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Route 1428 at Hager Hill to be closed for road work

Abandoned railroad tracks that cross Route 1428 in Johnson County between the 0 and 1 mile marker will be removed today, weather permitting. No traffic will be permitted on the road while work is under way. Highway District 12's Johnson County superintendent, Leon Daniels, said the location is near the Hager Hill post office. "The road will be closed from about 8 o'clock in the morning until about three-thirty tomorrow afternoon," Daniels said. "If the weather cooperates, it should take our crew about six or seven hours to finish the work. We appreciate people's patience and understanding."

Couple faces sex abuse trial in January

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date has been set for the Martin couple charged with the sexual abuse of children under the age of 12. According to the office of Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Michael and Martha Pitts are scheduled to go on trial on Jan. 11.

The trial date was set on Monday. The Pittses were arrested and charged with multiple counts of criminal and sexual abuse on March 2. The couple were each charged with two counts of rape, two counts of incest, two counts of sodomy, two counts of sexual abuse and two counts of criminal abuse. During the preliminary hearing in March, Kentucky State Police

Trooper Richard Russell gave his testimony in regards to the case, including the results of a medical examination of the alleged female victim under the age of 6. Russell's testimony included the alleged acts of sexual abuse against one male child, between the of 6 and 8 at the time of the alleged abuse, and



Michael Pitts Martha Pitts

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JERSEY RETIRED



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg High School legend Set Branham had his No. 52 jersey retired Friday night prior to the Prestonsburg-Belfry football game. Branham was all-state in three sports (football, basketball and basketball) for the Blackcats.

County to get over \$1 million in grants for horse trail project

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County and horse trail enthusiasts across the region will have much to rejoice in the coming months as two grants totaling more than \$1 million have been awarded for future work on expansion of the county's trail system. The county was informed of the grants by representatives with the Big Sandy Area Development District. Sandy Runyon told court members Friday that two grants had been awarded. One of those grants

alone will reportedly total \$923,000. The money will used, at least in part, to bring the horse trail from German Bridge Campground around the ridge to the Equine Center. There are currently three trails that have been approved to be combined that will result in some 30 miles of riding. From passing early-level resolutions in January to kick-start the work to final authorization to sign agreements Friday, county leaders have contended the horse trail could represent an economic windfall for the county, flooding the city and

county with tourism dollars. When all work is completed, the ride would encompass two days of hard riding, according to officials, which is to say the ride could easily be stretched to three days. Among other plans would be the construction of various camp sites and other structures along the trail such as barns, said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. Marshall is reluctant to count the money as a given at this point, saying he'd rather have the funding in hand before

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Horse's death could result in stiffer charges

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man arrested and charged with second-degree cruelty to animals for allegedly letting a horse he owned starve may be facing more serious charges after the death of the animal a few days later. James Castle, 25, was arrested after the horse was located near Cow Creek and transported to the Prestonsburg Equine Center to receive care. Instead of taking the advice of a few horse enthusiasts and having the animal put down, the horse was placed in a special sling and employees of the center, along with volunteers, spent hours working to feed the animal and attempting to help it stand on its own, along with rubbing ointment on its numerous sores and

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Board looks for answers to ACT performance

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — After a spirited performance by students from the arts and humanities at Allen Elementary, the Floyd County Board of Education made its way through a full agenda in a little over 30 minutes on Monday, including a discussion of recent ACT scores. Supt. Henry Webb talked about the scores and the board's plans to achieve improvement in the future. "All students in our high schools are now taking the ACT," Webb said. "We are working very hard to raise standards." According to the test results, 34 percent of juniors are ready for college-level composition courses, five percent

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Council reviews bills in great detail

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council met in regular session Monday evening, approving a list of agenda items with the largest amount of time set aside throughout the meeting to consider bills. A detailed look at where the city's money had been going of late was prompted by council member Gorman Collins, who asked first about purchases made for flowers and also inquired about whether or not the city could buy tires locally instead of in Perry County. "These might be little things, but these add up," Collins said Monday. "I think we have a responsibility to look at the bills."

Various bills were discussed throughout the course of the meeting while other business was conducted before payment was approved by the attending council members. Members Kelly Moore, Donna Wells and B.D. Nunnery were not present for Monday's regular meeting. Moore recently fell under scrutiny following a property transfer in which, according to documents filed in the county clerk's office, he sold a portion of land owned by the city. The council has been discussing what, if any, action should be taken against Moore following the transfer. The city has also been considering a proposal from its director of economic

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photo by Sheldon Compton
The Prestonsburg City Council spent much of its time Monday studying bills and receipts, but also was able to make decisions concerning roadblock fundraisers, a schedule for this year's trick-or-treat and other business despite missing a few members for the meeting.

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Obituaries

Geneva Prater Bailey

Geneva Prater Bailey, age 79, of Hippo, wife of Arnold Bailey, passed away Friday, August 21, 2009, at the Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

She was born January 1, 1930, in Martin, the daughter of the late Willard and Julia Prater. She was a retired school teacher, a member of the Martin Church of Christ, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the retired School Teachers Association.

In addition to her husband, Arnold, she is survived by three sons: Kerry David (Anita) Bailey of Emma, Stewart (Melissa) Bailey of Hueysville, and Doug (Deb) Bailey of Langley; two daughters: Joan Gibson of Hueysville, and Judy Bailey of Hippo; one sister, Alice Hall of Hueysville; a special nephew, Charles David Bailey; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five extended great-grandchildren; and extended family, Joyce and Dennie Blackburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and three sons: Mike, Jeff, and Jerry Bailey.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 24, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Gary Mitchell officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was after 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, with Eastern Star service, Sunday, at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers: Ronnie Mosley, Kyle Bailey, Jerry Bailey, John Bailey, Bucky Bailey, Matt Porter, Dustin Hammonds, Kyle Burgess, Evan Farmer, Ryan Bailey, Ryan Butcher, and Josh Taylor. (Paid obituary)

Wallace Rudolph Frazier

Wallace Rudolph Frazier of Live Oak, FL (formerly of Price, KY) passed from this life to Gloryland on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, in the comforts of his daughter's home in Jacksonville, FL.

Born on November 14, 1925, to Bertha and L.G. Frazier in Gearhart, KY., he was drafted into the United States Navy in 1943, and served in World War II. He was a talented builder and loved carpentry. He worked for the Department of Public Safety in KY and the Floyd Co. KY, Sheriff's Office. He was a member of the Masonic Order for 40+ years. He also worked with his wife managing apartments in Lexington, KY, and Jacksonville, FL. When he retired, he and his wife moved to the Live Oak, FL, where he enjoyed working in the yard and tending to his garden. His favorite time of year was Christmas, and he loved his family more than life itself.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John C.; and two sisters-in-law: Eula and Thelma. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Pansy Marie Frazier; daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Dean Stewart; grandchildren: Wallace Dean (Laura) and Jodi-Marie, and great-granddaughter, Eden. He is also survived by one sister, Roberta (Hugh) Fugate; and five brothers: James (Irene), Glen, Roy (Debbie), Doug (Pam) and sweet baby, Breck.

Services were held at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, on Saturday, August 22, 2009, and was laid to rest in Frazier Family Cemetery, Price, KY. (Paid obituary)

Marcelline Freeman

Marcelline Freeman, 81, of Auxier, died Friday, August 21, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born August 5, 1928, in

Perry County, she was the daughter of the late Cal and Fannie Holland King. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker, and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dallas Freeman.

Other survivors include one son and four daughters: George C. Freeman of Erie, Michigan; Lillian Smiderle of Irving, Texas; Rosalie Freeman, Elizabeth Mae Greer, and Teresa J. Moore, all of Lexington; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters: Troy King, George King, Richard King, Geneva Banks, Hazel Hunter and Jeanette Manns.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 24, at 1 p.m., in the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Rodney Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Charles Edward "Bill" Hammonds

Charles Edward "Bill" Hammonds, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 3, 1936, in Thealka, he was the son of the late Roy and Mavis Nichols Hammonds. He was a contract laborer and a member of the Tom's Creek United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Joyce Lafferty Hammonds.

Other survivors include three sons: Charlie Hammonds and Darren Hammonds, both of Michigan; and Roy Hammonds of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Hope Evelyn Hammonds of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Helene Branham and Phyllis Spradlin, both of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren: Katelyn and Jeremy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Magdalene Hammonds.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 23, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with J.D. Rice officiating.

Burial will be in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

David Lee Jones

David Lee Jones, 52, of Melvin, died Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at his residence.

Born August 6, 1957, in Melvin, he was the son of the late Perry Sr., and Gracie Fouts Jones. He was a contract laborer.

Survivors include two brothers: Perry Jones Jr., of Martin, and Ballard (Darlene) Jones of Dana; one sister, Helen (Charles) Collins of Melvin; his nieces and nephews: Teresa (Ricky), Kathy, and Larry; great-nieces and nephews: Chris, Tiffany and Abbey; a great-great-niece, Jasmine; a special cousin, Janet Leigh; and his best friend, Bill Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bubby Delmer Jones.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 22, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Joe Jones Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was after 4 p.m., Thursday, August 20, at the funeral home; and after 4 p.m., Friday, August 21, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin. (Paid obituary)



Clara Jean Black Murray

Clara Jean Black Murray, 72, of Thelma, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, August 16, 2009.

She was born October 21, 1936, a daughter of the late Randall and Myrtle Knight Black.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Murray; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Midkiff; one son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Veronica Murray; one sister, Betty Shelton; two brothers, Tom Black and Bill Black and wife, Aurelia; three grandchildren.

Shauna Tackett and husband, John; and Ben Midkiff and Coltin Midkiff.

She is also preceded in death by one grandson, Dakota Austin Midkiff; one brother, Jack Black; and one sister, Nancy Hineman.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 22, at Wallace Funeral Home & Chapel, Barboursville, with Rev. Dr. John Sauvage officiating.

Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 21, at Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.timeformemory.com/wallace (Paid obituary)

Quentin Henry Scott

Quentin Henry Scott age 58, of Garrett, passed away Monday, August 24, 2009, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

He was born April 14, 1951, in Garrett, the son of Pia Franzika Scott of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the late Lucy Scott.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his significant other, Ellen; three sons: Quentin, Matt, and Jordan; two daughters: Amanda and Sandy; three grandchildren: Paige, Preston, and Kaylee; a great-grandchild, Tyler; two sisters: Ruth and Sheila; nephews: Jody and Alexander; and a great-niece, Keesha.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Waylon.

Funeral services for Quentin Henry Scott will be conducted Friday, August 28, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial will follow in the Scott Cemetery, in Garrett, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Irene Whitt Turner

Irene Whitt Turner, age 83 of McDowell, passed away on Friday, August 21, 2009, at her residence.

She was born at Landville, West Virginia, December 7, 1925, the daughter of the late Allen and Bessie Salts Whitt.

She was a member of the women's club, and held the state award in dressmaking, and was a member of the McDowell First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence "Cobb" Turner of McDowell; one son, Allen Van Turner of McDowell; and one daughter, Joyce Ann Turner Howell of McDowell. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Suzanne, Scott, Jason, Erica, and Allen; and six great grandchildren: Sarah, Seth, Jamie, Madison, Braxton, and Allison.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Allen "Jackie" Whitt and Robert Otis "Jiggs" Whitt; and three sisters: Stella Stidham, Loraine Shelton, and Louise "Bootsie" Biliter; and a grandson, Keith Alan.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 23, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Harry Hargis officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jason Howell, Dale Howell, Allen Turner, Duane Bryant, David Wormley, Seth Turner, and Mike Turner.

The family has chosen Hall Funeral Home to handle the arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Victoria Vanover

Victoria Vanover, age 95, of Weeksbury, widow of the late William S. "Baby" Vanover, passed away Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born July 19, 1914, in Pike County, the daughter of the late Lint Tackett and

Martha Johnson Tackett. She was a homemaker and attended the Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Otis G. (Connie) Vanover of Somerset; four daughters: Wanda Norris of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Irene Gibson of Estill Spring, Tennessee, Gledith Sanders of Taylor, Michigan, and Lou Vanover of Dwale; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and three sons-in-law: Les Norris, Lee Gibson, and Larry Sanders.

Funeral services were con-

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THE FAMILY OF MARY G. JARRELL

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The family of Dimple R. Crawford 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 Rodney Mosley 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 DIMPLE R. CRAWFORD

Card Of Thanks

The family of Roberta S. Lewis 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their 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 love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.

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PRIDE awards \$8,000 for education in Floyd County

SOMERSET — This year, 1,200 students in Floyd County will enjoy hands-on lessons in good stewardship, thanks to PRIDE Environmental Education Grants. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE announced today that two grant applicants from Floyd County were awarded a total of \$8,000.

May Valley Elementary School received a \$4,000 grant to enhance its outdoor classroom and buy educational materials, such as binoculars, books, and Earth Day resources. The school estimated that the grant will impact 420 students during the current school year.

Prestonsburg Elementary School plans to build an outdoor classroom with its \$4,000 grant. The school expects 780 students to use the facility this year.

Each grant includes \$500 to operate a service-oriented PRIDE Club.

"I thank you for taking the initiative to get students excited about the spectacular natural resources that surround them," said Karen Engle, who



PRIDE's Tammie Wilson (center) presented certificates to Rebial Reynolds of Prestonsburg Elementary and Bridget Vanover of May Valley Elementary for completing training to comply with PRIDE grant guidelines.

heads PRIDE, to the grant recipients. "Our region's scenic beauty is precious. If our children learn to nurture this valuable asset now, then they

can enjoy it with their children and even generate jobs through tourism. These grants are a wise investment in the future."

The PRIDE Environmental Education Grant Program is available to schools, nonprofit organizations and other education providers in 38 counties

of southern and eastern Kentucky. The one-year grants support hands-on activities that show students how and why to take personal responsibility for their environment. The maximum grant value was \$4,000 this year. Grant recipients must make monetary or in-kind contributions worth 10 percent of their grant amount, and community involvement is encouraged.

This year, PRIDE awarded 94 Environmental Education Grants across the region for a total of \$355,087. Since 1998, a total of 577,963 students have taken part in projects funded through 1,001 grants. Grant-funded projects in the region since 1998 include building 374 outdoor classrooms, 155 greenhouses and 63 nature trails.

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, a nonprofit organization, promotes "Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment" in southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE was founded in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Environmental Secretary James Bickford, and

it is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For more information, please call the PRIDE office, toll free, at 888-577-4339 or visit www.kypride.org.

KSP unveils new 'Crime Scene Response Vehicle'

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Police are taking forensics on the road with a new Crime Scene Response Vehicle (CSRV). The 2009 Ford Super Duty Truck is equipped with everything needed for on-scene crime analysis including a generator, trace evidence analysis and a latent fingerprint processing machine.

Painted in KSP Gray and striped in blue, the 8 foot bed carries a service body containing supplies for extensive processing and analysis at major crime scenes.

The CSRV will expedite crime scene investigations by providing detectives with greater storage capacity and state of the art tools to capture all possible evidence at the scene. Enhanced crime investigation will also assist the prosecutorial phase of crimes by providing additional visual evidence that will lead to stiffer penalties for criminals.

When KSP set out to buy its mobile forensic unit, no one flipped open a catalog and pointed to a picture and said, "That's the one." Starting with an empty shell, KSP gathered input from its crime scene detectives to create a wish list of equipment and capabilities.

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer was determined to get the project moving regardless of budgetary constraints.

"Finding the right mobile crime scene vehicle for our agency was a complicated

task. It involved looking carefully at our cases, our expertise, and our budget," said Brewer.

The total vehicle package cost approximately \$30,000 and KSP utilized Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase the vehicle. Asset Forfeiture Funds are the proceeds from the sale of assets such as real property, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and jewelry that are seized by state, local or federal law enforcement during the course of a criminal investigation.

"When the number of murders in Kentucky increases by 78 percent in one year, every possible effort must be made to utilize funds to assist a project that will make the Commonwealth a safer place to live," added Brewer.

A serious crime occurs in Kentucky every 4 minutes and 28 seconds. With the increase in the crime rate, there has also been an increased need for crime scene processing.

Over the past two years, Kentucky has averaged 190 homicides annually and KSP investigates approximately 50 percent of these cases. Most cases are located in rural areas that have little access to crime scene support.

Crime scene detectives are responsible for the investigation of major Part I violent and property crimes. Aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery are classified as violent while arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehi-

cle theft are classified as property crimes.

Brewer plans to provide Crime Scene Response Vehicles at every post and has sought out alternative funding sources to accelerate implementation. In the mean time, KSP's new vehicle will be housed at the Hazard post.

"We looked at statistics and crime trends in recent years and the Hazard post is centrally located to the areas where most Part I Crimes are occurring," advised Brewer.

Gov. Steve Beshear was on hand to promote the project and personally inspect the new CSRV unit.

"Installing these new response vehicles in all post regions will not only be an asset to KSP, but will also be an additional resource for local law enforcement," said Gov. Beshear. "Combining state and local resources, especially dur-

ing these difficult economic times, will provide the Commonwealth with more efficient and effective crime solving methods that will result in decreased criminal activity in our state."

Hazard post Commander, Captain Scott Miller is excited that his post will be the pilot location for this project.

"The CSRV coming to Hazard Post will be instrumental in assisting our detectives in solving and working major crimes that happen in the Post 13 area. It will provide them with the on-site tools and technology that will make processing scenes more thorough and efficient," said Miller.

"Combining this resource with the exemplar investigations division here at Post 13 will serve the public well. We look forward to putting this valuable tool to use," added Miller.

Citizens who have information about criminal investigations and would like to report it are encouraged to visit the KSP website at www.kentuckystatepolice.org or call 1-800-555-2222.

'Try Out' the Pikeville College dance program

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Community Education School of Dance invites you to "Try It Out." Come, meet the instructors and participate in brief introductory classes to learn more about ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop dance on Tuesday, Aug. 25, or Thursday, Aug. 27. "Try It Out" classes are free.

"Try It Out" classes offered Aug. 25 include 3-year-olds at 5 p.m., 4-year-olds at 5:45 p.m. and 5- and 6-year-olds at 6:30 p.m. Classes on Aug. 27 include 7-9-year-olds at 5 p.m., 10-12-year-olds at 6 p.m. and teen/adult at 7 p.m.

Registration for fall dance classes will be held Sept. 1-3 from 4-6 p.m. Classes begin Sept. 8.

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Lexie Adkins Stephens Celebrates 80th Birthday

Lexie Adkins Stephens was born on August 24, 1929, in Printer, Kentucky, to Wilburn and Tennessee Conn, second of 10 children. She was married to Randall Adkins and Robert Stephens, both now deceased. Her children are Onda Baker (deceased), Virgil Ray Stephens (deceased), Dean (Paula) Adkins, Ronnie (Nora) Stephens, Don (Dian) Adkins, Evelyn (Billy) Bryant, Faye Campbell, Danny (Vickie) Adkins, Gary (Cecelia) Adkins, Deb (Terry) Thompson, Rita (Kenny) Elder, Lena (Joe) Ball, Tena (Brooks) Huffer, Robert Jr. (Melanie) Stephens, Joe Stephens, Belva Stephens, and Sam (Judy) Lambert. She has 41 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. An open house was held on August 22, from 1-4 p.m., at 405 West Wayne St., Pierceton, Indiana. Cards may be sent to Tena Huffer, 1324 East Main St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

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Viewpoint

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Our View

Parkway meeting needs local input

There seems to be a consistent theme developing this year, as we keep seeing the advent of things we thought would never happen, but which probably should have happened long ago.

We've seen it on the national scene, with the ascension of the first African American president. And we've seen it on the local scene, with the passage of a comprehensive smoking ban in the city of Prestonsburg.

Now we're seeing that trend once more, this time with the first serious talk of widening the full Mountain Parkway to four lanes.

Tomorrow night, the state is holding a public meeting at the Lakefront Church of God, along Route 134 in Magoffin County, to discuss the project.

Organizers have sent word of the meeting to residents of Magoffin, Morgan and Wolfe counties, where construction will actually take place, but any movement on this project is certainly of importance to Floyd Countians as well.

Ironically, the effort to widen the Parkway finally comes at a time when the project is somewhat less vital for the local economy. With the improvement of other highways in the region and continued development over the years, Floyd County can hardly be considered the remote outpost it was when the Mountain Parkway first opened.

But any effort to improve the Parkway remains crucial for a much more important reason — safety. It is no secret that the bulk of accidents, and consequently deaths, on the highway take part in the area where construction will take place.

For that reason alone, any effort to make this long-held dream remains important to Floyd County, and should receive input from Floyd Countians. And despite some lessened economic importance, opening up the road will still pay dividends.

Needless to say, we hope to see Floyd County well represented Thursday night.

— The Floyd County Times

FYI

Public hearing on Mountain Parkway widening project

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"NOW... LETS SEE IF IT RUNS WITHOUT THE JUMPER CABLES."

Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Given the difficult economy the nation has seen in recent months, and the efforts by government to get it moving forward again, 2009 may long be remembered as the year of incentives.

Here in Kentucky, the General Assembly has authorized or expanded several programs, both temporary and long-term, that reward those looking to trade in their vehicle for a new one, purchase a newly constructed home, renovate a private historic site, or invest in their business. Other tax incentives make Kentucky more attractive to our men and women in uniform; the film and television industry; the Breeders Cup; and NASCAR.

Both of the incentive packages for new home and car buyers will run for a year. The first of those will benefit current homeowners who buy and then occupy a newly constructed home for a minimum of two years; this program began late last month and runs through next July. This income-tax credit, worth up to \$5,000, is capped at \$25 million, but the state's budget officials believe the actual impact to state government will be around \$20 million.

Legislators created this incentive to complement a temporary federal incentive plan targeted at home buyers making their first purchase; it also

should help clear a backlog of newly constructed but empty homes across the state. More information can be found at the Revenue Cabinet's website, www.revenue.ky.gov.

The savings for home buyers will be realized at tax time, but new-car buyers who have a trade-in will benefit at the time of the sale, starting September 1st and running through August 2010. During that year, those making the purchase will get a credit for the value of their trade-in when it comes time to pay the 6 percent motor vehicle usage tax.

Here's how it works: If you buy a vehicle worth \$20,000; and your trade-in is valued at \$10,000 by the dealer, you will only pay the usage tax on the difference instead of the full price. In this case, you'll pay \$600 rather than \$1,200. This is capped at \$25 million and will also be available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

As we wait to see how effective these two programs are for families, it appears our plan to lure the film, television and touring-production industry to Kentucky is already paying off. Recently, we learned that a major motion picture centered on the horse Secretariat will be filmed at least in part here.

This program mirrors what many other states are doing, but ensures that it does not become a financial drain as it has in other places. The incentives, for example, are only available for the work done here. There are other financial guidelines and qualifications as well.

For the business community, several incentive packages that had become dated are now streamlined into one

that should make us more competitive with other states.

Small businesses that hire and then retain at least one new employee for a year and invest at least \$5,000 are also eligible for tax breaks, as are larger manufacturers who invest at least \$2.5 million in new equipment and training.

Historic property owners won't see many technical changes in the program that rewards them for their preservation efforts, but the funding will increase from \$3 million to \$5 million.

We also expect to see substantial growth in the number of military personnel calling Kentucky home, since we have exempted their active-duty pay from the state income tax, beginning in January. This, too, makes us much more competitive with other states that have already taken this step.

The owners of the Kentucky Speedway are now a step closer to hosting a NASCAR Sprint Cup race, thanks to an expansion of the 13-year-old law designed to bring large and unique tourist attractions to the state. Kentucky is also in better position to host the Breeders Cup horse race more often beyond the 2010 race at Churchill Downs.

These incentives are one prong of the state's effort to move the economy forward, and they complement the hundreds of millions of dollars we have set aside this year for such things as our schools and highways.

Time will tell how effective these investments are, but taken together, I think they have the potential to be the kind of boost we need.

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Letters

Story contained inaccuracies

I am writing to correct what I believe is misinformation that was contained in your newspaper story that appeared on Aug. 9.

This law firm represents approximately 90 residents of the Allen area who we contend have been damaged by the coal mining activities of Grizzly Mining and Frasure Creek Processing. The newspaper article concerning the motion for change of venue may give the incorrect impres-

sion that a change of venue was sought by this law firm on behalf of our clients.

The article incorrectly references the fact that Bonnie and Richard Crisp and 90 other "defendants" were seeking a change of venue. Actually, the 90 individuals I represent are the plaintiffs, or the individuals who filed the lawsuit. On behalf of my clients, we were opposed to the change of venue motion.

The motion for change of venue was actually filed by attorney Stephen Cawood, of Pineville, on behalf of defendant Grizzly Mining. The newspaper article includes quotations from

the motion for change of venue that were attributed to myself. Once again, I did not file the motion for change of venue. The arguments in favor of the change of venue were made by attorney Stephen Cawood, on behalf of the defendant Grizzly Mining.

The story is correct that Judge Danny Caudill did deny the motion for change of venue, a ruling that this law firm on behalf of the 90 residents urged him to make. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to clarify these issues.

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BSCTC women's singing group welcomes any lady to join

PRESTONSBURG — All Eastern Kentucky women ages 13 and up are invited to join The Big Sandy Community and Technical College community-based female singing group InHarmony, as they begin a new semester of rehearsals and performances.

InHarmony is a free program that provides members of the Eastern Kentucky community a chance to enjoy and share their vocal talents.

Members can join, at either of the two beginning rehearsals — Monday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 14 (skipping Mon. Sept. 7 in honor of Labor Day), from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building, Prestonsburg Campus.

Choir Director Laura Ford Hall welcomes everyone to join. "We welcome any young lady or woman who loves to sing to join us. We have a wonderful women's chorus, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and fun."

InHarmony will be singing a variety of music this semester including pop, oldies, and Christmas pieces. Songs include a "Diana Ross & The Supremes Medley," "True Colors" made popular by Cindy Lauper and Phil Collins, "The Blessing," a beautiful piece by Celtic Woman, and some Christmas songs including "Beautiful December," a neat arrangement of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and



InHarmony, the community-based female singing group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College invites new members to join on Monday, Aug. 31, or Monday, Sept. 14, and any lady in the community is invited to join. Pictured are the 2009 members before performing their Spring Concert in May.

much more!

"Any lady can join InHarmony," Hall said. "We would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in-between." The choir serves the BSCTC campuses of Pikeville, Prestonsburg, and Paintsville, so all eastern Kentucky citizens are welcome. However, those wishing to join should be 13 or older. The choir is accompanied by Alicia Hughes, pianist for the Kentucky Opry Orchestra, with Tim Cooley, Technical Director.

There is no audition for InHarmony, but the ladies in the group will have the opportunity to audition for an elite, singing ensemble comprised of InHarmony members called Big Sandy Serenade. To be a

part of Serenade, ladies must also be a part of InHarmony. Serenade performs 15-20 shows per year.

InHarmony will meet every Monday at the same time until the final performances during December. Music will be provided for each member and there is no fee to join. "We express many thanks to our BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards, and Provost Dr. Nancy Johnson, and also to our music program sponsor Jennifer Reynolds State Farm Insurance," Hall added.

"Without the help these individuals, free programs like InHarmony and Serenade would not be possible."

If you have questions about joining InHarmony, email Hall at laura.hall@kctcs.edu or visit www.bigsandysingers.com for more information.



Reil picks up swimsuit award at Miss Teen United States World pageant

HOUSTON, Texas — Johnson County resident Shannen Reil was crowned "Miss Teen Kentucky World 2009" and competed in the "Miss Teen United States World" pageant July 10 in Houston. While there, she came away with the swimsuit award.

"I had a great time and made many new friends!" Reil said. "I have been blessed to get to represent my state two years in a row in two great pageant systems, "Miss Teen USA 2008" and "Miss Teen United States World 2009".

Reil has had a very rewarding year so far, signing with Patrick Talent Agency, of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Cosmo Modeling and Talent, of Louisville.

Modeling for the famous Colombian designer Cecelia Perez Haute Couture, she is Miss February 2009 in The Cover Model Contest with Ashly Renee's Prom and

Pageant Store, in Elkhart, Ind.; Super Model Of The Year 2009 with "SuperModels Unlimited Magazine"; and is in "Nifty Magazine" as one of the 100 Sexiest Models Alive 2009.

She will be featured in the fall 2009 issue of "Gladys Magazine" portraying a vintage Audrey Hepburn, and has an upcoming shoot with Louisville photographer Andrew Kung to be featured in his fashion and photography book "Zeugma Book" to come out this December.

Reil was also requested by the president of Jovani to model his gowns in the runway show for fashion week at market, which is held every August in Atlanta.

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Graduates of Center for Rural Development's annual youth programs honor Rogers, Lawson, others for ongoing support

by SHARON DODSON
THE CENTER FOR RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

Top celebrities are issued a star on the renowned Hollywood Walk of Fame in recognition of their significant contributions to the industry.

Four individuals — including U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers — recently received stars of a different sort from graduates of The Center for Rural Development's youth programs in recognition of their significant contributions to the youth of Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

In addition to Rogers, Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center; Allen Anderson, CEO of South Kentucky RECC; and Kenny Davis, 1972 Olympic basketball athlete and motivational speaker, were named Youth Programs Star Celebrities at the first joint reunion of all past graduates of The Center's three youth programs — Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

At the recent reunion — a Hollywood-style, red-carpet event held at The Center in Somerset — the four new Star Celebrities were recognized before a crowd of 150 youth program graduates. Each received a gold star award in appreciation of their support in developing the talents of the region's next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

"There have been so many people who have been involved in The Center's youth programs that we wanted to create a way to recognize them for their efforts," Jessica Melton, associate director of education and training for The Center, said. "We hope to continue this tradition, as we have many more people to thank for their support."

Rogers Scholars — The Center's flagship youth program — was started in 1998 as an action step toward fulfilling Congressman Rogers' goal that "no young person will have to leave home to find his or her future."

Rogers expressed his appreciation for being selected as one of the first recipients of a Youth Programs Star Celebrity award.

"I am honored to be chosen as a celebrity star by graduates of the Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, and ELI programs," Rogers said. "I spent years watching our youth move away from home to further their education and never return to our region."

"With educational programs at The Center for Rural Development, we want to connect with students earlier in the decision-making process and teach them the importance of giving back to their hometown," Rogers added.

Amy Puerto, a 2005 Rogers Scholars graduate and junior at Bellarmine University in Louisville, said it was through Congressman Rogers' vision for programs like these that she and many others discovered their leadership potential.

"I like to say I got my start at



Former Rogers Scholar Amy Puerto, second from left, presented U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05), second from right, with a gold star award and commemorative certificate as one of the first recipients of a Youth Programs Star Celebrity honor. Also present for the presentation were Lonnie Lawson, far right, president and CEO of The Center for Rural Development, and Jessica Melton, far left, associate director of education and training. The Center's three youth programs recognized individuals who have made a significant contribution to the youth of Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Rogers was recognized at a Hollywood-style, red-carpet event on Aug. 1 at the first joint reunion for Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) at The Center in Somerset. Also receiving awards were Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center; Allen Anderson, CEO of South Kentucky RECC; and Kenny Davis, 1972 Olympic basketball athlete and motivational speaker.

Rogers Scholars and everything else that came after that is icing on the cake," Puerto said. "Through this program, I saw I could use my leadership skills to help serve the next generation of youth."

Lonnie Lawson, The Center's president and CEO, said he was also honored for being selected as an award recipient.

"Our youth programs demonstrate The Center's commitment to grow the leadership and entrepreneurship skills of the region's next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs," Lawson said. "If we can keep some of our best and brightest students at home, we truly can change this region."

While attending this year's Rogers Scholars program, graduate Benjamin Whitlock of Green County said he was impressed with Lawson's passion to serve the youth of Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

"Mr. Lawson has supported, led, and motivated," Whitlock said in introducing Lawson at the event. "We owe him a great deal of gratitude for all his hard work and dedication to these youth programs."

Pulaski County's South Kentucky RECC has been a major supporter of the Rogers Scholars program, contributing approximately \$160,000 to the program over the past nine years from proceeds from its annual golf scramble.

Allen Anderson said Rogers Scholars is a "strong community-based program" that supports youth across the region, and thus was the "perfect fit" for the ongoing partnership between South Kentucky RECC and The Center.

"South Kentucky RECC recognized the value this program brings to our region, and how closely it relates to our mission of helping our communities grow and prosper by supporting and retaining our

the most controversial game in basketball history.

Davis was captain of the Olympic U.S. basketball team that won — and later lost — the championship game to the Soviets after a controversial decision was made to add three

additional seconds to the shot clock following the conclusion of the game. Team USA, which earlier had been declared apparent winners, was forced to replay the final three seconds of game. The Soviets scored again and won, giving them the 51-50

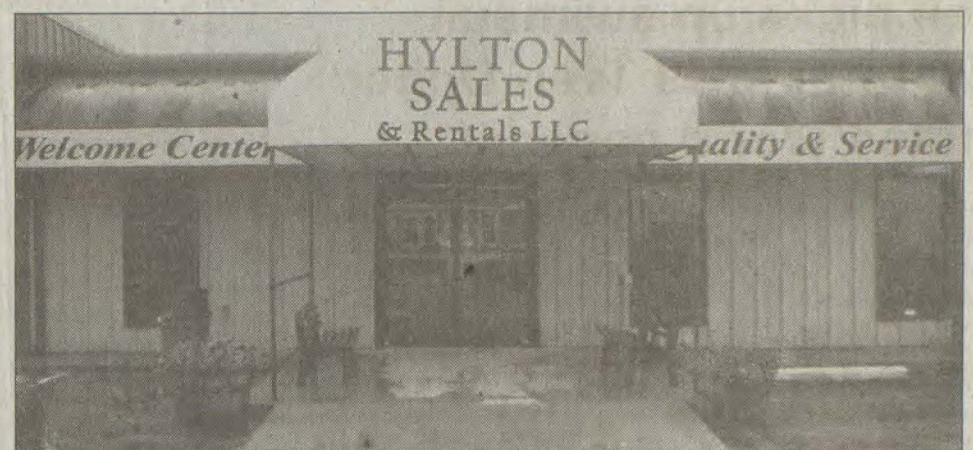
gold-medal victory.

"I am very humbled to get this recognition," Davis said. "I know the names and quality of speakers that they have had at Rogers Scholars and to be selected as their favorite speaker is very, very special to me."

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BSCTC grows community garden

by MARY STEPP WALLEN
BSCTC ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
OF ENGLISH

Four gardeners — who are also employed at Big Sandy Community and Technical College — are hoping their efforts will cultivate more community spirit in eastern Kentucky.

The idea for a community garden at BSCTC's Prestonsburg's campus was originated by Bobby McCool, BSCTC vice president of institutional services. After investigation, McCool learned that a garden had been maintained below the walking track at the college many years ago by two college employees, Glen Cowan and Bob Wallace. He and others decided to use the same location.

McCool then sent out an email in late April, inviting all employees to participate in the BSCTC Community Garden Demonstration Project. The idea took root, and three others participated: Kelly Adam, Teresa McCoart, and Paula Preece.

While the garden is relatively small, roughly 25 by 40 feet, it has included a varied selection: Deward Gillum, BSCTC Courier, provided heirloom "Jewell" bean seeds. These beans are similar to a white half runner green bean. The seeds had been passed down to his Aunt Jewell from her grandmother. Gillum said the seeds could be traced back to 1869 and came from North Carolina. Gillum also provided sunflower seeds, and the seeds from these flowers can be harvested, toasted and eaten; Paula Preece, Business Affairs Assistant, planted another heirloom seed (Brown runner bean), as well as corn; Kelly Adam, professor and Wellness Program Director, planted fall raspberries and dill that her father, who lives in Michigan, had given her. Also she planted tomatoes that were from



Paula Preece is shown picking tomatoes in the BSCTC Community Garden.

Michigan. In addition Adam planted Peaches and cream and Silver Queen corn and bird house gourds. Lastly, McCool and Teresa McCoart, Senior Administrative Assistant, planted beans, several types of corn (Ambrosia, Bodacious, Peaches and Cream and field corn), zucchini, eggplant, watermelon, tomatoes, cucumber, hot peppers and green peppers.

McCoart noted that the project encountered challenges — specifically, squirrels and rain. "Although the squirrels

are nice to observe while walking on the track, we also learned that they really like corn. After planting the corn, we wondered why it did not come up after a couple of weeks. Bobby [McCool] planted some more. . . Seeing small holes dug in the ground where the corn had been planted, we figured out the squirrels were digging the corn seed up before it could sprout," she said.

"We researched methods of deterring squirrels and found a method of sprinkling red pep-

per around the areas," said McCoart. "Apparently, Kentucky squirrels like spicy corn as well. They dug it up again, so we decided to give up on the corn planted. . . We finally ended up with about a dozen or so corn plants that are still growing."

The local project falls in line with those of Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear and First Lady Michelle Obama, each of whom has overseen the planting of a garden — at the Governor's Mansion and White House, respectively. Beshear also launched a Governor's Garden official website as part of her larger Green Team initiative — intended, in part, to teach Kentuckians how to live more sustainable, environmentally friendly lifestyles.

For the four BSCTC employees, their reasons for participating with the local project are as varied as the produce planted:

Adam said she enjoyed being involved in a project with her colleagues. Also, she said, "I love planting a seed and seeing it burst through the ground into a beautiful plant."

She said she also enjoyed "the smile on people's faces when you give them fresh fruit and vegetables."

McCoart said, "I love being outdoors and enjoy the work involved with the planting and nurturing of plants."

"Gardening is very relaxing, even while hoeing in the hot sun, and gives me a sense of accomplishment to be able to grow food I can share with friends and family," she said and added that the project did build community: "I enjoyed working with the others, and it created a new bond between us all."

McCool said, "I enjoy every phase: Plowing, planting, caring, harvesting and eating."

McCool said he hopes to see the project continue next year — and to expand, perhaps with a campus workshop on canning using produce harvested from the garden.

Walkers on a given evening or weekend day might see McCool not in his usual suit but in coveralls, tending the garden or during a lunch break they might see McCoart and Preece inspecting the plants. For these gardeners, the first phase of the project has been successful in building community spirit.

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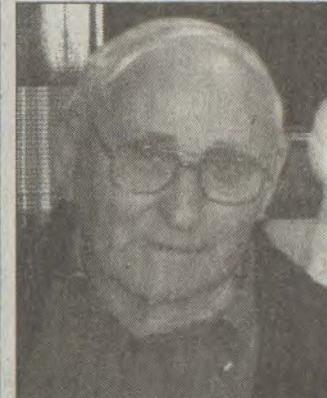
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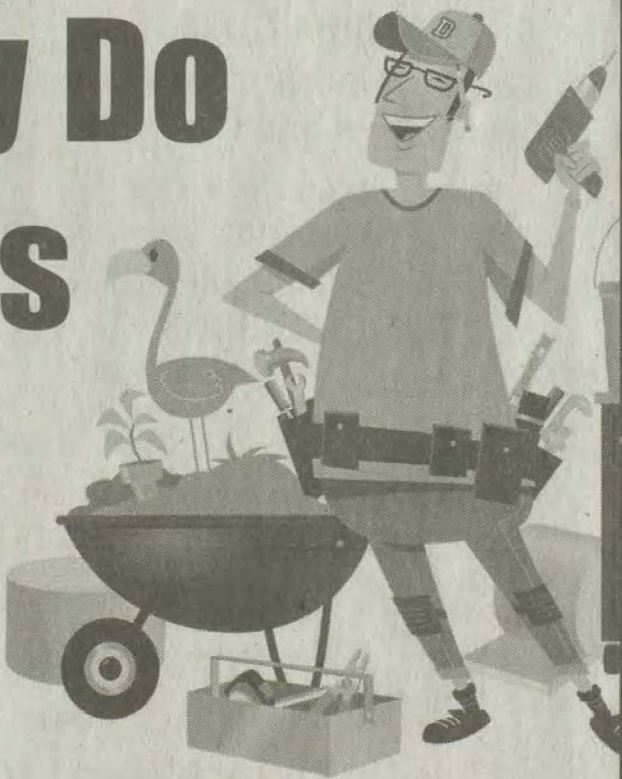
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Unemployment issues get hearing before lawmakers

FRANKFORT — After already borrowing approximately \$338 million to pay its unemployment benefits, Kentucky needs new solutions to keep its unemployment trust fund solvent as the state's jobless rate rises, a state official told lawmakers last week.

As of July, Kentucky's unemployment rate had risen slightly to 11 percent — the highest rate in the state in 26 years, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Helen Mountjoy told the Interim Joint Committee on Labor and Industry on Thursday. While the rate is not rising as quickly as in recent months, Mountjoy said a state task force is working with consultants to ensure the state has an unemployment insurance trust fund and system that is "stable, solvent and sustainable going into the future."

The Unemployment Insurance Task Force, led by Mountjoy, is working with consultants to develop recommendations on employer rates,

the appeals process and other issues affecting the system, she said. One of those issues is the state's \$8,000 fixed taxable wage base used to determine unemployment system revenue.

Mountjoy told lawmakers that the taxable wage base hasn't changed since 1982, and that indexing the base rate will likely be recommended to help revenues keep pace with claims.

"We have a fixed base on which revenues are determined, but a changing base on which benefits are determined," she said. "The previous system worked pretty well for 27 years...It began to falter because it has this fundamental imbalance."

Another concern raised by Mountjoy is the issue of "reimbursing employers" — a category of employers including state and local governments and not-for-profits that are not required to pay regular unemployment insurance tax like most employers but only pay into the system when a

claim is made against them. Mountjoy said nearly a quarter of all wages paid in the state come from reimbursing employers.

The trouble, Mountjoy explained, is that the unemployment insurance trust fund loses interest since reimbursing employers don't pay in advance.

Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington, asked how much Mountjoy expects the state to have to borrow to keep pace with unemployment claims. Based on reports to the committee, Farmer said the state has already borrowed about \$30 million more this month than it borrowed last month.

"Can we expect to see about a \$30 million growth every month because a majority of employers paying into unemployment have probably already paid their total balance?" he asked.

Mountjoy said she is not certain about future rates, although the system tries to project at least three months in advance.

Committee Co-Chair Rep. Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro, asked Mountjoy why some Kentuckians aren't receiving benefits. "It's not because they don't know they can apply, but what do you think a couple of reasons are? Maybe they don't qualify?" he said.

"Even in this economy,

drawing unemployment insurance benefits is seen as a stigma in many parts of Kentucky, and in many segments of our population, so we have many people who choose not to apply," she said. Other reasons are that some people don't qualify, or were able to build up reserves to live on when

they were employed. "We estimate that only about 50 percent of people who could qualify for unemployment benefits actually apply and are awarded in Kentucky," said Mountjoy. The task force hopes to finish its recommendations by the end of October, she said.

Century 21 Unlimited Realty and Auction Service welcomes Gary K. Frazier

PAINTSVILLE — Century 21 Unlimited Realty and Auction Service has welcomed Gary K. Frazier to its Paintsville office.

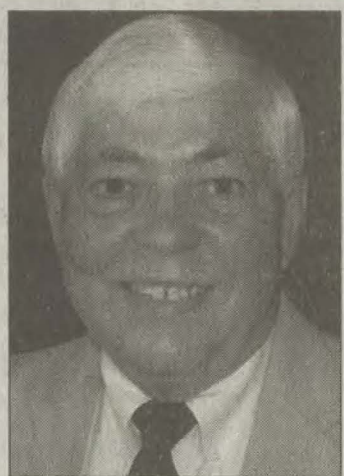
Frazier has 13 years of experience in the field and most recently worked for American Way Realty.

"We are so pleased to announce that Gary will be joining our team!" said Jim Gambill, who manages Century 21 Unlimited Realty and Auction Service. "We believe his experience will greatly enhance the services we provide to our customers in the Paintsville community."

Frazier specializes in commercial and residential sales.

"I'm very excited to join the Century 21 Unlimited Realty and Auction Service office and I look forward to sharing all of the great resources Century 21 provides with my clients," Frazier said.

Frazier's background in the Floyd County School System gives him a wealth of knowledge and contacts in the Eastern Kentucky area. His education experiences and real estate training give him more opportunities to better serve all of his former customers and clients in this area. His same professional service will be continued with even more real



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ducted Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Dr. Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Lint Tackett Cemetery, Weeksbury, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements. Visitation was at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the American Cancer Society, or the charity of choice.

Pallbearers: Will Rice, Scott Gibson, Ronnie Robbins, Brett Sanders, Greg Vanover, Mike Norris, and Cory Vicars.

Honorary pallbearers: Jerry Maynor, Dirk Mullins, Tommy Tackett, Traci Vicars, Felicia Wolfe, Roger Gibson, Steve Davis, Perry Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, and Wendell Martin.

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H.S. softball pitching distance changed

Moves from
40 to 43 feet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Beginning with the 2010 season the distance from the pitching rubber to home plate in fast pitch softball will move from 40 to 43 feet. The measure was approved by the KHSAA Board of Control in a unanimous vote during a special meeting on Monday. The rule requiring the

change was approved by the National Federation of High Schools and given to member states for implementation by the 2011 season. Several states, including Florida, Oregon, Tennessee and Missouri, have also implemented the change for the upcoming season.

"Once the Federation adopted the changes all schools were going to have to do it by 2011 and our Board decided it would be best if everyone went ahead and did it now," said KHSAA Assistant Commissioner in

charge of Softball Darren Bilberry. "This way it will give our coaches and student-athletes a chance to get adjusted to the new rule by the time everyone must adopt it."

The first contest date for the 2010 fast pitch season is Monday, March 22, 2010. The KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament will be held June 11-12, 2010, at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro.

Leadership Conference: The annual HYPE/KHSAA Student Leadership

Conference is set for this today at Heritage Hall in the Lexington Center. This marks the ninth year the Association has provided the free conference for student-athletes to learn teamwork exercises, sportsmanship initiatives and discuss current issues. More than 400 students and 50 adults have signed up to participate.

Sports Safety Work Group Meeting: The Sports Safety Work Group will hold a meeting Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. at the KHSAA office in Lexington.

H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Friday's scores

Ashland Blazer 51, Greenup Co. 7
Henry Co. 20, Pike Co. Central 6
Lawrence Co. 54, Paintsville 20
Letcher County Central 34, South Laurel 6
Nicholas Co. 22, Bath Co. 17
Phelps 48, Jenkins 16
Prestonsburg 28, Belfry 21
Rowan Co. 60, Morgan Co. 6
Russell 21, East Carter 0

Saturday's score

Eminence 58, South Floyd 22

Paintsville baseball program to host golf scramble

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville High School baseball program will host its third annual golf scramble on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Paintsville Golf Club. The format for the scramble will be Captain's Choice and players will register, be assigned A, B, C or D rating, then drawn for teams. The fee is \$50 per player. Four-person teams will compete in the event. The registration for the scramble will be held at 8 a.m. Calcutta is slated for 9 a.m. Start time for the scramble is set for 10.

Hole sponsorship and tournament sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on the scramble, contact Paintsville High School Assistant Coach Walt Crace at (606) 793-1202 to register or visit Paintsville Golf Club for a registration form.

McCreadie wins Scorchers 100 - A Salute to America's Coal Miners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Tim McCreadie (Watertown, N.Y.) moved to the point when race leader Don O'Neal broke a rear j-bar on lap 78, and once out front he would not be denied a crowd-pleasing victory in the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$20,000-to-win sixth annual Scorchers 100 - A Salute to America's Coal Miners on Thursday night at Volunteer Speedway.

Scott Bloomquist (Mooresburg, Tenn.) finished second to maintain his series points lead. Jimmy Owens (Newport, Tenn.) finished third to move into second place in points. He was followed by Chris Madden (Gaffney, SC) who placed fourth with Ray Cook of Brasstown, NC taking home fifth.

Bloomquist finished second to stretch his lead to 235 points in his Miller Brothers Coal/Vic Hill Racing Engines/Bloomquist Race Cars Monte Carlo SS. Owens was third in his Mike Reece/Reece Monument Company/Bloomquist Race Cars Ford Fusion as he took over second place in the points ahead of Pearson.

Madden — behind the wheel of his Century Plastics/Xtreme Customs and Cycles/Bloomquist Race Cars entry — came home fourth followed by Cook, who recovered from a lap 45 altercation to earn the PBM/Erson Cams Hard Charger of the Race by coming home fifth in the D&R Racing/Hicks and Ingle Company General Contractors/Masterbilt Race Cars entry.

Completing the top ten were Mike Marlar (Winfield, Tenn.); Austin Dillon (Lewisville, NC); Vic Hill (Morristown, Tenn.); Eric Jacobsen (Seacliffe Beach, Calif.); and Dale McDowell (Chickamauga, Ga.).

Area driver John Blankenship (Williamson, W.Va.) finished 13th.



Prestonsburg senior offensive lineman/defensive lineman Zak Key greeted former Blackcat Set Branham Friday night as the Prestonsburg legend had his No. 52 jersey retired. An article on Branham, recapping the jersey retirement and his high school, college and professional football careers will appear in Friday's edition.

Blackcats turn back visiting Belfry

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — On a night when legendary player Set Branham had his famed No. 52 jersey retired, Prestonsburg wouldn't be denied getting into the win column against the Belfry Pirates. Prestonsburg successfully defended its home field Friday night, defeating Belfry 28-21 as the two rivals renewed their longstanding rivalry in a high school football matchup that was long overdue.

Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed in the season-opener against the Class 3A state championship contender. The Blackcats had fewer first downs and were outgained offensively but still managed to get into the win column.

Senior quarterback Michael Burchett was an offensive catalyst for host Prestonsburg. Burchett completed 11-of-18 passes for 197 yards and one touchdown in an inspired performance. The Prestonsburg signal-caller went interception-free in the contest.

Burchett picked up 31 yards and scored once via eight carries.

Josh Blackburn emerged as the go-to receiver for the Blackcats. Blackburn finished with 102 yards and his team's lone touchdown reception on six catches.

The Prestonsburg ground game averaged 4.3 yards per carry. Burchett, Austin McKinney and Josh Craynon each had one rushing score for the Blackcats. Craynon had a team-high 11 carries for 39 yards. McKinney was the most productive Prestonsburg rusher, finishing with a six yards per carry average (seven carries for 42 yards).

Belfry recorded 17 first downs and amassed 347 total yards in the season-opening setback.

Prestonsburg netted 309 total yards and converted on 11 first downs.

The Blackcats made the most of their possessions. Belfry had the football nearly 10 more minutes than the Blackcats (28:40-19:20).

Prestonsburg will look to push its record to 2-0 this Friday night when Paintsville visits Blackcat Stadium for a matchup on Josh Francis Field. Lawrence County defeated the Tigers 54-20 this past Friday night in a regular-season opener between two other rivals.



ABOVE: Prestonsburg senior running back Austin McKinney worked for yardage. BELOW: Blackcat senior quarterback Michael Burchett looked over the Belfry defense.

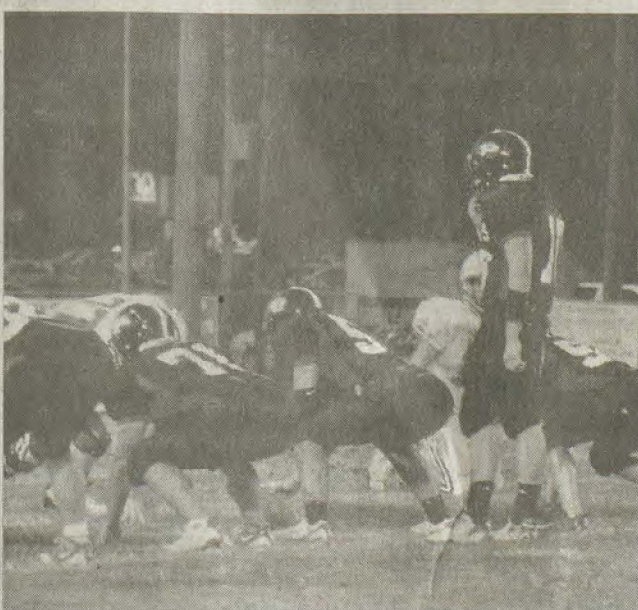


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GRID GAME

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNING BACK GRANT ANDERSON followed his blocker during Saturday's grid game versus Perry County.



Blackcats ranked fourth in latest Class 2A poll

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — Following an impressive 28-21 win over Class 3A state championship contender Belfry, Prestonsburg is ranked fourth in the Kentucky Associated Press Class 2A high school football poll.

Fort Campbell (1), Corbin (2) and Louisville DeSales (3) are ranked ahead of the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg will host Paintsville this Friday night.

Belfry is ranked fifth in the Class 3A poll., Breathitt County occupies the No. 1 spot in the Class 3A poll while Sheldon Clark is ranked sixth.

Johnson Central and Ashland Blazer are tied for 10th in the Class 5A poll.

Pikeville, which has not yet opened the season under new head coach Ben Howard, received 35 votes and is ranked ninth in the Class A poll. Beechwood (1), Lexington Christian (2), Frankfort (3), Mayfield (4), Raceland (5), Hazard (6), Williamsburg (7) and Crittenden County (8) are ranked ahead of the Panthers.

Despite dropping its season-opener to Bishop Brossart, Betsy Layne received two votes in the Class A poll.

Bobcats, Raiders drop openers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Betsy Layne and South Floyd both dropped football season openers late last week.

Bishop Brossart upended host Betsy Layne 22-19.

In search of its first win, Betsy Layne will visit Burch, W.Va., this Friday. The Bobcats have additional regular-season matchups remaining versus Jackson County (Sept. 11, home) and Magoffin County (Sept. 18, away) before a district opener on the road at Phelps Sept. 25.

South Floyd fell behind early on and failed to recover in its opener versus Eminence. An athletic squad, Eminence defeated the Raiders 58-22.

Magoffin County is set to visit Hi Hat. South Floyd will host the Hornets this Friday as Magoffin County hits the gridiron for the first time in the 2009 season. The Hornets were idle last week.

Allen Central also had Aug. 21 as its open date. The Rebels will kick off the 2009 season Friday at home versus Jenkins.

15th Region Volleyball Standings

Team	Record
Betsy Layne	11-1
Allen Central	9-4
East Ridge	8-4
South Floyd	7-2
Johnson Central	7-2
Prestonsburg	7-2
Belfry	6-1
Phelps	5-6
Sheldon Clark	4-2
Pikeville	3-6
Piarist School	3-8
Pike Co. Central	2-7
Paintsville	1-6
Magoffin County	1-8
Lawrence County	1-8
Shelby Valley	0-4

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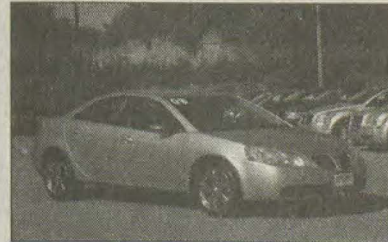


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Commission proposes waterfowl seasons, opening day change for spring turkey season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the 2009-2010 waterfowl seasons and elected officers at its quarterly meeting August 14. Commission members also voted to change opening day of the general spring season for turkey.

The Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission must place waterfowl seasons within the framework mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

Waterfowl seasons include: Ducks, Coots and Mergansers

Duck season opens November 26, 2009 (Thanksgiving Day) and closes November 29, 2009. The season re-opens December 7, 2009 and closes January 31, 2010.

The season dates for scaup are now the same as the regular duck season. The daily bag limit for scaup is two birds as part of the six-bird daily duck bag limit.

Hunters may take one canvasback duck this season daily as part of the six-bird daily duck bag limit.

Season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as the duck season dates for the 2009-2010 seasons. The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The daily limit for coots is 15.

Canada Geese
Western Goose Zone — November 23, 2009 - January 31, 2010.

Pennyrile-Coalfield Goose Zone (including West-Central Canada Goose subzone) — November 23, 2009 - January

31, 2010.

Eastern Goose Zone — November 23, 2009 - January 31, 2010.

Northeastern Canada Goose Zone — December 26, 2009 - January 3, 2010. and January 19 - 31, 2010.

White-fronted Geese
Statewide — November 23, 2009 - January 31, 2010.

Snow Goose
Regular Season — November 23, 2009 - January 31, 2010.

Snow Goose Conservation Order Season

Eastern Goose Zone: February 1 - March 31, 2010.

Western, Pennyrile-Coalfield and West-Central Goose Zones:

February 1 - 5, 2010; February 8 - March 31, 2010.

Youth Waterfowl Season
Eastern Zone:
November 7-8, 2009.

Western Zone:
February 6-7, 2010.

In other waterfowl-related business, hunters at Sloughs Wildlife Management Area (WMA) may now hunt within 25 yards of designated blinds or blind locations for some full-season draw blinds on the Powell's Lake, Jenny Hole and Highland Creek tracts. Previously, hunters could only hunt from permanent department blinds.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunters using the Ohio River Islands WMA in Livingston County must cease hunting and be off the area by 2 p.m.

Mobility-impaired hunters will now be eligible to participate in the mentor waterfowl hunts at Minor Clark Fish Hatchery. They must possess a mobility-impaired access permit obtained from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife prior to the drawing for the hunt and must abide by rules already in place for the mentor waterfowl hunts.

In turkey-related business, the opening of the regular spring turkey season will move to the second Saturday

in April. Previously, the regular spring turkey opened on the Saturday closest to April 15. This new opening day will commence for the 2010 spring turkey season. Opening day next year will be April 10. Opening day for the youth turkey season remained unchanged.

In fisheries-related business, the Commission recommended removing the current horsepower restrictions on boat motors on Lake Malone. The 22-foot maximum boat length restriction remains in place. They also established a shoreline use permit for development activities on lakes owned by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The Commission also modified existing regulations regarding shoreline use at certain department-owned lakes. Existing water access structures and boat docks will be allowed to remain under certain guidelines.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission also elected officers who will serve until August, 2010. Dale Franklin, 2nd District Commission member, was elected chairman while 9th District Commission Member Taylor Orr was elected vice-chairman. Dr. James Rich, 5th District Commission member, was elected secretary.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, December 4, 2009 at No. 1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, No. 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.



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GOING UP FOR AN INTERCEPTION: Adams Middle School defender Jarin Hall picked off a pass for the Blackcats against Perry County in Saturday's Big Sandy Valley Conference grid.



photo by Jamie Howell

VETERAN PRESTONSBURG COACH JOHN DEROSSETT eyed an offensive play during Friday night's season-opener versus Belfry.

Make adjustments when using steel shot for doves

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Public dove fields near areas used by waterfowl, such as those at Taylorsville Lake or Green River Lake Wildlife Management Area, require hunters to use non-toxic shot only. Lead is toxic to waterfowl, raptors and other wildlife.

Steel shot is the most common type of non-toxic shot. But steel and lead are two different animals. The hunter planning to enjoy one of these non-toxic shot-only fields this coming dove season must realize this.

Hunters should shoot a few steel shells into a patterning board to determine how those loads respond in their shotgun before hitting the field.

"You need to practice with steel shot," said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It shoots a lot different than lead. It holds its pattern much truer

because the pellets don't deform in the barrel. All of those pellets arrive on target quicker."

The lack of malleability in steel means you don't want a tight choke on your shotgun. "I never use more than improved cylinder," Pritchert said. "I use it the whole season. If I can shoot ducks and geese with it, I am not worried about doves."

Pritchert feels hunters tend to overestimate how far away a dove is in a field and this can lead to using too much choke with steel or lead.

"Hunters generally can't hit a dove over 30 yards away," he said. "A 30-yard dove is a small target. Hunters overestimate distance because doves are so small and move so fast. This can make them use too much choke."

Shot size in steel is slightly bigger than what you would normally use for doves with lead shot, but the difference is negligible.

"I shoot size 6 or 7, usually 7s," Pritchert said. "These sizes are perfectly adequate for

doves in steel loads. The price of steel is also decreasing as it becomes more common. As suppliers put more steel shells on shelves, the cost goes down. This is happening when the cost of lead is increasing."

Because steel is less dense than lead, a 12-gauge field load in size 7 steel shot holds just 1 ounce of shot. Hunters may think they are losing some firepower. They aren't.

"Doves don't take a lot of hits to come down," Pritchert said. "One or two steel pellets can bring down a dove. Steel is faster than lead. Now, you don't want to shoot them in the tail. The best plan is still to get several pellets in the pilot-house, but you don't need much for a dove."

Dove season opens Sept. 1. Complete hunting regulations and a list of public dove fields are available in the 2009-10 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Dove, Wood Duck, Teal, Woodcock, Snipe and Crow. The guide is available at fw.ky.gov and wherever hunting licenses are sold.

UK WR Fields to have surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky wide receiver E.J. Fields will have surgery to repair a foot injury and is expected to miss most of the season, Coach Rich Brooks announced following Monday's practice.

Fields has a torn ligament in mid-foot and is slated to have surgery on Thursday. Fields (Frankfort) redshirted last year and is looking for his first collegiate game action in 2009.

Brooks noted that the status of John Conner is uncertain after the senior fullback incurred a sprained ankle in

Saturday's scrimmage. The extent of the injury will become more apparent in the next few days, although Conner appeared to be improved on Monday.

The coach also said that offensive guard Jake Lanefski began running on Monday. The sophomore from Mobile, Ala., has been sidelined because of a knee cartilage repair but could return to practice later in the week.

"We had a pretty good practice," Brooks said. "We're trying to clean up a lot of mistakes and assignments. (We're doing a) Lot of team work, trying to polish up the mistakes

that we've been making the last few days."

The coach was asked his evaluation of the film from Saturday's scrimmage.

"Lot of good plays on both sides and there were some mistakes on both sides," Brooks said. "That's what we're going to try now, to polish up assignment-wise, and in some cases, technique-wise, in the next eight or nine days."

The team returned to the practice field on Tuesday. The Wildcats will have the day off today, which is the first day of classes. Kentucky is preparing for the season opener on Sept. 5 versus Miami.

Busch wins Sharpie 500

Young driver claims two victories in one week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — For the second time this week, Kyle Busch played the role of spoiler as he denied Mark Martin a win in the Sharpie 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway Saturday night during his 1,000th NASCAR series start.

Martin, who started from the pole, showed plenty of emotion during pre-race festivities honoring his milestone and almost took home a victory to celebrate his accomplishment.

Busch and Martin raced hard in the closing laps, surviving a late race red flag, to battle side-by-side to the finish. Marcos Ambrose, who told fans during the special driver intros that he just hoped to finish the race, brought his car across the line with a third place finish. Greg Biffle finished fourth and Denny Hamlin claimed fifth.

Busch, who snagged his third win at the World's Fastest Half Mile, completed the first Bristol season sweep since his older brother Kurt did so in 2003. While he relished his victory, Busch acknowledged that racing against Martin was even more special.

"I drove as hard as I could," Busch explained. "Mark deserved it. I know how bad he wanted it. He raced me clean."

"It is fun when you can race against guys you respect and that respect you back. I look up to him a lot. Since I got here, he is one of the ones I spend time with most."

Martin said the respect the two drivers have for each other was the reason he did not put the bumper to Busch at the end of the race.

"I'd like to have won, but we got a decent finish," Martin said. "I expect Kyle to race me hard and clean, and he did. He can expect the same from me. I didn't need to use the bumper. Kyle gave me all the room in the world and it was good because I was in over my head when I went into that corner."

Busch echoed Martin's sentiments. "It is such an honor to race with him," said Busch, "to give him the room he needed and for him to give me the room I needed was awesome."

For Ambrose, a driver who began competing in NASCAR after making a trip to Bristol to witness the track's atmosphere, racing up front with some of the sport's best drivers was one of dreams.

"It was a wonderful night for me," he explained. "To race against Mark in his 1000th start and against Kyle Busch, who will go down as one of the greatest, I was in special territory up there and thrilled to be there."

"Here I am with nine laps to go with these legend drivers and I'm like, 'Why am I here?'"

The sold-out Sharpie 500 always has a spectacular feel about it, and Saturday night's event was no different. From a pre-race show that featured a tribute to America's soldiers to a side-by-side tussle for the win at the end of the race, the evening was pure Bristol.

The recognition of Martin's 1000th NASCAR series start brought tears to the veteran's eyes.

"It was incredible what the fans did tonight," he said, voice cracking. "To me, 1000 starts is not much, but what they did, it made me cry. I'm thankful to do what I did tonight; drive a fast race car and finish where we should. I bet we had the fans on their feet."

The thrilling atmosphere also was noticed by someone with a lot of experience dealing with large, charged up crowds.

"That crowd may be one of the best sporting crowds I've been around," said Busch's team owner, Joe Gibbs. "It was electric out there."

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Former Magoffin official gets 20 years for sex crime

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — Former Magoffin County Deputy Judge-Executive Walter Edward Hardin was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison Monday for using a computer to entice a minor to have sex and receiving child pornography.

Under federal guidelines, Hardin, 29, will be required to serve out at least 17 years of his sentence, if not the full 20 years. In addition, the former county official will be subject to a lifetime of supervised release.

Hardin pleaded guilty in March and admitted that, between April and October of 2008, he communicated online with an individual he believed to be a 14-year-old cheerleader from Lexington.

In truth, Hardin had been chatting and exchanging messages with an undercover offi-

cer with the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crime Branch posing as a teen cheerleader in a chatroom.

Among the things Hardin admitted to as part of his plea was having conversations with the individual he thought to be the teenager about having intercourse with her and making arrangements during those chat sessions to meet her at an agreed upon location in Lexington to have intercourse with her.

When Hardin arrived at the location, however, he was met and arrested by detectives with the KSP Electronic Crimes Section. He was found then to be in possession of two condoms.

"For the community's sake, it's fortunate he met with an undercover detective and not a real 14-year-old girl," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Hydee Hawkins after Hardin was sentenced Monday. "This man was definitely a danger to the

community."

After officials seized Hardin's work computer from his office at the Magoffin County Judge-Executive's office, the 29-year-old admitted that it contained about 14

videos and several hundred photographs of children under the age of 18 engaging in sexual explicit acts. Some of the children depicted were as young as 4 years old.

Hardin told prosecutors he

utilized Limewire, a file sharing program, to download child pornography to his work computer between June and October of 2008.

"You were in a position of responsibility," said U.S.

Senior District Court Judge Joseph Hood before imposing the sentence Monday. "Not only did you abuse that trust but you brought great shame on your community."

Council

development Brent Graden to construct a dog park within city limits.

The park would cost a maximum of \$16,000 to build, according to figures offered to the council by Graden earlier this month, but will take a back seat for the time being to costs connected with construction of a new soccer field.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said the soccer field was budgeted for construction costs of \$20,000 and that any surplus left from that project could be used to start looking more closely at the dog park proposal.

Other business taken care of Monday included setting a time the city would officially observe Halloween and con-

duct trick-or-treat. The council voted to have trick-or-treat on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The date was set earlier than usual due to a growing number of calls from city residents hoping to plan events and eager for a date, Fannin told fellow council members.

Also, in hopes of curbing

weekly fundraising efforts with roadblocks which have landed a few complaints in the laps of city leaders from motorists in the city, the council agreed to allow only 12 roadblock fundraisers each year, once a month. Enforcement of the limit would be the new focus, according to council members.

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Grants

he considers the trail funded at such a level.

Early on a stumbling block for county officials had been forging agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The general plan has been to form a looping 56-mile long trail around Jenny

Wiley State Resort Park carrying over to German Bridge Campground with connecting access to the Equine Center, along with the theatre and other spots.

This would be accomplished, if all goes to plan, by opening up access to some existing trails through the hard fought agreements with the Corps and Fish and Wildlife and also by creating

completely new trails.

As of now, the county has not released exact plans for how they might start in utilizing the more than \$1 million.

Runyon has said in the past that the project could be completed in time for when the state hosts the 2010 Equestrian Games at Kentucky Horse Park.

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Cruelty

wounds.

Local veterinarian Dr. Rudolph Ousley also provided care to the animal, including giving it medicine and vitamins, but the malnourishment proved to be too much. Despite initially showing signs of recovery, the horse died two days after arriving at the cen-

ter.

According to Assistant County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum, Castle could face stiffer charges because the horse died.

If he is found guilty of second-degree cruelty to animals, Castle could face up to a year in prison.

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Abuse

one female child, between the age of 4 and 6.

The two alleged child victims told Russell they had been forced to have sexual intercourse with each other and two other children, along with a variety of other sexual acts involving Michael and Martha Pitts.

Russell told the court that the medical examination

revealed notches and scarring of the female child's genitals that would be consistent with the allegations of sexual abuse over a long period of time.

Before the couple were indicted by the grand jury, District Judge James R. Allen set the bond at \$5 million cash each for both. The bonds have since been lowered to \$500,000 cash.

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Board

are ready for college-level algebra courses, 17 percent are ready for college-level science courses and 5 percent are ready for college-level biology courses. All of the scores are down from last year's results.

"Obviously, I believe that our weather and days missed last year had an impact on our scores," Webb said. "However, we must raise our standards district-wide at all levels to ensure that all classes are more rigorous and all students are engaged and learning within this rigorous curriculum. We are committed to setting high goals, ensuring that the actions and steps are in place to meet

these goals and measuring our success and progress toward these goals. We have great employees in our district and I am confident we will reach our goals."

Also at the meeting, the board considered tax rates, the approval of the 2009-10 District Private School Plan, the purchase of Discovery Learning Assessments and a memorandum of agreement

between the school system and the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy at Morehead State University for Gear-Up funding.

The next scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education will be held at Stumbo Elementary.

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In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, has

applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 125.56 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 65.66 acres making a total area of 1369.70 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.4 miles south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Robert & Sheila Murphy, Maggie Howell,

Paul and Mylessia Little, William Carter & Donna S. King, F.W. Newsom Heirs, Carmel and Marie Clark, Roger and Shirley Paige, Purvis and Ruby J. Hamilton, Daniel C. and Kathleen Newsome, Richard Hamilton et al., Arnold Turner Jr. et al., Maggie Hamilton, Keathley Enterprises, LLC, Joseph C. Akers, Alvin & Bonnie P. Osborne, Burblene Henderson, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The amendment will underlie land owned by Robert & Sheila Murphy, Maggie Howell, Paul and Mylessia Little, William Carter & Donna S. King, Jimmy Tackett, Joseph C. Akers, Alvin & Bonnie P. Osborne, Keathley Enterprises, LLC, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner Jr. et al., and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will use the contour and auger method of

surface mining.

The amendment 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. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 836-5510 Increment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase 1 & 2 bond

release on permit number 836-5510, Increment Numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 9, 12, 13 and Phase 2 bond release on Increment Number 10 which was last issued on 03-07-2005. The application covers an area of approximately 55.56 acres and underlies and additional 1,003.24 acres located 2.90 miles northwest of Hueysville in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7 and located in Salyers Branch of Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 30'45". The longitude is 82° 53'06". For Increment No. 1, approximately 0 percent of the original bond amount of \$8,100.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 2, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$32,400.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 3, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$51,800.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 4, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$11,900.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 5, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$21,200.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 6, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$7,800.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 7, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$15,700.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 9, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$38,800.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 10, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$15,000.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 12, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$104,000.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 13, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$11,900.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 16, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$36,700.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 22, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$68,700.00 is included in the application for release. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by October 14, 2009. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 9:00 AM, or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by October 14, 2009.

application for release. For Increment No. 13, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$72,900.00 is included in the application for release. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by October 14, 2009. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 9:00 AM, or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by October 14, 2009.

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-0335, Increment Numbers 9,10,16 & 22 which was last issued on 07-2-2009. The application covers an area of approximately 389.30 acres located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.8 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7 and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 30'52". The longitude is 82° 53'34". For Increment No. 9, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$32,300.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 10, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$47,600.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 16, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$36,700.00 is included in the application for release. For Increment No. 22, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$68,700.00 is included in the application for release. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 836-0335 Increment Nos. 9, 10, 16, 22

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
July 23, 2009	09-P-255	Della Crum	Anna Marie Crum	
July 24, 2009	09-P-256	Raymond Parsons, Sr.	Angela Renee Parsons	
July 27, 2009	09-P-260	Lois Mitchell	Tracey Mitchell	
July 28, 2009	09-P-262	Charles J. Hieronymus	William S. Kendrick	
July 28, 2009	09-P-263	Solomon Caudill, Jr.	Noris G. Caudill	
July 28, 2009	09-P-264	Francis Dean Webb	Marlene Webb	
July 30, 2009	09-P-268	Lena L. Bradley Hopkins	Ishamael Hopkins, Jr.	William Gerald Jones
August 4, 2009	09-P-274	Mitchell Ray Short	Quention Short	
August 5, 2009	09-P-275	Mary Martha Collins	Elizabeth Ann Meadows	
August 6, 2009	09-P-280	Victor Osborn	Geraldine O. Redfern	James D. Adams II
August 11, 2009	09-P-283	Harold C. Barnett	Ralph E. Barnett	
August 12, 2009	09-P-284	Ada Lou Combs	John C. Combs	
August 12, 2009	09-P-285	Victoria Ann "Rossi" Martin	Columbus J. Martin	
August 13, 2009	09-P-286	John Perishing Bentley	Julia Bormes	Jerry A. Patton
August 14, 2009	09-P-289	Asa Belcher	Bonnie F. Martin	
August 14, 2009	09-P-292	Milford Stevens	Wanda Sue Stevens	
August 14, 2009	09-P-293	Ellen Mae DeRossett (Gilliam)	Creed Gilliam	
August 17, 2009	09-P-294	Patricia Ann Jones	Jeffrey Clayton Jones	
August 17, 2009	09-P-295	Beatrice E. Porter	William C. Porter & Deborah P. Lumpkins	
August 17, 2009	09-P-296	Effie Howard	Teresa Justice	
August 18, 2009	09-P-297	Earvin Lee Crum	Kathleen Crum	
August 19, 2009	09-P-298	Dimple R. Crawford	Debra A. Neal	
August 19, 2009	09-P-299	Henry Lewis Setser, Sr.	Shirley Setser	Larry D. Brown
August 20, 2009	09-P-300	Ronald G. Stone, Jr.	Karen H. Stone	
August 20, 2009	09-P-301	Henry Compton, Jr.	Mildred Compton	James D. Adams II

LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Floyd County Conservation District Board of Supervisors does hereby give the public notice that the financial records of the District may be examined by the general public at our office located at 18 Mayo Branch Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday September 8, 2009 through Thursday September 17, 2009. The Floyd County Conservation District Board of Supervisors meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00a.m. in the District office.

Floyd County Conservation District

Floyd B. Allen, P.O. Box 185 Eastern, KY 41622	Chairman
Bert Layne, Box 196 Eastern, KY 41622	Vice-chairman
Jim Carter, II, 243 S. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Treasurer
Daniel Branson, P.O. Box 418, Allen, KY 41601	Secretary
Ruby Akers, Box 185, Drift, KY 41619	Member
Ernie Tackett, 33 Stumbo Drive, Harold, KY 41635	Member
Thomas Hardwick, 82 South Bailey Rd., Betsy Layne KY 41605	Member

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT Floyd County Conservation District

FOR FISCAL PERIOD July 1, 2008 TO June 30, 2009

Beginning Cash on hand	\$ 54,467.43
Receipts	
Fiscal Court	\$ 110,875.81
State Aid	\$ 23,702.04
Equipment Usage & Rental	\$ 75.00
Reimbursements & Contributions	\$ 85.34
Other	\$ 12,524.26
Interest	\$ 302.86
Total Receipts	\$ 147,565.31
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$ 97,286.96
Office Operations	\$ 16,492.62
Education & Promotion	\$ 17,922.13
Supervisors Expenses	\$ 10,336.73
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,572.12
Total Expenditures	\$ 143,610.56
Ending Balance (June 30, 2009)	\$ 58,422.18



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Joshua K. Lawson. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is COUNTRY'S ROADHOUSE. The nature of the business will be DANCING, POOL TABLES, DJ's, LIVE BANDS, AND RESTAURANT, location is 11037 US 23 HWY. SOUTH, BETSY LAYNE, KY 41605. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than September 17, 2009, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for September 17, 2009, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.
HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before September 28, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	09-P-113	Jonathan Moore	Cheryl Moore	July 28, 2009
Final	09-P-010	Green Howell	Sylvia Howell	July 28, 2009
Final	07-P-069	Ida Harrington Moore	Cheryl Moore	July 28, 2009
Final	07-P-392	Marcus Owens, Sr.	Inez Moore	July 28, 2009
Final	06-P-362	Lawrence Adkins	Mary Joyce Bates	August 18, 2009
Final	08-P-448	Frank Martin Jr.	Merlene Jo Dingus	August 4, 2009
Final	09-P-034	Gary T. Daniels	Maggie L. Daniels	August 18, 2009

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Hear chords of bluegrass across Kentucky

FRANKFORT — The arrival of early fall in Kentucky brings a profusion of bluegrass music festivals throughout the state where the hugely popular musical style was born. Get out and enjoy the hard-driving instrumentals and high-pitched vocals of Kentucky's native music amid the pleasurable outdoor sur-

roundings of this time of year in the Bluegrass state.

Crowe Fest '09, Sept. 3-5, features top bluegrass performers, including the legendary J.D. Crowe himself, at the 111-acre Ichthus Farm nestled just outside Wilmore, south of Lexington. Crowe Fest is a musical celebration as well as a chance to enjoy a vin-

tage car display, an archery demonstration and special activities for kids. Camping facilities are available. For more information, visit www.jdcrowefestival.com.

The sixth annual Franklin Music Festival will be held the following weekend near I-65 close to the Tennessee border. Set for Sept. 11-12, the Franklin fest will feature the Lonesome River Band, Rhonda Vincent & the Rage and many more outstanding performers. For info, check www.franklinkymusicfestival.com.

Bluegrass faithful will be making an annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem Ridge at Rosine, near Owensboro the first weekend in October. From Oct. 1-4, the home place of the "Father of Bluegrass," Bill Monroe, will resound with music by some of the genre's leading artists. Visitors can tour the Monroe family's carefully restored 1918 home filled with mementoes from Monroe's illustrious 70-year music career. More informa-

tion about campgrounds and other accommodations nearby can be found at www.jerusalemridgefestival.org.

Combine attendance at Jerusalem Ridge with a visit to the nearby International Bluegrass Music Museum (www.bluegrass-museum.org), a fascinating institution in Owensboro devoted to preserving all things bluegrass. The IBMM is also home to the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Fame, recognizing noteworthy individuals for outstanding contributions to bluegrass music. New members are inducted each year.

The IBMM hosts its own annual mega-festival, the River of Music Party (ROMP), each June in Owensboro. This festival includes stellar bands from North America, Europe and the Far East, the Bluegrass Masters Film Festival, instrument workshops, juried arts and crafts, clogging and camping. For more info, visit www.bluegrass-museum.org/riverofmusic.

For more info, consult the

Many other smaller festivals provide opportunities to experience bluegrass music outdoors while enjoying Kentucky's beautiful scenery.

Kentucky Department of Travel's web site, www.kytourism.com, and click on "Festivals and Events."

Pair in Pike jail fingered in P'burg Rite Aid break-in

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg police have traced a break-in at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Glyn View Plaza to two men who were already in jail in Pike County on other charges.

Michael Kimmel, of Betsy Layne, and Larry Blackburn, of Gulnare, were charged in connection to the break-in with individual counts of theft.

The two men were arrested last week and jailed in Pike County on unrelated charges. Police at that time said they discovered 5,000 of what Prestonsburg police now believe were an original 10,000 pills taken from the Rite-Aid just over a week ago.

At the time of the initial investigation, officers with the Prestonsburg police said the job looked planned out ahead of time, with the suspects entering the premises while the store was closed through a hole taken out in the back of the building.

Found at the scene then was a backpack with various tools often used during break-ins, and police said they felt that must have been how Kimmel and Blackburn gained entry.

There were no other items missing from the pharmacy's inventory, according to reports following the break-in, other than the pills, which were counted by pharmacists and then given in list form to the police to aid in their search for suspects.

That search just got a little more narrow, as far as police in Prestonsburg are concerned.

Their records have not yet been sent to Floyd County from Pike County as of press time, according to the circuit court clerk's office in Prestonsburg.

Formal charges and other schedules for further court proceedings will be filed within the next couple of days. Until then, Kimmel and Blackburn remain in custody at the Pike County Detention Center in Pikeville.

Pike man charged after police find large quantity of drugs

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A man who police said had been the subject of several complaints concerning drug trafficking was arrested this past weekend.

Patrick Hatfield, 45, of Fife Fork Road in Pikeville, was taken into custody after members of the Pikeville Police Department, attempting to serve a warrant on Hatfield, say they discovered a sizable amount of drugs.

According to police reports, arresting officers Sgt. Chris Edmonds and Det. Virgil Ray say that Hatfield was found in possession of more than two pounds of marijuana, 86 prescription pills, digital scales and assorted other drug paraphernalia. In addition to these items, which were found when

police searched Hatfield's home, the report also lists \$1,370 in cash at the residence.

The warrant and arrest followed several calls Patrolman Scotty Hamilton said he received in the days leading up to Hatfield being taken into custody.

Hamilton said the complaints were from anonymous callers and that all reported suspected drug trafficking by Hatfield.

After his arrest, police charged Hatfield with trafficking in marijuana, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hatfield was lodged at the Pike County Detention Center following his arrest.

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 <p>'08 Ford Fusion SEL: WAS \$16,995 NOW \$13,995</p>	 <p>'08 Chevy Cobalt: NOW \$11,450 OR \$189/mo.*</p>	 <p>'07 Scion TC: NOW \$12,750 OR \$219/mo.*</p>	 <p>'07 Mini Cooper: NOW \$17,550 OR \$309/mo.*</p>
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 <p>'97 Chevy S10 ZR2: WAS \$5,995 NOW \$3,995</p>	 <p>'99 Chevy Blazer: WAS \$5,995 NOW \$3,995</p>	 <p>'03 Chevy S10 Ext. Cab: WAS \$10,995 NOW \$6,995</p>	 <p>'99 Mits. Galant: WAS \$5,995 NOW \$3,995</p>
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

A 'houseguest' that'll leave you gasping

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Stop the merry-go-round, I want to get off!

That's how I feel about all the new grown-up toys out there--gadgets smaller than a deck of cards, on which you can watch a movie, make a date, file your taxes, find the Meaning of Life--all on a screen about the size of four postage stamps. But the thing is, the older I get, the more I want the screen to be bigger, not smaller!

So I admit I can't keep up with all the "new stuff" that's flooding in. I also admit that I'm losing track of time (sort of), and when someone says, "Oh, that happened in 1988," I think, "Well, that was just a couple of years ago, wasn't it?"

Thus I was rather startled to read that a nasty pest called Halyomorpha halys--the fancy name for the brown marmorated stink bug--has actually only been in this country for about eight years, first discovered in Allentown, Pa. Obviously I'm thinking of a stinkbug cousin, because I know stink bugs were one of the familiar pests of my childhood, along with stinging scorpions (seriously bad news if you're bare-footed, as we perpetually were in summer) and "sweat bees," the demons of the summer softball field.

Still, for being "the new kid in town," the brown marmorated stink bug has covered a lot of territory in those scant eight years. It's now been detected in parts of Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Oregon and Maryland. That's what I'd call one map-hopping bug!

The scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have been keeping a wary eye on these armored pests, because they already know the stink bugs are a threat to cotton, corn and soybeans. What's more, ARS scientists in West Virginia have seen them feasting in apple orchards, and in Asia, these bugs chow down on ornamental plants, soybeans, apples, peaches, figs, mulberries, citrus fruits and persimmons. (They also eat weeds, but of course we'd never be lucky enough for them to choose weeds as their favorite food!)

But don't think that if you're not a farmer, stink bugs aren't going to bug you, because when the weather turns nippy, these nasty critters love to come indoors--in your doors, that is. When they start looking for a warm place to pass the winter, they'll wiggle in through any available crack in a house or building. Once inside your home, they have no intention or means of harming you physically, but if you squash them or suck them up with your vacuum cleaner ... yes, you guessed it, they put up a heck of a stink.

Funnily enough, a different kind of "stink" could prove to be their undoing, according to the scientists at ARS. Adult male stink bugs often produce scents, called pheromones, meant to tempt the female stink bugs to come a little bit closer ... closer ... closer.

In Japan, the brown-winged green bug, *Plautia stali*--a cousin of our newly arrived stink bug--produces a pheromone that's a single compound. The Japanese are using that compound in a commercial trap to lure the green bugs away from where they're not wanted. The ARS scientists got their hands on that Japanese compound, made a synthetic copy of it and put it in experimental traps designed to monitor populations of our newly Americanized brown stink bug.

The results weren't good news: The scientists say the brown marmorated stink bug's numbers have jumped from barely detectable levels in 2004 to numbers that now surpass those of our native green stink bug, and it's a pretty sure bet that the brown marmorated stink bug is going to continue to spread.

The ARS scientists' next step is looking for a H. halys pheromone



AN APPALACHIAN FAMILY

Huffman family history paints portrait of 20th century life in Eastern Kentucky

by DR. SANDRA PRATER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Huffmans were our next-door neighbors on Hager Street in Prestonsburg for as long as I can remember. They had six kids and we had four, so there was an age-appropriate playmate for me and each of my siblings. John was the handyman of the neighborhood, and his wife, Marguerite (Marg), was the caretaker. She looked out for all her neighbors, but especially kids.

John was born at Island Creek in Pike County, Kentucky, one mile from Pikeville, on September 28, 1924, four months before my mother's birth date. He is the son of John Harrison and Frona Thornsberry Huffman. Delivered by a midwife who was a friend of the family, he was one of seven children.

John's parents met by chance. John Harrison Huffman was deputized by the town of Matewan to help keep the peace by protecting the coal miners when trouble arose in Mingo County, West Virginia. John's father was involved in the infamous "Battle of Matewan" which arose after coal operators evicted miners from their company-owned homes when they tried to join the union. The coal company hired detectives from the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency of Roanoke, Virginia, to enforce the evictions of the miners. A confrontation occurred between County Sheriff Sid Hatfield, who sided with the miners, and the detectives, and a three-day gun fight ensued. At the end of the third day, May 19, 1920, the mayor of Matewan, two miners, and seven employees of the detective agency lay dead.

Frona Thornsberry, John's mother, lived and worked at her family's boarding house where John Harrison stayed while he was in Matewan. The young couple married soon after.

John's family lived at the mouth of Island Creek on Marion's Branch, and his future wife lived farther up the creek. His uncle was married to Marg's aunt, and she boarded with them while she was working as a bookkeeper for a coal company. They began seeing one another and had a talk about marriage and decided they both wanted to stay single. They changed their minds, however, and got married in 1948. They were married for almost 60 years until Marg passed away in April last year. Had she lived another month and five days, they would have reached their 60th wedding anniversary.

Their first child, Teresa Jane, was born January 20, 1949, several weeks too early. John said they almost lost her two or three times due to jaundice and whooping cough, possibly occurring due to her being born prematurely. On one occasion he remembers that Teresa was turning blue when her grandmother picked her up and slapped her bottom, and she recovered her breath. I'm really glad that Teresa survived her infancy because she is the Huffman child who is closest to my age. We spent many summer days playing games, going swimming, getting treats at the Dairy Queen, and hanging out together.

Like most Eastern Kentucky families in the early part of the 20th century, John's family "raised a crop." He helped plow and hoe corn and feed the livestock (horses, cows, hogs, and chickens). One pig was

chosen to be the one for eating, and that animal was fattened up to 350 lbs. Two others were fattened up for lard. They used hog parts along with lye to make laundry soap, and John confided that this soap was very good for washing one's hair. (He is the third person to tell me this out of the seven that I have interviewed thus far.) He also cautioned that if lye soap was used too frequently, it would turn your hair red.

His family canned vegetables and fruits like apples, plums, and quince for use in the winter. His sisters did housework while his mother worked in the fields. He has a gift for working with his hands, and he did carpentry and worked as a mechanic on the farm. They ordered clothes from a catalogue, and shoes, too, once a year. Some of his mother's and sisters' clothes (dresses and aprons) were made from feed sacks using the family's sewing machine.

John attended a one-room school with a pot-bellied coal stove for heat. He later went to Bent School, a two-room school, and he walked a mile to get to there. The trustees took care of the grounds. He remembers a man who lived in the area who would take out his fodder sled filled with hay and give the kids rides to school in winter weather.

John completed eighth grade, but did not go on to high school; however, he received formal education both in the military and during his career as a Heating and Cooling Specialist. He was self-taught and able to get his heating, cooling, and plumbing licenses. During his professional career, his places of employment sent him for special training where he took courses and received college credit.

There were two reasons John did not attend high school. One reason was that his father had lost his leg in an accident in the early 30's, and as he was no longer able to work, the burden of providing food for the family fell to John's mother and her children. John even travelled with a man named Smitty so that he could help ease the family's finances. Smitty had a shop a few miles outside Pikeville where he made animal figurines out of plaster of Paris and painted them to sell. Smitty and John drove from Pikeville to Charleston, West Virginia, in a Ford truck, stopping by the road to set up their figurines for sale. At the end of the day John would help pack things away, and they would sleep in the truck or alongside the road before moving to another location the next day.

The second reason that John did not go to high school was because the war broke out. When he was 16, he altered his birth certificate to get in the military, but they did not take him. The day after Pearl Harbor, he altered his birth certificate again and tried to enlist, and this time, he got in. He was 17. He had a buddy who wanted to go into the army, but John won the coin toss, and they both joined the navy. His mother had to o.k. his enlistment, and she did. He took a train to Salt Lake City where he was sworn in, and then he went to San Diego for training. He was supposed to be on the U.S.S. Lexington to go overseas, but he was sent to Point Loma for radio training instead.

He eventually ended up on the U.S.S. New Kent AP 21 and partici-

(See FAMILY, page four)

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(August 20 and 25, 1999)

Bus routes, security measures and dress codes, are making many parents hot under the collar, as Floyd County Schools wind down their first full week of classes.

Brandon Burchett got a tattoo on the way home from school, Tuesday, without anesthetic and with unwanted symbolism. The 13-year-old Adams Middle School student said a high school student pinned him against a school bus window and etched a swastika in his forehead, with a metal lead pencil.

According to Kathy McCormick, hospital organizer for SEIU, District 1199, the union has issued a new 10-day notice of a strike at Highlands Regional Medical Center—unless the two sides can reach an agreement before noon, September 2.

Because of the extremely dry weather, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson has issued an executive order prohibiting outdoor burning. The proclamation—an all too common message these days—went into effect Wednesday, at noon, and will continue until further notice.

Parents who have been having differences of opinions with their schools, took their problems directly to the Floyd County Board of Education at Monday night's regular meeting. David Barber, representing students who attend private schools, but wish to play football at the public schools, said the system should write a policy that was inclusive rather than exclusive.

Martin City Council members are calling for a city utilities budget by the next meeting. An unbalanced utilities budget was passed in June of this year.

The interim director of the Mountain Arts Center asked members of Prestonsburg City Council, Monday, to help determine the direction of the arts and education complex, which continues to have financial problems. "We are going to have to look at what will happen to the MAC, said Keith Caudill, who took over operation of the center, last month.

A bit of comic relief was attached to a robbery of the Heilig-Meyers, warehouse on South Lake Drive, Friday night, according to Manager David Copley. Apparently, at least two persons cut a hole through the wall, and crawled in. They took two "boom boxes." The thieves passed far more expensive equipment to get to the articles. Plus one of the portable music players did not work.

Groundbreaking for the long-awaited Eastern Kentucky Veterans' Center in Hazard, will be Saturday, at 1 p.m. Governor Paul Patton will be the featured speaker.

Doris Bird Osborne, 65, of Hi Hat, died Saturday afternoon in an automobile accident on KY 122 on Left Beaver Creek. She was a highly-respected former teacher in the Floyd County School System.

Gov. Paul Patton said Monday that the USDA is designating all 120 of Kentucky's counties federal agricultural disaster areas, which means farmers will now be able to apply for low-interest loans to offset the negative economic impact of the drought.

There died: Joe Manuel, 81, of Langley, Wednesday, August 18, at his residence; Bessie Hamilton Elliott, 78, of McDowell, Wednesday, August 18, at her residence; Vassie Flanery, 85, of Robinson Creek, Sunday, August 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Magdalene Friar, 91, of Betsy Layne, Friday, August 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg; Allie Fortner, 82, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, August 22, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa; Armal Jewel Hamilton, 65, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, August 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Laurel Janice Gilde, 59, of Georgetown, Thursday, August 19, at the Georgetown Community Hospital; Zella Marie Stratton Ratliff, 78, of Kettering, Ohio, formerly of Ivel, Sunday, August 22, at the Collinswood Nursing Home, Fairborn, Ohio; Doris B. Osborne, 65, of Hi Hat, Saturday, August 21, at Meade Hill, near Buckingham.

Twenty Years Ago

(August 23, 1989)

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Pastors are often asked, what does your church teach? The Assemblies of God is a Pentecostal church based on the New Testament teachings founded from the day of Pentecost, when the church started.

Missions is a big part of the Assemblies of God. We know our heavenly headquarters is in heaven. However, earthly headquarters are needed to systematically disperse monies to missionaries. A farmer purchased a piece of ground and worked hard to remove weeds and till the ground.

A stranger said, "The Lord has surely given you a beautiful peace of land." The farmer replied, "You should have seen the land when the Lord owned this by himself."

The Assemblies of God has 2,691 full-time foreign missionaries serving in 200 different foreign countries. In 2008 the Assemblies of God churches gave \$204,608,023 to missions.

The Assemblies of God have 18 colleges and one Theological seminary in the United States. Education is very important to the church, especially the minister.

God Bless, see you next Wednesday.

MARTIN FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — 606-285-3051

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf has filed two separate suits against the Floyd County Board of Education in the Eastern District of United States District Court in Pikeville. Both allege that the plaintiffs, Joyce Reynolds Blackburn and Ed Patton Jr., were not rehired because of politics in the system.

Many Floyd Countians woke up Friday morning to mounds of mud and the evidence of predawn thunderstorms. About 2.37 inches of rain fell on the area in just a couple of hours, during a series of early morning storms.

Floyd Countians will have a chance to recycle on August 26. A recycling drive is being organized by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and Mountain Christian Academy.

The Times announced it would begin publishing a second edition each week, as of September 1. The second paper will be issued on Fridays.

There died: Richard Dean Akers, 29, of Asheville, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, August 20, in Ohio; Hazel Linn Branham, 85, of Bowling Green, a member of Home United Methodist Chapel in Auxier, August 17, at Greenview Hospital in Bowling Green; John Bert Bush, 93, of Harold, August 12, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Mary Virginia Badgett Music, 79, of Prestonsburg, August 15, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Charlie Newsome, 84, of McDowell, August 19, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Etta Newsome, 83, of Ligon, August 21, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Graden Parsons, 78, of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, August 16, at Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital in Norwalk; Adolph Richter, 67, formerly of Garrett, August 20, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park, Michigan.

Thirty Years Ago

(Aug. 22, 1979)

Morgan Kelly, superintendent of the state fire marshal's office, condemned several Floyd County schools at the grand jury, Friday, saying "the facilities are the worst in the Commonwealth," referring to their not meeting the fire codes. However, the schools were deemed structurally sound by an engineer from the same office.

Stevie Stumbo was named in the murder bill for the July 28 gunshot slaying, near West Prestonsburg, of Larry Johnson at the grand jury Friday.

A construction site of a new house at the crest of Court Street was blamed for the mud slide which left tons of mud on the street and entered several nearby businesses.

Work was recently completed on the cliff excavation on US 23 at the northern end of the city.

There died: Lillian Letha Layne, 64, last Tuesday, at her home in Betsy Layne; Harris Allen Craft, 44, of Parkridge, N.J., formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday; Olney Collins, 62, of Whites Creek; Pritchard W.Va. at a Huntington hospital; Ermal Hicks, 65, of Auxier, Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Wilse Meade, 62, of Allen Branch, near West Prestonsburg, Thursday, Aug. 9; Dorothea McGinnis, 69, wife of the Rev. Fred H. McGinnis of Banner, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bee Pratt, 99, one of its areas oldest residents, of Leburn, died Sunday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; and Efford Hime Dunnagen Jr., 85, formerly of Auxier, Friday, in Santa Rose Hospital in Milton, Fla.

Forty Years Ago

(August 28, 1969)

Floyd County's dry forces won their biggest victory Saturday, in the five-election history of local option elections held in this county, since the repeal of Prohibition.

Contracts of 11 teachers in the Floyd school system were terminated, last week, and a dozen others were transferred, as a result of a budget crisis which demanded that the number of teachers be reduced to conform with the continuing pupil enrollment.

The Kentucky Department of Highways

finds it will be necessary, when new US 23 is built from Katy Friend to Allen, to relocate the grave of Samuel Bird, the so-called "Lone Rebel's Grave" near Water Gap.

There died: James Crager, 52, formerly of Wayland, Aug. 20, in Warren, Mich.; J.C. (Cephus) Moore, 77, of McDowell, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; John H. Spradlin, 80, of Estill, Sunday, at a nursing home here; Lucinda Price Parsons, 89, Tuesday, at her home at Betsy Layne; Anna Sue Caldwell, 50, of Allen, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Jay Thompson, 62, last Thursday, at his home at Stanville.

Fifty Years Ago

(August 27, 1959)

Salk vaccine clinics set up by the Floyd County Health Department to continue the fight on polio have been postponed, because all available vaccine has been allocated to areas where epidemics have developed, leaving the health department without any serum whatsoever.

School bus service for his five children, and others attending the Adams School on Middle Creek, is sought by Monroe Adams in a circuit court suit filed here, Tuesday.

Since Wednesday evening of last week, thieves have entered two places of business in Prestonsburg and robbed establishments of \$160 in cash.

At Dermont's Grocery a pound of Folgers coffee was priced at 69 cents, while chuck roast was selling for 43 cents per pound—Ah well.

There died: Walter Holbrook, 69, well-known Floyd man, Saturday, at Williamson, W.Va.; Ollie Fraley, 70, of Wayland, Tuesday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Duran Hall, 74, of McDowell, Saturday at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Florence Newsome, 58, of Bevinville, Saturday, in Detroit, Mich.; Henry Tilden Boyd, 77, Friday, at his home at Emma; Charles Stapleton Jr., 43, formerly of Harold, Aug. 14, at Dearborn, Mich.; Gracie Combs, 64, of Cliff, Friday, at Pikeville; Herma Kazee Goodin, 66, Wednesday, at home at Martin; Martha Blevins, 86, of East McDowell, Sunday; Emma Goebel Davis, 64, of Auxier, last Friday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Martha Robinson, 70, of Auxier, Monday, at the

Paintsville Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(September 1, 1949)

Complaints voiced in letters from practically every section of Floyd County to the effect that whiskey and beer "flowed freely and almost unhampered" brought ABC agents here to join local officers in a swift series of raids, which resulted in five arrests.

Floyd County's first positive polio case of 1949 is a nine-year-old Dock child who was stricken, Friday.

Prestonsburg was the scene, Saturday, of two annual "firsts"—the first Floyd County Band Clinic and the first Floyd County Rural School Field Day—which were witnessed by an estimated 5,000 visitors.

Half an hour after he and another deputy, Grant Akers, had captured a moonshine still and 350 gallons of still "beer" on Dry Branch of Big Mud Creek, Deputy Sheriff Cline Mitchell, 26, was felled by a shotgun charge, Wednesday afternoon.

There died: Dick Clark, of the Auxier Road, Thursday, at Pikeville; Bertha Edola Boyd, 78, Tuesday, at the home of a son at Glo; Raymond Miller, 15, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin; James Patterson, formerly of Allen, at Phoebus, Va.; Isaac Parson, 83, Tuesday, at his home at Amba.

Seventy Years Ago

(August 24, 1939)

Floyd County's election harvest reaped a crop of contest suits, eight of them, all except one, filed Saturday, a few hours before the midnight deadline.

Approximately 2,500 students of Floyd County's nine high schools, one junior high (Weeksbury), and one black high school, will return to their studies, Tuesday, September 3, when classes will reconvene for the coming year.

There died: Matilda Gearheart, 81, of Hueysville, Wednesday, at the home of a son in Olive Hill.



Going "green" with your electricity use is easy with Kentucky Power's Green Pricing Option. With the option, customers can volunteer to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for a small premium over their standard electricity rate. The RECs represent electricity certified to be produced by renewable generation sources such as wind, solar or hydro power. While (if you choose to participate) you won't be getting your electricity directly from renewable sources, you will be encouraging the further expansion of green generation by helping Kentucky Power purchase RECs.

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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.

Little Mud Community Development program announces reunion

The Little Mud Community Development program announces that Spruce Pine Elementary Reunion and Community Homecoming will be held Saturday, September 5, at 6 p.m., at the Little Mud Community Center, (formerly Spruce Pine Elementary). Everyone please bring a covered dish of your choice. Local bands; all musicians welcome. Everyone Welcome! Free Food!

Morrison Reunion planned Sunday, September 6

The Morrison reunion is Sunday, September 6, at 10 a.m. at Shelter No. 4, at the Dewey Dam spillway. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish. All family and friends welcome.

Elizabeth Hunter Scott family reunion is set

The descendants of Elizabeth Hunter Scott will be having a family reunion, and would like to locate the family of Preacher John Marshall of Martin. All Marshalls are all welcome to come. The reunion will be held at the Dewey Lake Spillway, Shelter No. 4, on Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. For more information, call Sandy Meade Scrimager, 859-519-8953. Bring a covered dish. Come and have fun.

Second Annual Old Time Camp Meeting day is set

The Second Annual Old Time Camp Meeting day will be held at the Stumbo Park, at Allen, on September 19, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Gospel singing and worship service. Free hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks.

Mud Creek Senior Citizens Community Yard & Bake Sale

The Mud Creek Senior Citizens will be having a yard and bake sale on Friday, August 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone can come and sell. \$10 donation. Contact Loretta Adkins, 587-2507. Annual Road Block fundraiser is Friday, September 4, at the Harold Railroad tracks.

Parsons Family Reunion set for Sunday, Sept. 6

The Parsons Family Reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sunday, September 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch Road, off Rt. 979, in Floyd County. Bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends are welcome. Call Mrs. E.J. Parsons at (865) 426-7585, or Ray Parsons (313) 383-7262 for more information.

National Recovery Month celebration is planned by New Beginnings

New Beginnings, in Dryden, Virginia, a treatment facility for Substance Abuse, will have a celebration in recognition of National Abuse Recovery Month on Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, from noon to 6 p.m. Everyone who supports recovery is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. There will be live music, guest speakers, food, and fun, also door prizes and raffle tickets for great items. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair or blanket. Questions? Call

276-546-4300.

Eighth Annual Eastern Genealogy Conference

The 8th annual Eastern Genealogy Conference will be held September 18-20, at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. This event, which promotes the research and preservation of eastern Kentucky Family History, offers a wealth of information for any family historian with ties to eastern Kentucky. The conference provides both the novice and veteran researcher the opportunity to connect with others researching the same surnames and many "brick walls" have been broken down as a result of these connections. The Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Genealogical Society and several Eastern Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Societies will be represented as well as numerous researchers from across the country. The complex agenda, registration and contact information are available on the conference web site www.ekyc.org.

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

Big Sandy Civil War Round Table to meet August 29th

at Ponderosa, Paintsville. Big Sandy Civil War Round Table. All invited.

The Auxier Center Fall Class Schedule

Classes begin week of September 14, 2009.

Basic Computer Class

Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon—5 to 6 weeks

Instructor: Gordon Scott Thursdays, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.—5 to 6 weeks

Instructor: Dan Bell Thursdays, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.—5 to 6 weeks

Instructor: Jerry Hatfield

The Hidden Secrets of Windows

Computer class, Mondays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.—5 to 6 weeks

Instructor: Frank Richter (Windows class requires students bring a IGB jump/thumb drive)

All Computer Classes Cost \$30 non-refundable

*One computer per family—students must meet income guidelines and not have a computer of their own.

Quilting Class

Mondays, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—8 weeks

Instructor: Nancy Froeschner

Cost: \$20

Sewing Class

Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—8 weeks

Thursdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.—8 weeks

Instructor: Donna Woods

Cost: \$20

Make and Take Class (Healthy Cooking)

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon—4 weeks—Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7.

Instructor: Judy McGuire

Cost: \$10 non-refundable

Sewing Machine Cleaning & Minor Repair Class

Class instructed by Blaine from Allied Sew & Vacuum Repairs/Blaines Guns & Bows

September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7.00 for the one-day class

Brushes and oil will be available for purchase.

Bring your own sewing machine. This is an opportunity to learn to clean your machine and learn how to do minor adjustments. The purpose of the class is to learn how to care for your sewing machine. Only those who bring a machine can attend class.

Space is limited! Call 606-

886-0709 today for reservations.

21 South River Street, Auxier, Kentucky 41602

The Auxier Center a program of Hand in Hand Ministries

Mathias Hughes & Lydia Margaret Baldridge 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) Henry 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.

Eastern Ky. Genealogy Society Sept. 18, 19, 20

Eastern Kentucky Genealogy Society, Friday 5-10 p.m., Folk Music of Time Period; Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Folk music of time period. Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Guest speakers: Ed Hazelett, 9:30 a.m.; Robert Baker, 2 p.m.; Sunday, 8-11 a.m. breakfast. General discussion, books to be sold.

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1969 will hold a class reunion on Saturday, 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.

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

Shepherd Family Reunion

The Shepherd Family Reunion will be held Monday, September 7, starting at noon at Dewey Lake, Shelter No. 4. Cookout, please bring some food and drinks. Also bring something for kitchen or bathroom for ticket basket. Any questions, call: 377-0519.

Feed the Children event for low-income flood and disaster victims

Must have a voucher, which will be given out on US 23, at Old Mullins School, Pikeville, Friday, August 14, 9 a.m. until noon. (Vouchers are limited, approximately 400).

Giveaway is Friday, August 28, 9 a.m. until noon.

Must have a voucher at time of giveaway.

Sponsored by local food agencies and churches. (606) 478-LIFE.

Christ United Methodist 21st Annual Golf Scramble

Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will have their 21st annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 19, at Allen Stumbo Park, Paul Hunt Thompson Country Club, in Allen. Proceeds go to Wesley Christian School Scholarships. First 80 players blind draw ABCD players shotgun, 9 a.m. start time. \$50 entry fee per person. First place: \$1,000.00; 2nd place: \$500; third place, \$200. (Will be determined by number of players). Many other prizes.

For more information call: Frankie Francis, 358-9417; Lowell Marcum, 874-2917; Ricie Derossett, 874-9514; Dr. Ken Lemaster, 874-2344, or 2624; Allen Park Clubhouse, 874-2837.

McDowell High School Class of 1974 reunion

McDowell High School Class of 1974 reunion will be held Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 4. Classmates get together at 6 p.m., Saturday, September 5; dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the McDowell Elementary Cafeteria. Contact: Ella Spradlin at 606-297-2335.

Highlands Regional Medical Center
Community Calendar

August 2009 GED Classes

Aug. 24th, 31st

Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GED Classes

Aug. 25th, Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes
Aug. 27th

Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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.

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!

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.

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 889-8260 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

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Will Now Be At Harold Primary Care Clinic Providing After Hours Care

Time: 5pm to 9pm Monday - Friday

Antoin Hana, MD
Pediatrician

Now Offering After Hours Care

Along with the practice at Highlands Medical Office Building, Dr. Antoin Hana, Pediatrician, will now be offering after hours care at Harold Primary Care Clinic from 5pm to 9pm Monday through Friday.

Harold Primary Care Clinic
On US 23, 24 Left Penhook Rd, Harold
Located Across from Gearheart Communications

For More Information
Call: (606) 886-7517 or (606) 478-8750

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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.

Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to 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

Family

the officer threw John down and covered him, and his ship mates shot the plane out of the sky. Pretty close call, and I think it is interesting that he forgot to tell me about it initially. I think that speaks to his attitude that he was just doing his job, that being shot at is part of war.

John Huffman is a true-blue, genuine good guy, a bona fide member of what Tom Brokaw calls the "greatest generation." He enlisted in the U.S. Navy the day after his country was attacked, and he served with honor for four years. He returned from war and married a girl from the "neighborhood" and has been a faithful family man all his life. He worked hard to advance

himself in his profession so that he could provide for his family. At his retirement he was Superintendent of Mechanical Operations in the Appalachian Regional Hospital system.

He was always the guy in the neighborhood that people called on when their furnaces wouldn't work, or their refrigerators weren't cooling. I know he helped my family many times, and there was never a time when he refused to come to our house to check out a problem.

At the end of our talk, he offered me a bologna sandwich, then he left to play golf with his grandson. Did I mention that he is now close to 85 and has had a hip replacement?

He was an avid bowler up until the time he had surgery a couple of years ago, and he continues to fish whenever he can. He enjoys a large family with

six children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. If Marg were still here, his life would be close to perfect. No one deserves it more.

Science

that's specific for that stink bug, so they can make a synthetic version of the brown stink bug's own date-bait and use that in a trap to protect houses, fields and orchards against this smelly invader. They're confident that this pest has its own favorite "perfume," and they're working hard to find it.

Let's keep our fingers

crossed that they do; otherwise, we may need those same fingers to hold our noses!

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



Anna Belle Harris celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, August 23, at her home with friends and family.

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Juan MacHannaford, M.D.
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King's Daughters Medical Center is pleased to welcome Juan C. MacHannaford, M.D., to Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Kentucky, joining the KDMC heart surgery team of Robert Fried, M.D., and Marcos Nores, M.D.

Dr. MacHannaford earned his medical degree and completed his internship and residency at University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill. He completed fellowship training in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, in 2007. He recently completed an endovascular aortic fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. MacHannaford's special interests include minimally invasive approaches to aortic and mitral valve surgery; off-pump coronary artery bypass; and complex re-operative cardiac and endovascular aortic surgery.

Dr. MacHannaford is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

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