. Academically, Herrick is on track to graduate summa cum laude (highest honors) in May with a degree in political science.



BROOKS HERRICK

HARNESS RACING MILESTONE



photos by Stacey Blanton

MARTIN NATIVE BRIAN LONEY captured his 1,000th win as a trainer over the weekend at Thunder Ridge Raceway. Sharons Future gave Loney his 1,000th win as a trainer. Dale Loney served as the driver of the Harla Renae Conn-owned horse.

The latest harness racing meet at the Floyd County track has ended. More on the meet will appear in Friday's edition.



CAMP TIME: Betsy Layne High School graduate Dan Hall (middle) stopped by the Knott County Sportsplex on Thursday to visit the East Kentucky Shooting Stars Camp. Hall played for the University of Kentucky and later Marshall University during the 1970s.

Blackcats return to gridiron

Burchett named preseason district player of the year

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football team opened preseason practice earlier in the week, returning to the gridiron following the conclusion of the mandatory KHSAA Dead Period. Prestonsburg (11-2) remains the top team in Class 2A, District 7, a four-team district that features members from four different counties. The Cats' Pause 2009 Kentucky Football Yearbook has Prestonsburg picked as the preseason favorite in Class 2A, District 7. Prestonsburg is

picked ahead of Bath County (8-4), Shelby Valley (5-6) and Morgan County (0-11).

Despite losing its top two rushers and leading receiver to graduation, Prestonsburg maintains a stronghold on the top spot in District 7.

Prestonsburg senior quarterback is The Cats' Pause 2009 Kentucky Football Yearbook Class 2A, District 7 Preseason Player of the Year. Burchett passed for more than 1,600 yards during his junior season, excelling as a starter under center. One of the 15th Region's premier basketball players, Burchett took over at quarterback for the Blackcats during the second half of his sophomore season.

The Blackcats have a month before facing preseason competition. Prestonsburg will face Huntington (W.Va.) High at Lawrence County in its lone preseason game in mid-August.



file photo
Prestonsburg quarterback Michael Burchett (10) and teammates have started preseason practice.

Beaver Junction MX gears up for next round

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DWALE — Beaver Junction Motocross will host its next round of racing Sunday, July 26. Gates will open at 9 a.m. with practice starting at 11. The Floyd County track now features a new layout that adds diversity and challenges for its riders.

S Curve, located in Prestonsburg, will sponsor July 26 Beaver Junction Motocross rider awards. Every rider and spectator through the Beaver Junction Motocross gate will also receive a new copy of the Inside Beaver Junction Motocross Newsletter which highlights riders and events at the Floyd County track. Finish Motorsports Services produces the Beaver Junction Motocross newsletter.

JULY RIDER OF THE MONTH: Martin County motocross competitor Taylor Perry is the Beaver Junction Motocross July Rider of the Month. Perry has captured two national titles.

Lady Raiders finish 2-2 in Pikeville camp

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The South Floyd Lady Raiders posted a 2-2 record in the recent Pikeville College Team Camp. South Floyd broke even during the Pike College Camp with one of its two losses being to 15th Region rival East Ridge in sudden death. The Lady Raiders were tied with East Ridge at the end of regulation. East Ridge was the first team to score in an extra period and thus won the game.

"We didn't have much practice time due to school letting out so soon," South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac confided. "Nevertheless, I am very proud of the effort that the girls gave and look forward to the season. We lost four seniors including most of our rebounding and size, but we return our four top scorers."

Leading players who'll return to the hardwood for South Floyd during preseason practice in mid-October include seniors Kayla Hall and Andrea Conn, junior Chelsie Tuttle and sophomores Ashley Castle, Kiana Hall, Kelsey Dye, Garbielle Bailey and Branda Hamby. South Floyd lost Danielle Tackett, Lindsey Dye, Jessie Tackett and Trista Damron to graduation.

The Lady Raiders ended the 2008-09 season 9-17.

KHSAA releases statement regarding Jefferson investigation

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The KHSAA received a copy of the statement released by the Jefferson County Public Schools ("JCPS") Superintendent Sheldon Berman that the JCPS administrative investigation regarding the Pleasure Ridge Park coaching staff has been completed. The release indicates that the JCPS investigation has been extensive and very thorough.

KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries stated, "It is our understanding that the final report from the Jefferson County Public Schools will be forwarded to the KHSAA office in the very near future for a review by the staff and

board. It should be noted that the ("JCPS") personnel have been very cooperative with the Association throughout this investigation."

The entire KHSAA educational and athletic community remains sympathetic to the Gilpin family for their tragic loss. The KHSAA remains committed to providing quality education programs and assistance to member school personnel in areas related to risk minimization and sports safety.

The KHSAA has no further comment at this time. Inquiries should be directed to Lauren Roberts, Public Information Officer for the Jefferson County Public Schools at 502-485-3357.

The Kentucky High School

Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth.

The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.

UPCOMING

July 23-24: Board of Control Meeting, Gilbertsville

Kinzer finishes fourth in BoB feature

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BARDSTOWN — Brandon Kinzer claimed another top-five feature finish Saturday night. The Kinzer Motorsports team was back in Dirt Late Model action over the weekend at Bluegrass Speedway.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass Dirtcar Series sanctioned the annual Kentuckiana Klash \$5,000-to-win feature race. Kinzer, who debuted a new racecar, finished third in his heat race to earn the outside fourth row starting spot in the highly-anticipated A-Main. During the 40-lap

Kentuckiana Klash, Kinzer worked his way past four fellow competitors en route to a fourth-place finish. Kinzer finished behind winner Mike Marlar, Eddie Carrier, Jr. and Justin Rattliff.

ONLINE:

www.brandonkinzer.com

Porter among Willard Speedway feature race winners

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLARD — Floyd County Modified driver Frank Porter was among the feature race winners Saturday night at Willard Speedway. Porter prevailed in a crowded Modified division at the Eastern Kentucky track. Other Willard Speedway feature race winners included Albert Butcher (Late Model), Darren Damron (Bomber) and Allen Osborne (Four/Six Cylinder).

Willard Speedway was able to get in its feature races ahead of the rain that hit Eastern Kentucky Saturday night. Feature race results from Saturday night follow.

Late Models: 25—Albert Butcher, 17—Mark Queen, 22—Bobby Tackett, 98.3—Carl Dillow, 7R—Robbie Ratcliff, 15—Brandon Queen, 77—Taco Fletcher, 55—Allen Kiser, 81—Benny Butcher, 31—Dan Huff, 8—Anthony Adams, DNS.

Modifieds: 6—Frank Porter, 3H—Eric Hatfield, 25—Keith Smith, 8—John Helms, 17s—Bryan Salisbury, 38—Aaron Branham, 8—Paul Jordan, 32—Jimmy Adams, 23—Courtney Conley, D11—Jeff Deaton, 53—Stanley Haddix, 20—Jason Perry, 14—Jim Booth, 24K—Dave Kelley, 78—Josh Whitrock, J17—Jimmy Arnett, 75—Steve Reeves, 6G—Driver name unavailable, 44—Gary Queen,

28M—Kevin Mayabb.

Bombers: 3D—Darren Damron, B5—Brian Sammons, 2R—Ronnie Hall, 85P—Derrick Blackburn, 22R—Tom Hall, 73—Charlie Mullett, 83—Clinton Blanton, 11K—Anthony Knell, 9F—Jeff Flaughner, 31R—Phil Rice, S1S—Bennie Butcher, 165—Chris Maynard.

Four/Six Cylinder: 37—Allen Osborne, 30—Estill Lawson, D6—Darren Rogers, 53P—Doug Guilds, 30A—James Crowe, 20—Donnie Tackett, 52—Greg Bishop, 63T—Shirley Tackett, 15—Austin Mullett, 9—Ethan Conley.

Races at 201 Speedway were rained out.

World Footbrake Challenge set for Thunder Valley

Kentucky racers, others set to vie for championships

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The World Footbrake Challenge will return to Thunder Valley Friday-Sunday for the third time with a new date, a new format, and a large contingent of racers ready to share in a \$100,000 purse.

The World Footbrake Challenge is a 1/8-mile event that will see racers depend on their driving skills to take home the top prizes. In footbrake competition, drivers are not allowed to use electronic equipment to help them achieve a better start.

Originally held in May, event organizers Jared Pennington and Steve Stites opted to contest the event in July to help attract more racers. According to Pennington, the response has been overwhelming.

"It has been unbelievable," Pennington said. "We have 182 pre-entries and that just exceeds our wildest expectations. In the worst economy our country has ever faced, our supporters have stepped up and it is unbelievable. I'm surprised, but at the same time I'm not surprised. I know these people and I know their passion for the sport, so it really shouldn't come as a surprise."

"The later date has helped our response. Bristol is a beautiful area that time of year. It is

a desirable place to be, so I think that has helped. It has allowed people to plan vacations around it. It shows tremendous commitment and dedication to the sport with all the people that are coming from all over the country."

In addition, the format has been changed to entice more racers to take part. While prize money is not as large as it was last season, the entry fee is much lower. The move already appears to have been a good decision.

"The race is \$10,000-to-win on Friday, Saturday and Sunday," explained Pennington. "We felt the need to do that because of the changes in the economy. We wanted to lower the entry fee to appeal to the average person. It appears as though that was a successful move. For those that still want the large prize, we have a \$30,000 to win 64-car shootout. Our total purse is well over \$100,000. It will be pretty cool."

Not only will the event be cool for racers, spectators will have a lot to watch, including several of the best racers in the country.

"You can expect over 200 cars from more than 20 states," Pennington said. "You'll see NHRA World Champions, IHRA World Champions, hundreds of track championships will be going up and down the track. Guys will be racing for \$60,000 in winner's purse money throughout the weekend. For people that enjoy our sport, it will be a spectacle for sure."

The event has shown growth during its first two seasons and Pennington admits the support he receives from Bristol Dragway will ensure

that growth for some time.

"The area has been wonderful to us," he said. "The facility is second to none. The staff at Bristol is one of the most knowledgeable and experienced we have ever worked with. It makes it real easy to come up there and race. Even though I live more than six hours away, it is starting to feel like home because everyone in the area treats us so well. It seems to get better every year."

Gates open at 8 a.m. each morning.

Time Trials begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, with a Run for the Money at noon and eliminations at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's on track action begins with Time Trials for the \$30,000 Shootout at 9 a.m., Eliminations follow. Time trials for the \$10,000-to-win race start at 11:30 a.m. Eliminations will take place at 4:30 p.m.

A church service will take place on Sunday at 9 a.m. Time Trials and a Run for the Money are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Eliminations begin at noon.

Racers will begin parking on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Spectator tickets are \$10 each day. Entry fees for competitors are \$150 for each \$10,000 race. The 64-car \$30,000 Shootout entry fee is \$1,000.

To learn more about the World Footbrake Challenge, and to see a detailed payout chart, visit www.worldfootbrakechallenge.com or call 205-612-3502.

For more information about all of the events at Bristol Dragway, call 423-764-DRAG or visit www.bristol-dragway.com.

East Kentucky Junior Golf Association EKJGA Walmart Tour at Paintsville, Monday, July 13

Results

Boys Grade 4-6

Roger Maynard III, Inez—44
Hunter Holbrook, Sandy Hook—48
Austin Blevins, South Shore—55
Dylan Howard, Paintsville—60
Ryan Crum, Pikeville—69
Cade Byers, Pikeville—70
Brock Allen, Catlettsburg—72
Taylor Wells, Pikeville—72
Corey Bryant, Catlettsburg—75

Boys Grade 7-9

Tanner Carroll, Paintsville—73
Will Branham, Pikeville—77
Timothy Miller, East Point—83
Josh Robinette, Ashland—84
Logan Clark, Paintsville—84
Nick Blankenship, Ashland—84
William Boyd, Pikeville—89
Brandon Sparks, Grayson—90
Tony Huddleston, Russell—91
David Hurst, Ashland—92
Jordan Pinson, Catlettsburg—92
Jordan Blevins, Ashland—92
Tristan Malloy, Ashland—95
Alex Davis, Prestonsburg—111
Garrett Finch, West Liberty—115
John Rowland, Flat Gap—137

Boys Grade 10-12

Casey Castle, Harold—72
Andy Barrett, Ashland—77
Matthew Baker, Neon—79
Drew Rothenstine, Ashland—80
Grant McKenzie, Russell—83
Myles Ashley, Stanton—83
Jared Stacy, Morehead—85
Max Malone, Paintsville—90
Andrew Brown, Prestonsburg—91
Casey Stevens, Morehead—93
Zachary Herrell, Elkhorn City—94
Wil Allen, Prestonsburg—95

Girls Grade 7-9

Natalie Conley, Ashland—96
Jessica Elliott, Russell—97
Shelby Halter, Ashland—107
Allison Fletcher, Morehead—114
Stacie Gooch, Pikeville—120

Girls Grade 10-12

Katy Humphrey, Paintsville—72
Hannah Sublett, South Shore—78
Jarralyn Kelsey, Oil Springs—80
Candace Stacy, Hazard—81
Deandra Robinson, Morehead—92
Alyssa Thompson, Russell—97
Corri Collins, Stanton—99
Jerrie Helton, East Point—100
Lesley Francisco, Pikeville—104
Madison Shull, Pikeville—104
Megan Mays, Stanton—105
Kelli Dorton, Pikeville—113

Boys and Girls Grades 3-under

Joe Benton, Ravenna—35
Briean Thompson, Ashland—36
Seth Felber, Salyersville—56

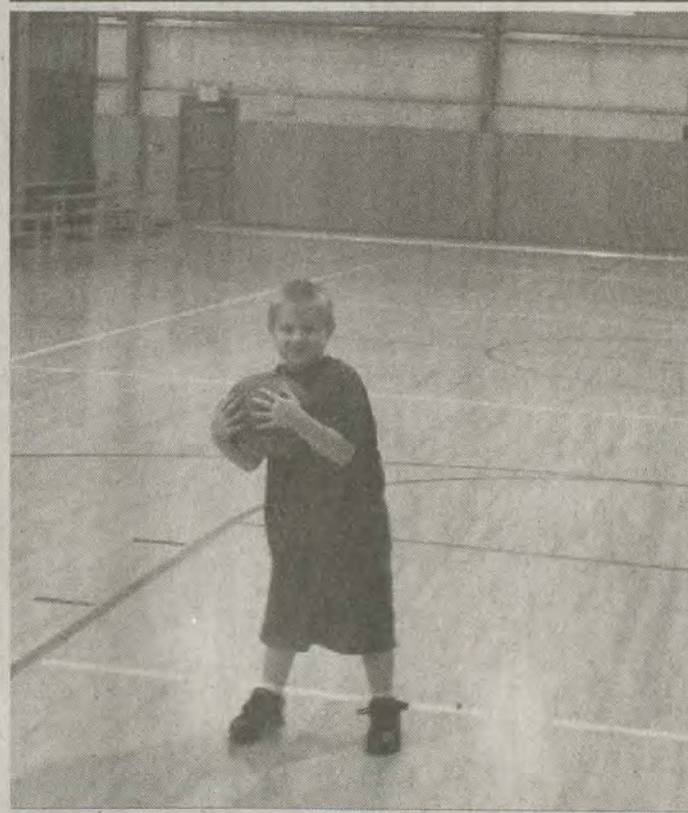
Girls Grade 4-6

Victoria Bates, Jenkins—66
Kristina Bentley, Jenkins—69
Alexis Stambaugh, McRoberts—82

EAST KENTUCKY SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL CAMP

The East Kentucky Shooting Stars Basketball Camp, held July 8-10 at the Knott County Sportsplex, attracted campers from numerous Eastern Kentucky counties. Seventy (70) young basketball players ranging in ages 4-16 attended the camp under the direction of 2002 Kentucky Mr. Basketball and former University of Kentucky men's basketball player Brandon Stockton.

Left: Owen LeMaster was one of the young campers in attendance.



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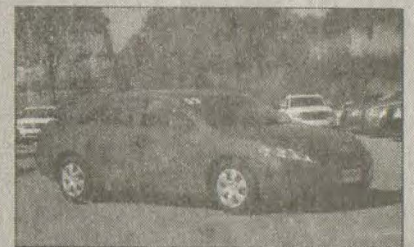
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Practice shooting range safety during each visit

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — When the weather is warm and most hunting seasons are still a month or more away, it's a good time to visit the shooting range to sharpen your skills for the fall season. Besides honing your shooting skills, it's also a good time to practice safe and responsible gun handling. This is even more important because you'll be around other shooters instead of being in the woods by yourself.

When you visit a range, always remember these safety rules:

Always point your gun in a safe direction.

Keep the action open and the gun unloaded until you are ready to shoot.

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Know your target and what is beyond it.

Do not hunt or shoot after drinking alcohol or taking drugs. Some prescription medications may cause drowsiness or other side effects; they should not be used prior to handling a gun.

Major David Casey, assistant director of law enforcement for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and an avid shooter for nearly 40 years, stresses safety.

"Probably the safest thing that I can think of is to keep the action open on the weapon at all times until you're in the shooting box," he advised. "No matter what kind of action it is — whether it's a bolt action, lever action, pump, hinge or automatic — if the action is open, the gun is safe."

Over the years, Casey developed a habit that he says twice kept him from a dangerous situation. "If someone hands me a gun, or if I pick up a gun that's been put up for a while, I always open the action and check the barrel to make sure it's clear," he explained.

Once, the barrel contained a plastic piece that had come off a choke tube wrench. Another time, there was mud in the barrel. In both instances, Casey could have been injured if the obstructions had been in the barrel when he shot.

Casey also advises shooters to make sure that they load their gun with the correct ammunition, especially if they are shooting several different calibers or gauges of guns at the range. A mistake can be dangerous.

These basic gun safety rules apply to all types of shooting ranges. But shooters should also learn and heed the rules of their particular range type.

"If you're shooting sporting clays, stay on the path," Casey

said. "The range is designed so that the shot-fall area is in a safe place. If you're some place you're not supposed to be, you could get hit by pellets."

"At static-type rifle ranges, never go forward toward the target until everyone has their weapons safely secured," Casey added.

It's a good idea to designate one person as the range officer. This person is responsible for calling to the other shooters when it's time to cease firing. Also, the range officer checks each shooter and points out any safety violations.

"A range is not a place for horseplay or alcohol," Casey said. "Don't be afraid to point out unsafe things to other people at the range. You might save their life — or yours."

Public shooting ranges are available at six Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in Kentucky: Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA in Grant County, Higginson-Henry WMA in

Union County, John A. Kleber WMA in Owen County, Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA in Madison County, Peabody WMA in Ohio County and Taylorsville Lake WMA in Spencer County.

These are tube-style ranges, in which shooters fire through a large metal pipe at the target. These tubes help direct gunfire to the safest location. These ranges are suitable rifles or slug shotguns. Exact locations of the shooting ranges can be found on WMA maps at fw.ky.gov. Click on "Maps & Online Services," then "Public Hunting Area Maps."

Free hunter ed classes scheduled for Morehead State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — A free Kentucky Hunter Education course will be held at

Morehead State University in Button Auditorium Drill Floor on Aug. 3, 4 and 6. The course will start at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3 and on Tuesday, Aug. 4 and will run until 9 p.m. On Thursday, Aug. 6 the class will start at 6 p.m. and run until completed.

The 10-hour course, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Morehead State Varsity Rifle Team will include classroom instruction on hunter ethics, wildlife identification, outdoor survival, first aid, firearms, bow hunting, and ammunition. The last session will include actual range firing and an examination. The minimum age to take the course is 10 years old.

Upon successful completion of the course, a graduate card will be issued which is valid in any state where such certification is required. The card is required at many

management areas, as well. Attendance at all sessions is required for certification.

Effective March 1, 1991, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, shall, while hunting, carry a valid hunter education course graduate card in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license requirements. A bow hunter not in possession of a firearm may carry a "National Bowhunter Education Program" course completion card in lieu of the hunter education card.

Children under the age of ten and persons exempt from purchasing a hunting license are not required to possess the card while hunting. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age while hunting.

For additional information, contact volunteer instructors Walt Rybka, 784-9451 or Neal Wheeler, 784-6249.



photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway
Governor Steve Beshear (middle) is working hard to land a NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway.

Gov. Beshear signs economic bill in Victory Lane

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Against the backdrop of the Kentucky Speedway, Gov. Steve Beshear Thursday ceremoniously signed House Bill 3, which increases the state's chances of attracting a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

The legislation — proposed by the Governor during the recently completed special legislative session — includes a provision to amend the Kentucky Tourism Development Act to add a new eligible category of so-called "legacy expansion" projects. Legacy expansion projects must conduct events that are in the top league, series or sanctioned level of their type of event, provide permanent seating for 65,000 spectators and be broadcast nationally. The venue must have previously been approved for incentives and the expansion project must exceed \$30 million and present one or more "premier events" not previously held in Kentucky.

"Attracting a NASCAR Sprint Series Cup race to Kentucky would be a huge economic win," Gov. Beshear said. "NASCAR is not only the number one spectator sport in the United States, it also attracts an international audience through its broadcast in more than 150 countries and 30 languages."

O. Bruton Smith, chairman and CEO of Speedway Motorsports, Inc., (SMI) which owns Kentucky Speedway, previously stated that passage of the legislation would put Kentucky in position to host the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, that sanctioning body's top racing series.

SMI owns seven tracks across the country that host Sprint Cup races. Smith said

he believes Kentucky Speedway, with the extensive upgrades he is planning, could be home to a Sprint Cup race in the near future.

"I appreciate the confidence Gov. Beshear and the legislature have shown in SMI and Kentucky Speedway. I promise you it is not misplaced. Thank you many times over for getting this bill passed, it means a lot to what we're doing here in Kentucky. Sprint Cup racing will be our next move here."

"We've had a great year so far and we'll continue to have a great year. I think Speedway Motorsports works harder than anyone else in the business. We'll certainly work harder here because racing in Kentucky is probably the second religion."

"I believe this because I've met so many people here. If anyone was here for the last (NASCAR Nationwide Series) race, you saw what we did and we're proud of it. It's onward and upward, we're going to do great things here," Smith said.

Legislators associated with the bill shared Smith's enthusiasm.

"I am very excited about the possibility of a Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway and the economic impact it will bring not just to Gallatin County but to the entire region," said Rep. Royce Adams, of Dry Ridge. "That is why I was happy to do my part in passing this important legislation."

"This is a great day for the entire region," said Sen. John Schickel, of Union. "Owner Bruton Smith has a history of making things happen and I am confident he will bring a Sprint Cup Race to this facility. Having a world class sporting event right here in Northern Kentucky is very exciting."

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It doesn't do to have too much money in my pockets on the day the farmers' market sets up shop outside our office building, because that's the day that money flows out of my hands like beach sand. I just can't resist those fresh fruits and veggies!

That's probably why I get such a kick out hearing about the latest treats coming out of the plant breeding programs at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The ARS scientists are always coming up with a new berry, plum, potato or apple.

On the potato side of the aisle, the latest from the ARS breeders is Yukon Gem, a new smooth-skinned, medium-sized spud with appealing yellow flesh. If this sounds like the more familiar Yukon Gold, there's a good reason for that; Yukon Gold is one of Yukon Gem's parents.

Yukon Gem got its start in North Dakota as one of a whole flock of offspring from crosses between Yukon Gold and Brodick, which is a disease-resistant potato from Scotland. In 1995, the ARS scientists selected it from among thousands of other potatoes they were evaluating in research fields in Idaho, and stuck it with the unwieldy moniker ANDA5507-3Y.

But they weren't done with it yet. The potato that grew up to be Yukon Gem still had to undergo 11 years of field trials in five states, with participation by colleagues at state universities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Before a new potato shows up in our local grocery store's produce section, it has to prove itself in a variety of ways. Take yields, for example: In tests, Yukon Gem's yields averaged 12 percent higher than those of its parent, Yukon Gold, in eastern Idaho; 22 percent higher at test sites in Washington; and 41 percent higher in parts of Oregon.

And then there's disease resistance. Yukon Gem shone there, too, displaying notable resistance to many of the microbes that cause costly diseases such as dry rot and late blight.

Ready to run out and get some Yukon Gems for dinner tonight? Unfortunately, you'll have to wait a bit longer. Last year, it was planted on 32 acres in five western states. That may not sound like much space, but 32 acres is enough to produce seed for plants that could yield a total of at least 41 million Yukon Gem potatoes. Then you should be able to find it in your local produce section!

We've polished off our veggies, so now let's talk about dessert—to be specific, two new dessert peaches.

The newcomers are SummerFest and FlavrBurst, and they were created by an ARS horticulturalist in West Virginia. They're the latest peach varieties released through cooperative research between ARS and Adams County Nursery, Inc., in Aspers, Pa.

SummerFest is a high-quality freestone peach with a wonderful balance of sweetness and acidity. It's ready for harvest mid-season and has good firmness, which is important in making sure it travels well from the orchard to your local grocery store.

SummerFest is the second upright-growing peach tree released by ARS and Adams County Nursery, Inc. Upright trees work well in high-density peach production systems, and are a more efficient use of land and resources. Why does that matter to you? Because that efficiency could lower production costs, which could translate to a lower cost to you at the produce section.

FlavrBurst, the other newcomer, is also a high-quality freestone peach with a good amount of sweetness, but less acidity than typical peach varieties—great for folks who like their peaches a little less tart, but still Apeachy. FlavrBurst is a standard-type tree, harvested mid-season with good firmness at maturity, so its fruit

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APPALACHIAN WOMEN

Bernice Hamilton Prater

by DR. SANDRA PRATER

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

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

Bernice Hamilton Prater

Bernice was one of four children born to Emmitt and Maudie Hamilton in 1929. Her father was called "Black Emmitt" due to his dark hair. This was necessary because there was also "Short Emmitt" and "Red Emmitt." To further confuse the picture, the baby of the family was named Emmitt Hamilton, Jr. He was simply called Junior. Bernice has one sister, Verbal Meeks, a long-time teacher at Betsy Layne School, and had one other brother, Bud.

Bernice lived on a farm on Mud Creek with her family when she was growing up. They raised their own food and only had to buy salt, sugar, flour, baking powder, soda, coffee, and lye from the store. They rendered lard from hog intestines to make soap.

The children had to hoe in the garden and in the corn fields. Her dad raised several bottoms of corn. The corn was used for food for the family and to feed the livestock. On Friday evenings they would shell corn from the cob, then take it to the mill, located about a quarter of a mile from the farm, on Saturday so that it could be ground into meal.

The family used coal and wood for heat, and her brothers had to keep enough fuel stocked for use in the house. She and her sister washed dishes and helped cook. My personal observation is that Bernice learned her lessons well in the kitchen, as she is an excellent cook. Whenever there is a family get-together, I always find out what dish Bernice brought. I believe a big pot of shuck beans was her contribution to the last dinner I enjoyed with her family. Delicious. I just can't find cooking like that in Wisconsin.

Bernice's dad owned a store, but it burned down. He took over another store after help was needed there. The other members of the family also contributed to the income of the household. Education was important to the Hamiltons, and several of them earned money working for the school district. Maudie Hamilton took in a boarder, a male teacher, who paid \$7 a month for room and board. Bud and Bernice each made \$1.50 a month. Bud built a fire in the coal stove each week day morning, and Bernice swept the school house daily. During the war, emergency certificates were issued for teachers, and Bernice's sister, Verbal, taught 89 students for \$87/month.

When the kids in the family were ready for high school, Bernice's father bought a house in Betsy Layne so that they would not have to walk three miles to where the school bus would pick them up. Their mom stayed with them there while their dad stayed on the

farm to care for the livestock and other animals. Her family's commitment to education paid off as both Bernice and her sister became school teachers.

I commented to her that it seemed like her family might have been better off than some others at the time, and she said that they were "land rich." Her father was able to buy tracts of land, and it was at his disposal when he needed cash for something.

After Bernice graduated from high school, she had to walk two miles to work every day on Mud Creek. My mother's brother, Arnold, would drive by in a coal truck or in his brother-in-law's (Cecil Hall) car, and Arnold would ask her if she needed a ride. She always said no, then one day she accepted. I asked her what caused her to change her mind, and she laughed and said she found out he was not married.

Bernice married Arnold Prater in 1950. She and Arnold lived at Teaberry in a house given to them by her parents until his job brought them to Middle Creek. They lived with Arnold's



Bernice Hamilton Prater

parents until eventually they built a house on land adjacent to his parents. They raised their three children in that house, and Bernice still lives there today.

Bernice was hired as a school teacher at Ground Hog, but a pregnancy kept her from fulfilling her contract. After she raised her children to school age, she took a job in the gift shop at Jenny Wiley State Park and kept that for two years. A medical condition caused her to stay out of the work force for a while, then in 1970 she began working at the Prestonsburg Bargain Store. She worked there for 12 years, then another health condition came up. She returned to work a year later, taking a position at the Prestonsburg Shoe Factory. She held this job for 33 years until a couple of years ago when the store was closed. She was 77 when she lost her job, and she was definitely not ready to stop working.

Bernice has always been known among our family as a kind and caring woman who will help out when family members or neighbors need something. She unexpectedly lost her oldest son, Don, when he was in his early 30's. She and Arnold helped Don's widow in every way they could in rearing his two young children. Don's widow still lives on property adjacent to Bernice's house. In a strange and tragic twist of fate, Don's son, Brian, was struck down in a similar incident two years ago when he was almost the same age as his father. Bernice has been very concerned about Brian's daughter losing her father, and she has been active in attempts to keep the little girl in her life.

When my grandparents were ill in their later years, Bernice would visit them and help in whatever way she could even though she held a full-time job. When her husband lost most of his physical skills, she cared for him in their home for several years even though she continued to be employed. During this time, she sometimes received my mother, Ruth Prater, into her home

for a visit of two or three nights. The significance of this is that my mother had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and needed special care. Bernice took this all in stride as she looked after both her husband and his sister after a day's work in Prestonsburg.

The best example I can give of Bernice's kind heart and generosity is related to my mother's situation. My sister, Kathy Prater, took care of my mother for several years. When my mother could no longer be cared for at home, she became a resident at the nursing home on Highland Avenue in Prestonsburg. The store where Bernice worked was a block away, and Bernice would visit my mother several times a week. She would take some of my mother's favorite food to her, like Snicker bars and bananas, and she would spend her own money for clothing for her.

I remember asking her once why she did this, why she was so faithful in visiting my mother and why she spent her own money on her. She first replied that it wasn't any trouble and when I pressed her for a more specific response, she said with some feeling in her voice, "It's my job."

And there it is. Nothing more needs to be said. She considered it her personal responsibility to do what she could for her sister-in-law. I will never forget her reply to my question that day, and I will never forget her kindness to my mother.

She is a true Eastern Kentucky woman, one who has worked hard all her life and never complained. She helps wherever she can, and she makes the best chicken and dumplings you will ever eat. Even though age and its accompanying aches and pains have come along, she does not let that get her down. She remains cheerful and upbeat and continues to plug along each day. I tell her often that I am so glad my Uncle Arnold married her as she has been, and still is, such a blessing to our family.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(July 2 and July 7, 1999)

Dirt from the river bank at Dickietown is furnishing the top soil for the new golf course at Prestonsburg's Mountaintop project. Residents along Bays Branch are complaining about the heavy trucks that, they say, are ruining the road and blowing up dust.

Five local professionals—all women—have been selected for the 1999 class of Leadership East Kentucky. Local persons, among 45 participants, are: Lydia Chandler, coordinator of Aging Programs for the Big Sandy Area Development District; Carla Coburn, executive director of Jenny Wiley Theatre; Jean Dorton, director of the Rural Community College Initiative at Prestonsburg Community College; Liz Hamilton Workforce 2001 Coordinator, Big Sandy Area Development District; and Debbie Wallace-Padgett, Prestonsburg, District Superintendent United Methodist Churches.

Every summer, teens are employed throughout the county to help maintain and improve the campuses and grounds of schools and other operations. Thursday, the kids were found at Prestonsburg, working, outside, planting various types of flowers, donated by the city, around the Prestonsburg High School Memorial site in front of the building.

The Floyd County Board of Elections is looking for persons to serve as officials for the November election.

A seminar on small business loans is set for Tuesday, at the Morehead State University Big Sandy Campus on University Drive in Prestonsburg.

The Wheelwright Utility Commission is asking residents of Wheelwright, Bypro, Upper Burton and Lower Burton to conserve drinking water until further notice.

Inmates at the federal prison scheduled for construction at Honey Branch, just across the Martin County line, can be assured of a steady supply of water. Monday, Tom Fern, state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, brought a symbolic check for \$796,000 for the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission.

"Trying to play the mediator," Mike Jarrell thinks he may have found a workable solution to Bays Branch road problems. The Floyd County road supervisor plans to close the road in the Dickietown community to hauling traffic on Thursday and Friday, and repair the road, which is almost impassable in spots.

Monday was a productive day for Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and his deputies. In the early afternoon, they found 12 marijuana plants growing behind a house, just off the patio at Printer. Thomas David Foley, 45, of KY 2030, was arrested later, on charges of cultivating marijuana, and taken to the Floyd County Detention Center.

Loretta S. May, 56, of Pinsonfork, was killed early Saturday morning when the car in which she was riding was struck by another vehicle on KY 1056 at McCarr.

Troy Collins Jr., the 15-year-old son of Troy

and Sally Collins, formerly of Prestonsburg, died July 7, in an auto accident in Plymouth, Ohio.

Anna Brown, 36, of Drift, was acquitted yesterday, in Floyd Circuit Court, on charges of robbery and unlawful imprisonment. She was accused of being the leader in a robbery at Allen in 1997.

There died: Troy Collins Jr., 15, of Plymouth, Ohio, Wednesday, July 7, the result of an auto accident; Zella Conaway Coleman, 71, of Haysi, Virginia, Sunday, July 11; Joyce Parker Stephens, 61, of Pikeville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, July 9; Mary Elizabeth Ward Evans, 79, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, July 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Estill "Al" Crace Jr., 58, of Allen, Friday, July 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Pearlise Isaac, 73, of Thelma, Sunday, July 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jearley Ann Isaac, 46, of McDowell, Saturday, July 10, at UK Medical Center, Lexington.

Twenty Years Ago

(July 12, 1989)

Floyd County Attorney David Allen Barber is warning all venders of pornographic videos and magazines to get the materials out of sight of minors.

The Wayland Town Board, at last night's meeting, enacted an ordinance designed to control the proliferation of election campaign materials within the city limits.

Unhappy with local management of the 9,000-student school system and with state intervention that began in January, more than a dozen teachers, representing their colleagues, traveled to Frankfort to present their concerns to members of the state Board of Education.

Steve Roberts, 34, of Betsy Layne, expects to collect more than 3,000 signatures on petitions he is circulating in Floyd and Pike counties in support of making damage to the United States flag a crime.

There died: Glenn Anderson Jr., 48, of Prestonsburg, July 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Allie Bentley, 85, of Lackey, July 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dorothy Collins, 56, of McDowell, July 3, at her home; Gordon Crowder, 76, of Wayland, July 4, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Earl "Chip" Jones, 79, of Dema, July 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Delphia Hamilton, 73, of Teaberry, July 6, at McDowell; Lacy Hall, 64, of Wheelwright, July 5, at his residence; Paul Fitch, 64, of Belleville, Michigan, June 13, at Auxier; Wilgus Joseph, 56, of Findlay, Ohio, July 6, at his residence; Hattie Miller, 83, of Martin, July 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Morgan, 88, of Lackey, July 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bama Pearl Branham Music, 77, of Prestonsburg, July 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nancy Jane Pitts Ousley, 91, of Alam Lick, July 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Stephens Jr., 67, of Kingsport, Tennessee, June 25, in Kingsport; Lillie M. Swoveland, 84, of Wolf Lake, Michigan, July 1, in Michigan.

Thirty Years Ago

(July 11, 1979)

Cliff residents, petition in hand, sought the assistance of the fiscal court in halting the development of a proposed apartment complex in their area.

A relative of John Maynard Hall, 49, of Printer, whose body was found the morning of July 4, on the Hunter Branch Road, near McDowell, said Monday, he is convinced Hall was murdered, but KSP have not yet reached that conclusion.

The J.L. Seagull Co., contractor on the removal of asbestos from Prestonsburg High School, is quoted as blaming Supt. of Schools Pete Grigsby Jr. for non-payment of the balance due on the work.

Two young New Jersey women were reunited with their father in Allen last week, 19 years after they were convinced he was dead.

Floyd County's assessment of all types of properties stands at \$335,120,521—up from last year's assessment of \$67,055,169.

There died: Flossie Martin Moore, 89, of McDowell; Cora Makey Evans, 71, of Harold; William Francis Layne Davis, 8, of Stone; Maggie Wells Bingham, 86, of Prestonsburg; Myrtle Hall Weddington, 57, of Toler Creek, at Harold; Bertha G. Pennington, 74, of Melrose, Ohio, formerly of Garrett; James N. Wallen, 68, formerly of the Middle Creek section; Maggie Spears Hall, 78, of Auxier; Liza Little Brown, 86, of Hi Hat; Burchell Newsome Jr., infant son of Burchell and Marcella Newsome of Grethel; Nicole Rae Hayes, infant daughter of David and Debra William Hayes of Betsy Layne; Jacilene Nicole Fife, infant daughter of Jack and Greta Vance Fife of Prestonsburg.

Forty Years Ago

(July 10, 1969)

There's a hot election campaign winding up this week in Floyd and Johnson counties, and in Johnson it has engendered such "enthusiasm" that one participant has been accused of assault and battery, and robbery.

The Floyd County's school system has been

the recipient of a special Title VI grant, this summer, to improve and provide education for handicapped children.

A Department of Highways spokesman said Wednesday, that appraisals of right-of-way on new US 23, from the Mountain Parkway to Allen, via Katy Friend and Bull Creek, are now being made, and that February, next year, is the deadline for their acquisition.

Richard Johnson, 41, of Huntington, Indiana, formerly of Hi Hat, drowned Wednesday, July 9, when a small boat from which he and another man were fishing capsized in a lake near Huntington. Although he was removed from the water within five minutes after the accident, he could not be revived. His fishing companion clung to the boat and was rescued.

There died: Russell E. Horn, 62, of West Prestonsburg; Jairet Ousley, 62, of Risner; Mona Mayo, 73, Martin; Malinda Rollins, 88, formerly of Wayland; Linda Sue Conley, infant daughter of Earl and Katherin Conley, formerly of Martin; Ernest Hodge, 59, formerly of Wheelwright.

Fifty Years Ago

(July 16, 1959)

A rain storm, accompanied by hail, seriously damaged farm crops and gardens in the Right and Left Beaver Creek sections, Monday evening. Width of the area damaged was about three miles.

Byron M. Thompson of Prestonsburg, this week, continued his one-man campaign for an end to politics in the operation of the Floyd County school system, and for cooperation between discordant board members, in the interest of the school children.

The dread oak wilt, a fungus disease of oak trees, doesn't seem to be making gains in this area.

There died: Jack Arnold Hopkins, 24, of Boldman; William Henry McKinney, 68, of David; William Blankenship, 67, of East McDowell; Cora Hall, 72, of Prestonsburg; Crit Little, 79, of Bypro; George E. Franklin, 63, of Coal Run; Douglas Fairchild, 57, of Lick Fork; Bruce Hall, 69, formerly of Auxier.

(See YESTERDAYS, page four)



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For All Volunteers**

Date: Monday, July 27, 2009

Times: 9:00 a.m., or you may choose 6:00 p.m.

Where: Allen Elementary Library

**If you plan on working with our students
at Allen Elementary in any way during
the school year 2009-2010,**

YOU MUST HAVE THIS TRAINING.

For more information,
call 874-0621

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Patrick Porter Reunion to be held Saturday, July 18

The annual Patrick Porter reunion, Saturday, July 18, at the Senior Citizens Center and Park in Nicklesville, Va. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the reunion lasting from 11-3 p.m. Pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite dish. A tour of Pioneer Patriot Patrick Porter's gravesite near Dungannon is planned, along with visiting Samuel Porter Cemetery in the Stinking Creek community. More information: Carol Lafferty @ 606-776-2126 or Bill Porter @ 276-395-6288.

The Watts Reunion

The 57th Watts Reunion will be held July 26th, at Natural Bridge State Park in Slade, at shelter No. 2. All Watts' with ties to eastern Kentucky, are invited. For more information, call (606) 871-9291 or visit wattsreunion.org.

J.A. Duff Elementary School SBDM parent election

Nominations for a parent member of the J.A. Duff Elementary SBDM to replace a member who resigned will be received in the Family Resource Center, beginning Tuesday, July 14, through Friday, July 17. The hours for receiving nominations will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may bring your nomination form to the center, or drop off in the front office to be placed in my box. Nomination forms will be available in the front office.

The election will be held on July 21. Voting will take place between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, July 22.

Floyd County Extension Chat'n and Cook'n

Tuesday, July 14, 4-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office, 922 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes Toyota). This is for anyone who wants to learn to enjoy eating healthier. It will be especially beneficial if you, or a loved one, has been diagnosed with a chronic disease like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or are overweight. Join us to learn how you can live healthier and happier.

Contact Theresa at 886-2668 for registration information.

Floyd County Extension Council & District Board to hold meeting, July 21

The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will meet at the Floyd County Extension Office, 1921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, on Tuesday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m. Call the Extension Office, 886-2668, to confirm your attendance.

Vacation Bible School to be held July 20 & 23

Vacation Bible School will be held July 20 and July 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church. Phone: 478-2532.

Family Education Series for memory disorders

You are invited to attend an Education Series for family members, caregivers and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. Presenters: Greg Jicha, MD PHD and Staff of the UK Alzheimer's Disease Center

and the Alzheimer's Association. Thursday, July 23, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Pikeville Medical Center Library.

- Calming medical and behavioral care approaches.
- Late Stage Dementia care issues.

Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at: 1-800-272-3900.

Any other questions may be directed to Debra, Kim or Christina at the Funds office (606) 432-1072, ext. 2, 3 or 4. Light refreshments will be available.

Continuing Education Courses for CPAs set July 17-July 18

Continuing Education Courses for CPAs: "Fundamentals of Financial Calculations," July 17th or July 18th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST). Available as a live webinar, 8 Live, Group Study. CPE credits for CPAs. Registration fee is \$54.99. Email Thomas A. McDevitt, CPA at thomas.mcdevitt@ceworkshops.com to obtain additional information, or to register.

2009 PHS Varsity 9th Annual Football Cheer Clinic

Saturday, August 15 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cheer Fundamentals w/ a "Game Plan" emphasis, refreshments, t-shirt, cheer pre-game at the first home game on Friday, August 21. Prestonsburg Blackcats vs. Belfry Pirates. Fee: \$25 All Summer Camp attendees receive a \$5 discount.

Wayland High School Class of 1959 Reunion

The Wayland High School Class of 1959 will celebrate its 50th Class Reunion on July 25, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. The reunion will be held in Mtg. Room No. 4, at 1 p.m.; dinner will be from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in a reserved dining room (downstairs from the main lobby). Make a special effort to attend this 50th class reunion with former classmates!!

13th Annual Railroad Reunion is set for Saturday, June 27

The 13th Annual Railroad reunion located at Grace Baptist Church in Shelbiana, will be held Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish!

Mathias Hughes & Lydia Margaret Baldrige Family Reunion

The family and their descendants of Linda E. Hughes (m) Jake Marsillett; Mary Darcus Hughes (m) John Wright; Sarah (Sally) Hughes (m) James Marsillett; John Malcolm Hughes (m) Sally Johnson; James (Jim) Henery Hughes (m) Ida Marsillett, will be held September 6, starting at 10 a.m., at the home

of Delmer and Dearl Faye Holbrook, 143 Holbrook Hollow Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, phone 606-886-8481.

Summer Camps For Kids at The Auxier Center

The Auxier Center located at 21 South Street, Auxier, have the following camps:

COMPUTER CAMP

July 13 through July 17
Morning class: 10:00-11 a.m.
Afternoon class: 1:00-2 p.m.
Limited to 12 students per class
Cost: \$5 (free computer* with class completion)
*One computer per family - students must meet income guidelines and not have a computer of their own.

SEWING CAMP

June 15-19: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
July 6-10: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

QUILTING CAMP

July 27-31: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost \$10 (includes all supplies)

Call 606-886-0709 for reservations.

The Auxier Center is a program of Hand in Hand Ministries.

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208.

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion

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

Duff Kindergarten Registration

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

Higher education begins here

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

or older.

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

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

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar July 2009

GED Classes
July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Floyd Room, Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GED Classes
July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Floyd Room, Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sr. Advantage Meeting
July 14th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Blood Drive
July 24th
Meeting Place A & B, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes
July 30th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information. Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

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

July 23, 2009
* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues
* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches
Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your atten-

dance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

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

Auxier Community Center

Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income

and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the

(See CALENDAR, page four)

Rabies Clinic

Saturday
July 18, 2009

Beaver Creek Animal Clinic
606-358-9913

- 8:00-8:30.....Wayland Post Office
- 8:35-9:05.....Old Estill Stop and Shop
- 9:10-9:40.....Lackey Post Office
- 9:45-10:15.....Garrett Post Office
- 10:20-10:50.....Hitching Post, Hueysville
- 11:00-11:30Old Hippo Post Office
- 11:45-12:45Maytown Community Center
- 2:00-2:30.....Bill Woods Grocery Store
- 2:35-3:05.....Dwale Post Office
- 3:35-4:05.....Allen Happy Mart (Exxon)
- 4:10-4:40.....Velocity Market (Betsy Layne)
- 5:10-5:40.....Harold Marathon Kwick Mart

BEAVER CREEK ANIMAL CLINIC

Rabies\$5.00
Canine 5-way\$10.00
Feline 4-way.....\$10.00

Floyd County Public Schools Notice of Non-Discrimination Statement

Students, their parents, employees, potential employees and the general public of the Floyd County School District are hereby notified that the Floyd County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Phil Paige,
Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

The Floyd County District offers the following career and technical education programs to all students enrolled in grades 9-12:

Prestonsburg High School: Technology Education
Betsy Layne High School: Business, Pathways to Careers, Technology Education

Allen Central High School: Available through Floyd County Area Technology Center

South Floyd High School: Technology Education
Floyd County Area Technology Center: Welding, Health Services, Business, Carpentry, Auto Mechanics, Industrial Technology, Machine Tool
*Students in grades 9-12 may enroll in courses in the career areas. Students must be 15 years old by October 1st to enroll in Area Technology Center Courses.

Any inquiries concerning the Floyd County School's compliance with the Office of Civil Rights Law, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, ADA and Section 504 should be directed to Phil Paige, Harassment/Discrimination Coordinator phone number 606-886-4521. The address for written inquiries is 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

THE FLOYD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will be accepting applications for the Kentucky Agriculture Relief (K.A.R.E.) Program until Friday, July 31, 2009

The program will be a 75/25 cost-share program with a maximum \$2,000 reimbursement cost share per farm. The K.A.R.E. Program will provide cost share assistance to Floyd County Farmers who have experienced loss during last year's weather related disasters and will help prevent future disasters. The available practices are:

1. Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments.
2. Developing and piping on farm springs.
3. Construction of small stream water basins.
4. Establishing and enhancing on-farm ponds.
5. Water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage.
6. Irrigation equipment, structures and components.
7. Forage/Pasture development.
8. Pasture/Grain development.
9. Filter fabric pads for heavy use area.
10. Fence and water—excludes plank and decorative fencing.
11. Seeding: Custom Services & Rental Equipment.
12. Cooling fans and sprinkler systems.
13. Shade cloth & other temporary or permanent agricultural shelters.
14. Feeding equipment, commodity storage structures, hay wrappers, feed mixers & silage feeding/storage equipment.
15. Crop Insurance Premiums.
16. Trailers, wagons & other forage/commodity transportation related equipment.
17. Animal waste handling equipment.
18. Rootstock, trees & certified, hybrid and/or other seed varieties.

Please contact the Floyd County Conservation District for practice specifics.

Applications MUST BE APPROVED BY THE FCCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Please contact the Floyd County Conservation District, located at 18 Mayo Branch Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. You may call us at (606) 889-9800, or email us at conserve@bellsouth.net for more information.

Highlands Regional makes upgrades to Birth Place

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center recently unveiled its renovated Birth Place, which is designed to make moms, newborn babies and families much more comfortable during their stay in the hospital.

The expansion was designed to modernize the newborn nursery, waiting area and post-partum patient rooms.

"At Highlands Birth Place, we believe the birth of your child is a special time for families and HRMC is proud to

play a part in that important life event," said Terri Hall, director of The Birth Place. "We strive to provide the very best in care for you, your family, and of course, your baby."

Patients and their families can expect an up-to-date facility that includes six private labor, delivery, and recovery suites, two operating rooms dedicated specifically for cesarean sections and tubal ligation, 11 new private rooms with flat screen TVs, a central monitoring system for labor and delivery, a 24-hour level

one nursery, and childbirth education classes for new parents.

The Birth Place at Highlands Regional also offers an advanced staff including 24 RNs, three LPNs, six OB clerk techs, five OB/GYNs, two full-time Certified Lactation Consultants and seven Pediatricians.

Administrators say this latest expansion and upgrade is a step by Highlands Regional Medical Center to ensure a premier birthing experience for families in the community.



Birth Place staff shown here in one of the new patient rooms.

Calendar

junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

UNITE

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

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

p.m.

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned

by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

Narcotics - Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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Science

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also should travel well.

The breeders say these peaches are best when eaten fresh, but they'll still make a mean peach cobbler. The peaches can get up to three inches in diameter, which is respectable but not eye-popping, and can be grown in most areas where peaches now grow.

The new peaches are currently in the hands of commercial growers and university

test sites for further evaluation, so you won't see them at the produce stands for another year or so. But it sounds like they'll be worth the wait!

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Yesterdays

Sixty Years Ago

(July 21, 1949)

Action by the Senate Public Works Committee on a bill authorizing canalization of the Big Sandy river is expected within the next few days, probably by the middle of next week.

A group of 16 West Prestonsburg citizens met, last week, at the Assembly of God Church, to organize a civic club, with the announced purpose of cleaning up the town and beautifying it in as many ways as

possible

There died: William Jarrell Jr., 25, of West Van Lear; Ernest Archer Bayes, 24, of West Van Lear; Andrew "Red" Barnett, 48, of West Prestonsburg; H.H. Shepherd, 73, in Ohio; Laura Belle Green, 62, of Louisville; Bill Crager, 70, of Lackey; Jettie Slone, 78, of Town Branch.

Seventy Years Ago

(July 13, 1939)

A two-day "strike" by pupils and their

parents in the Gearheart school district, in objection to the county board of education's failure to rehire one of the teachers who taught last year in the two-room school, was terminated, Tuesday.

Crippled children of Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties will be examined, and, if necessary, assigned for future hospital treatment at the district crippled children's clinic, to be held at the high school building here, July 26.

There died: Henrietta Childers, 73, of Weeksbury; Polly Ann Mulkey, 65, of Dana; Earl Noble, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Noble, of Minnie; Will Cranberry, 49, of Allen.

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