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Electric rates going up 12.5 percent

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved a settlement Monday granting Kentucky Power Company an annual revenue increase of \$63.7 million, a 12.5 percent increase in total. The amount is about half of what the company was seeking.

Under the settlement, the aver-

age bill for a typical resident would increase by about 17 percent. Had the company been given its original amount increase that percentage increase would have been at about 34 percent.

Representatives with PSC conducted public hearings in Ashland, Pikeville and Hazard in April to gather comments on the increase and followed this with another public meeting in Frankfort on May 25 before the agreement.

In the commission's order said the rate increase was "fair, just and reasonable."

Many of the public comments received by the commission leading up to the agreement dealt with the desire for Kentucky Power to be made to better maintain vegetation and overgrowth along power lines throughout the region. Part of Monday's agreement included sections that requires the company to spend more money on this over the

course of the agreement period.

The company says the increase in spending on clearing the vegetation, which many said caused extra hardships during snowstorms that fell across the region this past December, will enable them to "achieve a four-year cycle" in clearing the overgrowth from power lines.

"We are pleased the commis-

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briefs
Clerk's office on Friday

While the Floyd County Fiscal Court will be closed Friday off in observance of Independence Day, the office of Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh will be open. Waugh's office will be closed on Monday along with other state offices.

"I wanted to make sure that people know the clerk's office will be open on July 2," Waugh said. "Our computer system is the same as the Kentucky Highway Department, and the computers will shut down on Monday for the holiday."

Magoffin teen killed
Times Staff Report

GRAPE CREEK — A 15-year-old boy was killed Monday when he collided with a vehicle while riding a motorcycle in the Grape Creek area of Magoffin County.

Dillon Howard, a student at Magoffin County High School, was riding his dirt bike along Route 1559 when he struck a Ford Expedition driven by Charles Smith, state police said.

Following the accident, Howard was taken to Morgan County ARH hospital where he later died.

Police said Howard was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, which remains under investigation by CVE Officer Tommy Gearheart.

FUN ON THE HORIZON



Crews of workers spent the early part of this week prepping the usual spot in Archer Park for the annual Fourth of July Carnival in Prestonsburg.
photo by Sheldon Compton



Fireworks to be held on Fourth

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city of Prestonsburg will hold its fireworks display on Sunday, July 4, after previously announcing that the event would take place on Saturday, July 3.

Fire Chief Bobby Carpenter said the date was moved to Sunday in order to better correspond with the carnival.

"We have a few specialty shots this year," Carpenter said. "We have around \$18,000 worth of fireworks."

The display is scheduled to begin around 9:30 p.m.

"We will start shooting when it's dark enough to shoot," Carpenter said. "We will be shooting from the same location as last year."

The carnival is located at Archer Park and will feature rides, food and games.

Board closes out year, looks ahead to next

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The Floyd County Board of Education held its first meeting since the end of the school year at Betsy Layne High School on Monday, and Supt. Henry Webb thanked teachers, other school employees and board members for making the school year successful.

"The 2009-10 school year is over and I am happy to report that we had a very good school year," Webb said. "We have made significant progress in many

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Murder victim identified as Martin man

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

The body of a man found in the basement of a home in Louisville last week has been identified as that of former Martin resident James Carroll.

Carroll, who was 37, was dis-

covered in the basement of a home on South Fourth Street in Louisville last week. Two men who lived there, Joseph Banis and Jeffrey Mundt, were arrested following discovery of Carroll's body and have since pleaded innocent to charges of murder, robbery and tampering with physical evidence.

Police were called to the residence over a domestic dispute between the two lovers. During his arrest, Banis gave statements concerning Carroll to investigating officers.

"He did give a statement to detectives implicating his boyfriend, Jeffrey Mundt, in a

homicide and that the body was located in the basement where they had been staying," Louisville police officer Barry Wilkerson told local media. "Kind of an isolated area of the basement, very far away from where anybody would be able

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Tomorrow
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Guest View

End of an era

The passing of the longest-serving senator and the longest-serving member in congressional history leaves a void hard to fill.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd leaves behind many years of dedicated service in which the West Virginia statesman was loved and hated for holding a wide variety of liberal and conservative political views.

His career catapulted Byrd to many roles including those of Senate Conference Secretary, Majority Whip, Minority Leader, and twice Majority Leader.

He is among a quickly vanishing breed of fine orators, and his keen memory enabled him to quote prolifically from the most notable works of literature, philosophy, religion and history.

With his legendary filibusters, Byrd could wear down the best of his colleagues with endless prose, poetry and political rhetoric. Called upon often to speak at commencement ceremonies, celebrations and newsworthy events, Byrd would most likely pull at least one quote from Cicero and would recite long passages from Tennyson or Keats with his unique dramatic flair.

His backers made sure the Mountain State Democrat never lost an election from the day he was elected to the U.S. House in 1952. Supporters held him in high esteem for his work through the Senate Appropriations Committee to fund scholarships, schools, federal courthouses, highways and prisons and for making sure West Virginia got its share of federal complexes, most notably the FBI Fingerprint Center near Bridgeport.

Admired by many for his stage presence, Byrd also made his share of political enemies during his eventful career. Outsiders, such as the Citizens Against Government Waste crowned him the "King of Pork," dismissing the billions of federal dollars he sent to West Virginia as worthless "Byrd Droppings."

But Byrd left his mark — and his name on dozens of places that bear their benefactor's name, from the Robert C. Byrd Regional Training Center for soldiers at Camp Dawson in Kingwood and Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg, to the 17-mile, four-lane Robert C. Byrd Drive near his hometown of Sophia. Those are just a few.

He held West Virginia and its people dear to his heart. Byrd always did what he thought was best for the Mountain State.

His stately demeanor, quick wit and his devotion to his wife Erma, who died in 2006, were endearing qualities.

We will miss him. Our deepest condolences go out to his two daughter's and other loved ones.

It is the end of an era.

— The Register-Herald, Beckley, W.Va.



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The three lines in the state's 283-page budget may have taken up little space, but the study they authorized on Kentucky's corrections system could have a big impact in the years ahead.

My colleagues in the General Assembly and I set this in motion because it will give us a chance to work with the Pew Center on the States, an independent and highly reputable non-profit organization that has undertaken in-depth looks at various government programs across the nation.

It was this organization that showed Kentucky having the highest prison growth rate in the nation in 2007, giving us a wake-up call that has already started to pay dividends.

As proof, consider the fact that we are one of about two dozen states that saw a decrease in its prison population from 2008 to 2009. This coincides with an overall drop in the number of state prisoners nationwide, the first time this has happened since 1972.

This downward trend at the state level is driven by several factors. For one, the country is becoming safer, with the crime rate 25% lower in 2007 than it was in 1997. The difficult economy is also causing states to look for more savings, especially as their prison costs continue inching toward \$50 billion annually, and there is greater reliance on technology and better use of such things as counseling.

The General Assembly has taken additional steps to control costs during the last two years. For example, we increased the use of home incarceration and drug-treatment programs while increasing the financial limits on some felony theft crimes to reflect inflation.

Our Judiciary Committee has considered additional changes through a subcommittee that spent 2008 and 2009 looking at our penal code, which has not seen a major update since the mid-1970s. One suggestion from the subcommittee is to follow other states and create a fifth level of felonies for non-violent, non-sexual crimes. Under current law, someone convicted of stealing \$500 could cost the state up to \$100,000 to incarcerate, if that person spends five years in prison.

During our legislative session earlier this year, the General

Assembly voted unanimously to create a broader task force to study the prison issue. This expanded task force will include representatives from the Kentucky Supreme Court; the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; county judge/executives; and prosecutors and public advocates.

Surveys indicate the public supports this move toward alternative punishments for those convicted of non-violent crimes. In Texas, more than 80 percent surveyed favored going this route versus spending \$1 billion on new prisons.

One direction we may opt to take in Kentucky is a risk assessment of convicted felons about to be sentenced. While I was Attorney General, my office pointed out the effectiveness of pre-sentencing risk assessments; we noted Virginia's success in using a variety of factors to help determine the proper punishment for those convicted of non-violent crimes, rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach.

Being smarter on crime and improving public safety, while saving tax dollars, promises to be a leading topic of discussion for years to come in the legislature. With the right information in hand, the kind the Pew study can provide, we are poised to continue building on the gains we have already made.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Follow Social Security on Facebook and Twitter

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Did you know that you can follow Social Security on Facebook and Twitter? It seems that these days everyone is on Facebook. It's hard to believe that as recently as 2006, Facebook didn't even exist. Now, even if you don't have a Facebook account of your

own, you're almost certainly "connected" to someone who does.

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website in the world according to a 2009 study. What better place than Facebook to join Social Security's network and stay in the know?

In addition to a Facebook page, Social Security also has started "tweeting."

If you're not connected to us on Facebook (or even if you are), be sure to follow Social Security on Twitter. Social Security news and

information is presented in easily digestible, 140-character bits!

Coincidentally, Twitter found its beginnings in 2006 as well. It was ranked as the third most popular social networking website in 2009 and boasts six million unique monthly visitors and 55 million visits a month.

Whether you're a fan of Facebook or you tend toward Twitter, we hope

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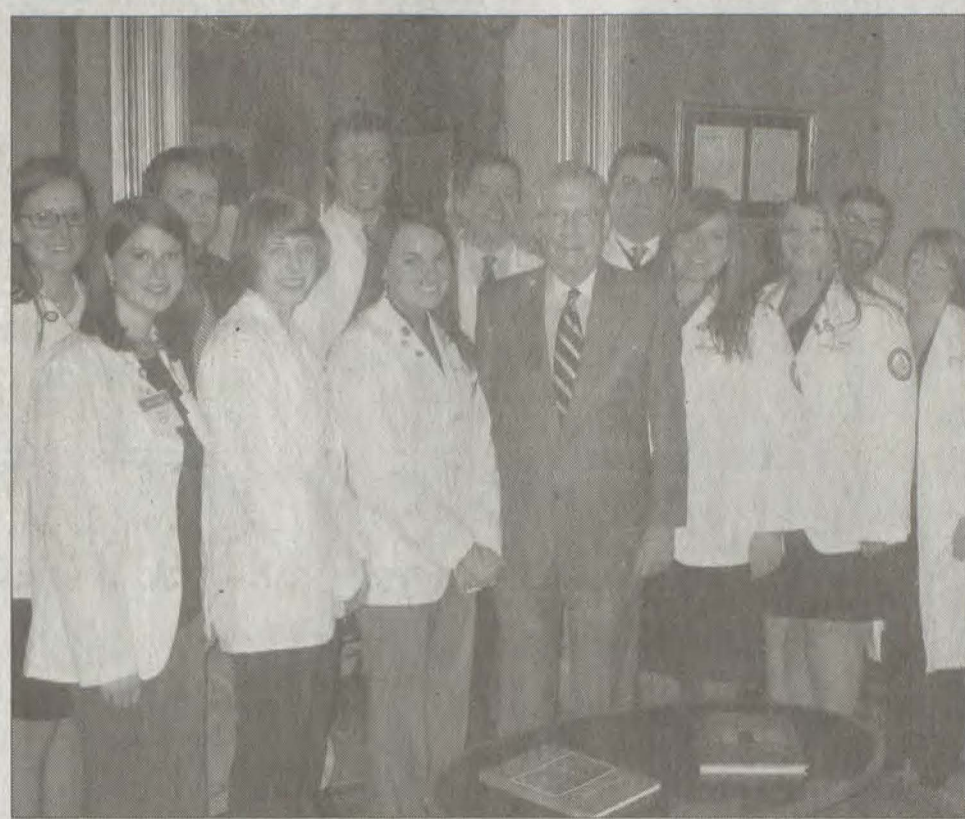
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And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) students and Vice President and Dean Boyd R. Buser, D.O., met with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell during the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) D.O. Day on the Hill. According to the AOA, nearly 800 D.O.s, osteopathic medical students and supporters met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to advocate for significant, meaningful reforms to the Medicare physician payment system ensuring that all patients have access to quality, comprehensive, physician-directed health care. PCOM students participate in the event in Washington each spring.



Osteopathic Scholars Program selects first class

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College is pleased to announce the 2010 participants of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine's Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program (OMSP). The inaugural class of 10 students includes Katherine Baker of Buckhorn High School, Christopher Castle and Megan Johnson of Johnson Central High School, Sarah Helphinstine of Lewis County High School, Anne Klee of St. Patrick's High School, Thomas Lambert of Phelps High School, Joshua Salyers of Perry County Central High School, Sally Smith of Hazard High School, Amber Wireman of The Piarist School and Lucas Wright of Scott County High School.

"We are proud to welcome our first group of Osteopathic Medical Scholars for the fall 2010 term," said President Paul Patton. "Our commitment to academic excellence and the career focus in our programs of study are an

important part of our mission. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to prospective students."

In December 2009, in conjunction with the School of Osteopathic Medicine, Pikeville College began offering students a cooperative eight-year program (4+4) leading to a bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. The medical school accepts 75 students each year out of more than 2,000 applicants.

OMSP candidates must apply as an incoming college freshman, have a minimum 1200 SAT or 26 ACT, be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class or have earned a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be a resident of Kentucky, Virginia or West Virginia. Up to 10 scholars will be selected each year. After completion of the bachelor's degree program at the undergraduate college, scholars will be automatically admitted to the medical school if they have maintained a required cumulative and science

GPA in undergraduate work, met a required score on the MCAT and participated in program activities. Scholars will also participate in extracurricular health-related community service activities, community physician "shadowing," and pre-med club and School of Osteopathic Medicine student activities. The OMSP does not carry a monetary award; however, applicants are eligible to pursue other scholarship opportunities.

"We are excited to

implement this new program for outstanding high school seniors who want to pursue a career in medicine and desire the opportunity to serve their communities in a significant way," said Boyd R. Buser, D.O., vice president and dean of the medical school. "The Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program will be an important step in helping us to continue to fulfill our mission of easing the physician shortage in rural and underserved areas of Kentucky and Appalachia."

Gov. Beshear orders flags to half-staff in honor of Sen. Robert Byrd

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff from yesterday until sunset today, June 29, in honor of long-time U.S. Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, who died early this morning.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Byrd family as we mourn the passing of legendary Senator Robert Byrd," Gov. Beshear said. "As the longest-ever serving member in congressional history, Sen. Byrd will be remembered for his depth of knowledge and dedication to the citizens of West Virginia. He was a strong, highly-respected leader amongst his colleagues and will truly be missed."

Gov. Beshear encourages individuals, business-

es, organizations and government agencies to join in this tribute by lowering flags to half-staff in honor of Sen. Byrd.

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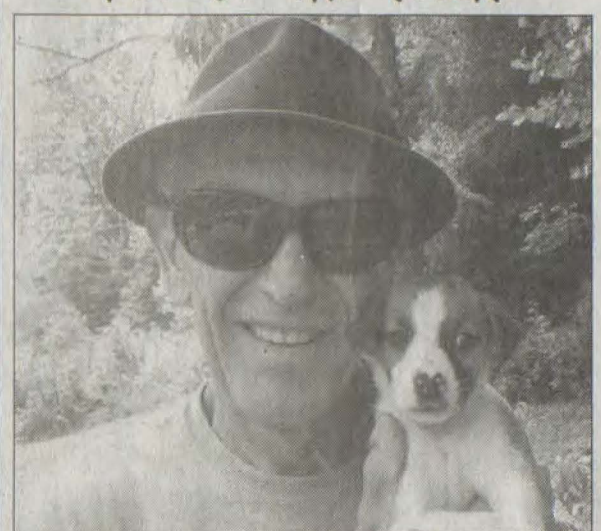
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Five motorcyclists die on Kentucky roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 12 people died in 11 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, June 21, through Sunday, June 27.

Six of the crashes involved motor vehicles and four of the victims were not wearing a seat belt. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Breathitt, Estill, Jefferson (2), Kenton and Pulaski counties. The suspected use of alcohol was a

factor in the Breathitt and Pulaski County crashes.

One fatal ATV involved crash occurred in Knox County. The victim was not wearing a helmet.

A double fatality motorcycle crash occurred in Breckinridge County and both victims were wearing helmets. Three single fatality motorcycle crashes occurred in Magoffin, Muhlenberg and Shelby counties. One of the victims was wearing a helmet.

Through June 27 preliminary statistics indicate that 329 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2010. This is 51 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2009.

There were 268 motor vehicle fatalities and 136 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Forty-two of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Twenty-six fatal crashes involved a

pedestrian and 1 involved a scooter. Twenty-seven crashes involved a motorcycle and thirteen of those victims were not wearing helmets. Six crashes involved an ATV and four victims were not wearing helmets. One crash involved a bicycle. A total of 75 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the

Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

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

Crash data for this report is generated from the Kentucky Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

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Rates

sion has issued an order approving our settlement agreement," said Kentucky Power President Tim Mosher. "In challenging economic times it is difficult to seek a rate increase, but in this case it was necessary for

us to continue to provide safe and reliable power to our customers."

Other provisions of the settlement include:

■ The monthly residential services charge will increase from \$5.86 to \$8.

■ The per-kilowatt-hour charge will be 8.59 cents, up from 7.19 cents.

■ The monthly surcharge for the Home Energy Assistance Program will increase by five cents, to 15 cents for each residential

customer.

■ Kentucky Power will recover, over a five-year period, \$23.3 million in expenses incurred for repairs following a series of storms.

The rate increase became effective Monday.

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Board

of our focus areas of growth, one being attendance. We are reflecting and will begin planning in the coming days to have another outstanding school year and work toward meeting identified goals for the kids of Floyd County."

At the meeting, the

board voted to approve the beginning and ending times for the schools, a contract for services with the Floyd County Health Department for employees to include hepatitis B and flu vaccinations for the 2010-11 school year, an agreement between Follett Software Company

and Floyd County Schools for the use of a library automation system and a proposal to increase the staff for visual impairment special education.

The board also voted to accept and match the second KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of

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\$54,927 and match the currently escrowed offer of \$57,054 and the currently escrowed first offer of \$82,391.

A memorandum of understanding with Otter Creek Correctional Center was also approved by the board. According to the memorandum, "It is understood that in the event of a mass evacuation of the inmates at Otter Creek Correctional Center, the Floyd County Board of Education agrees to provide 12 school buses at the time requested for transport of the inmates."

Victim

to smell anything."

Carroll's body was found in a rubber tub at least three feet beneath the surface of the dirt basement floor and had died from an apparent gunshot wound and several stab wounds, police said, adding that it appeared the former Floyd County resident had been

murdered some time in December.

When police responded to the initial domestic complaint they said in an official report that Mundt had locked himself in a bedroom of the home saying Banis "was attempting and threatening to kill" him with a knife. At the scene police

said they found syringes, needles, glass pipes and methamphetamine in Banis's possession.

Funeral services were held for Carroll at Hall Funeral Home last week and he was later buried at Halbert Cemetery in Printer.

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Hall attends Circuit Court Clerks Summer College

FRANKFORT — Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Ray Hall participated in the 2010 Circuit Court Clerks Summer College held June 15-17 in Lexington. The Administrative Office of the Courts hosted the college, which offered nine

hours of continuing education credit. The theme for the college was A Day in the Life of a Clerk. "The Circuit Clerks College is an invaluable tool that fills a key educational gap," said Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk

David L. Nicholson, president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks. "The college keeps circuit court clerks across the state updated on changes in statutes, regulations and rules as they relate to our core business and allows for important discussion regarding emerging trends in the courts."

The circuit clerks elected Nicholson as KACCC president during the college.

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. addressed the circuit court clerks during the college. AOC Director Laurie K. Dudgeon and the AOC budget director provided a budget overview.

The college included sessions on foreign documents, the KY VINE service, Drug Court participant transfers between jurisdictions, records retention, court exhibits, and clerk processes for involuntary commitments through Casey's Law. The clerks also received updates on legislation from the 2010

Kentucky General Assembly session and the Trust For Life program. Trust For Life is sponsored by the KACCC to promote organ and tissue donation through driver licensing and the computer-based Kentucky Organ Donor registry.

In addition to Nicholson, the circuit clerks elected these clerks as KACCC officers during the college: Stephanie King-Logsdon of McLean County, first vice president; Loretta Crady of Hardin County, second vice president; Krissie Coe Fields of Barren County, secretary; and Jim Barker of Rowan County, treasurer. Mason County Circuit Court Clerk Kirk Tolle is past president.

The AOC Division of Judicial Branch Education provides training conferences for circuit court clerks, who are responsible for managing the records of Kentucky's circuit and district courts. Circuit court clerks are constitutionally elected officials from all

120 Kentucky counties who serve a six-year term.

The AOC is the operational arm of the Kentucky Court of Justice and supports the activities of

approximately 3,400 court system employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.

Volunteers needed to assist children placed in foster care in Boyd, Elliott, Martin, Morgan and Pike counties

FRANKFORT -- Citizen Foster Care Review Boards for Boyd, Elliott, Martin, Morgan and Pike counties are seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of local children in foster care. Volunteers are needed to review cases of children placed in foster care because of abuse, dependency and neglect to ensure these children are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

Volunteers are not required to reside in the county where a board meets.

The Kentucky General Assembly created the Citizen Foster Care Review Board, or CFCRB, in 1982 as a way to decrease the time children spend in foster care. CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services files on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and the courts on behalf of the state's foster children.

All volunteers must complete a six-hour initial training session and consent to a criminal record and central

registry check. A recommendation is then made to the chief judge of the District Court or Family Court for appointment.

For more information, contact Toni Mullins, 606-349-1245 or 877-246-3457

Approximately 800 volunteers across the state serve as members of the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board. The boards operate within the Division of Dependent Children's Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort. The volunteer reviewers help ensure that children receive the necessary services while in foster care and are ultimately placed in permanent homes.

The AOC is the operations arm of the Kentucky Court of Justice and supports the activities of approximately 3,400 court system employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. As the fiscal agent for the state court system, the AOC prepares a biennial budget draft and executes the Judicial Branch budget.

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PCSOM hosts PEPP Program

PIKEVILLE — Forty Kentucky high school students from 18 counties across the region recently completed the annual Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM). This two-week residential program provides high school students with an opportunity to learn about the medical profession. More than 600 students have participated in the college's program since its inception in 1999. Floyd County student Sharae Blackburn is among

the participants in the program. This year, students spent two weeks on campus learning anatomy, histology, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, and pharmacology of the 10 major human organ systems through presentations provided by PCSOM faculty and second-year medical students. PEPP students participated in gross anatomy and functional anatomy labs at PCSOM and engaged in clinical observations at Pikeville Medical Center. "I want to be a surgeon

and thought PEPP would enhance my interest in medicine," said Josh Penix, a junior from Sheldon Clark High School. "I was right. My favorite part was getting to scrub in for surgery and observe a surgical procedure up close." The PEPP program is designed to provide a better understanding of rural medicine, what it takes to get into a medical education program, and the dedication needed to succeed in the medical profession. It also helps to build confidence and self-esteem and provides students with the encouragement to seek challenging course work as they prepare for higher education.



Forty students took part in the PCSOM PEPP program.

"I am delighted that 40 Kentucky high school senior and junior students successfully completed the PCSOM PEPP Program this year," said Linda Dunatov, associate dean for student services at PCSOM. "The PCSOM PEPP Program offers Kentucky high school students a unique opportunity to learn about osteopathic medicine as a possible career."

The Pikeville College School of Osteopathic

Medicine was established in 1997 with a mission to provide an osteopathic medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity, and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions.

Kentucky State Parks offer free golf for minors

FRANKFORT — Ever wondered if you and your offspring, parent, sibling or best buddy could find some quality time on the golf course? Pair up in July when Kentucky State Parks make it well worth the experiment by participating in the Professional Golf Association's Play Golf America promotion.

kids to golf, build the players of tomorrow and create memories of a lifetime," he said. "Kentucky State Parks have a time-honored relationship with golf and top-notch courses. The entire family can plan a weekend getaway, combination golf/camping trip and loads of other outdoor adventures."

From July 6-31, at any of the 18 park courses, players 18-years of age or younger may play a free round and smack a free bucket of balls on the driving range when accompanied by a paying adult (carts not included).

Six of the park system's golf courses have been recognized over the past several years as "bests" by Golf Digest and Golfweek Magazine. Honors include most affordable, best place

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"Golf is absolutely family friendly," said Commissioner Gerry van der Meer, of the Kentucky Department of Parks. "Novice or experienced duffer, this special is a nice deal and a neat way to introduce

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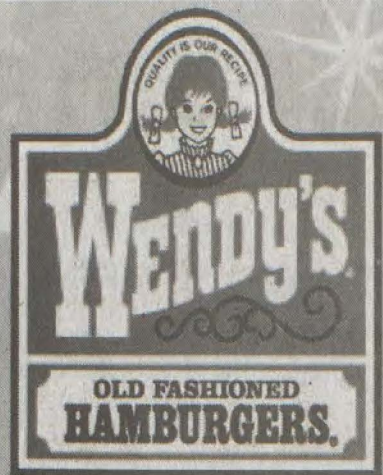
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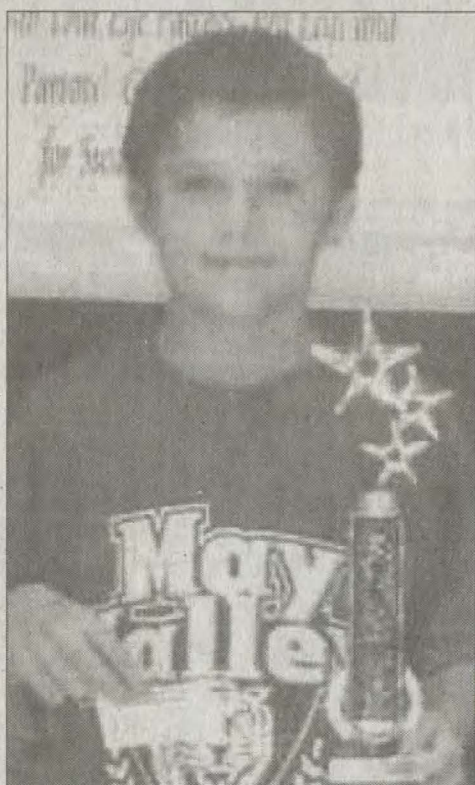
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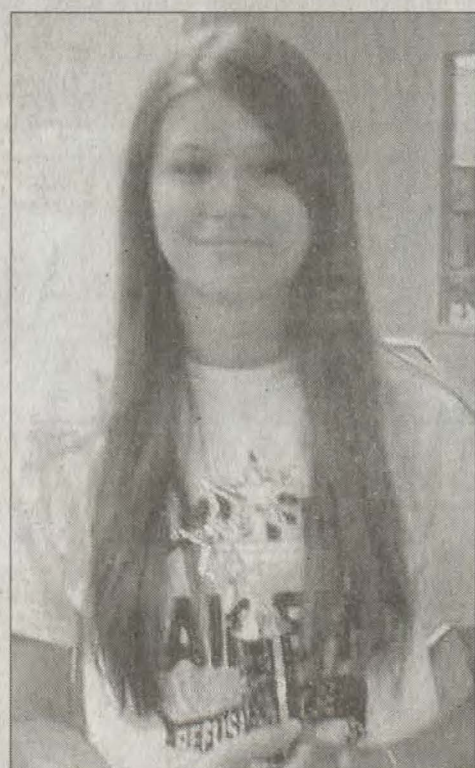
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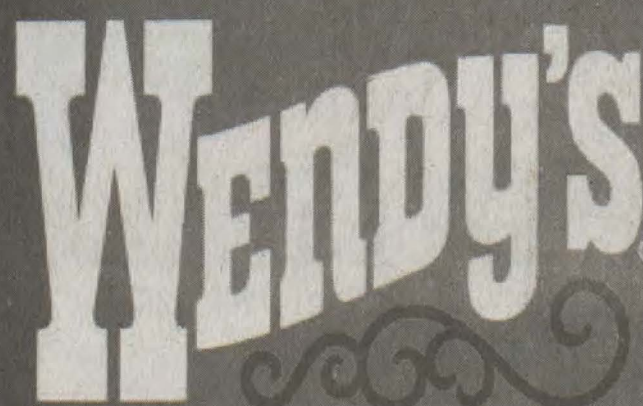


Josh Hall
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The students were awarded the 2010 Wendy's Superstar Award because of their outstanding character and behavior.



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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Falling through Alice's looking glass

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

I've been thinking a lot lately about "Alice in Wonderland" — yes, the Lewis Carroll classic. It's meant to be a book for children, but sometimes I wonder if children's books aren't really written more for adults.

I would be willing to bet that you've never really thought about how much of the dialogue of "Alice" (the actual name of the book was "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland") has seeped into our everyday life. Have you ever caught yourself thinking, "Curiouser and curiouser," or "I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!" or perhaps "Off with her head"? All from Alice!

"Alice" has been on my mind lately because of one of the book's basic premises: Things aren't always what they seem, or at least what they appear to be. Or, to quote The Duchess, "Never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise."

Sometimes research can be like that. You think a story is headed one way and it veers off in a totally different way, or you think that something's supposed to be bad, and it turns out to be quite good.

We all know viruses are bad, right? Turns out that's true, except when they're good! Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists have shown that enzymes from bacteria-infecting viruses known as phages actually could have beneficial applications for human and animal health.

Phage enzymes called endolysins attack bacteria by breaking down their cell walls. And unlike antibiotics, which tend to have a broad range, endolysins are comparatively specific. This means non-target bacteria could be less likely to develop resistance to the endolysins.

Studies by ARS scientists have shown that the phage enzymes could be used to wipe out multi-drug-resistant pathogens that affect both animals and humans, such as the dreaded MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*).

The scientists also showed that the enzymes can knock out pathogens in biofilms, which are matrices of microorganisms that can attach to a variety of surfaces. Biofilms are resistant to antibiotics, and contribute to many human infections.

And the scientists have shown that using two endolysins — lysostaphin and LysK — together can inhibit the growth of staphylococcal strains that cause mastitis in cattle and staph infections in humans.

Turning a totally different direction, ARS scientists and their university colleagues have just published a new study on the possible causes of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), the mysterious problem that's plagued beekeepers over the past few years. You remember this one: It's the disease that causes bees to simply disappear.

The research team looked more than 200 individual variables in 91 bee colonies from 13 apiaries in Florida and California, where many beekeepers overwinter their honey bees. Among the factors for which the researchers screened were bacteria, mites, protozoan parasites called Nosema, viruses, the nutritional status of the bees, and yes, 171 pesticides. Adult bees, wax comb, stored and processed pollen, and young bees, called "brood," were all sampled.

Now, some folks who have followed the CCD story for a while have been quite insistent that the problem is pesticides, plain and simple. But this

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MORE THAN JUST BOOKS



South Floyd High School Seniors Corey Paige, Jasmine Issac, Brittany Springer, Bailey Hamilton, Laken Hall, Ashley Thomas, Brionna Jones and Jordan Burke pose in front of the new Starbooks Cafe in the library of the school.

STARBOOKS CAFE

South Floyd opens eatery in library

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

HI HAT — The days of prohibited food and drink in the library are over at South Floyd High School with the opening of the "Starbooks Cafe" on June 9.

According to Cheryl Hall, media specialist at South Floyd High School, the project began with a tiled floor in an area of the library to mark the site of the cafe.

Tabitha Berger, math teacher at South Floyd, gave a donation

toward the project and other donations came in soon after. Randy Lawson, a local artist, was hired to paint an Italian-style mural that serves as the backdrop for the cafe. South Floyd STLP students, along with sponsor Greg Moore, provided the rest of the money that allowed for the purchase of a cappuccino machine. The seating at the cafe was donated by Trish Ceislak, owner of The Perfect Setting.

"Welcome to the 21st century of librarianship," Hall said. "The library is not teacher-led.

It's student-centered, and marks a huge departure from the days when librarians strictly prohibited food, drinks and talking. Once I have them in the library hopefully I will have their eyes and minds for a little while and I can encourage them to check out a book to read."

According to South Floyd Middle School Principal Carolyn Martin, teachers are using the cafe as a reward system for students by handing out Starbooks coupons to students for achieving certain school expectations.

"It's something students can earn," Martin said. "It motivates them to do well in the classroom."

Those with the school hope that the cafe will expand to include a variety of other options in the near future.

"This is only the beginning," Hall said. "The cafe is seeking business sponsors to add a flat screen television and other types of drinks to Starbooks Cafe. The dream is now a reality. We are serving it and they are coming...to the library."

Groups from Floyd, Magoffin to commemorate soldiers of the Civil War

by FLOYD DAVIS

The Civil War was Eastern Kentucky's war too. The evidence left by long-ago armies and soldiers in and on the fabric of the land is too strong to question. Yet most of us have little, if any, knowledge of this momentous period; and those that do often have little sense of how wide-spread and interconnected the webs of war were.

The Friends of Middle Creek, the Magoffin Sesquicentennial Committee, the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, and the Magoffin County Historical Society will be joining forces on Friday, July 2 to commemorate the men, Union and Confederate, who fought in that war, to affirm the interconnectedness of Floyd and Magoffin County's Civil War histories, and launch the

creation of a new Civil War Park on the grounds of South Magoffin School.

The Battlefields Corridor Project will provide an opportunity for reenactors and citizens alike to join in this commemoration through a caravan of wagons, horses, carriages, mules, antique tractors, 4-wheel drive trucks and jeeps, ATV's and other vehicles up KY 114 to the Adams Cemetery Road and then up the hill to Puncheon Creek in Magoffin County, ending at the Puncheon Battle Site at South Magoffin School. We regret that ATVs cannot be sanctioned due to insurance regulations. Please bring a pick-nick lunch to enjoy on top of the hill. Camping facilities will be provided at the school for those who would like to participate in Salyersville's July 4th Parade the next day. Dinner, water, restroom facilities

and electric power will be provided on the battle site. Breakfast will be available the next morning prior to the parade.

Help us highlight the importance of the Middle Creek and Puncheon battles, breath life into a new living history park, and honor those who fought to make history anew on these historic and hallowed grounds. Join us at the Middle Creek National Battlefield Friday, July 2nd at 10:00 and bring your children so that they may become part of their own history while honoring the horrific price paid by our ancestors for the freedoms we enjoy. Additional information may be obtained by calling/emailing Randall Risner at krkgoats@yahoo.com or Floyd Davis at fddavis@mikrotec.com, or visiting the Friends of Middle Creek website at www.friendsofmiddlecreek.org.



PERK UP YOUR Picnic

FAMILY FEATURES

Warm weather is here, and there is no better time for a picnic at your local park or beach. Quick and simple recipes are the way to go, but the typical bologna sandwich doesn't always stimulate the taste buds. This season, experiment with new recipes and flavors, and make your casual alfresco dining experience extra special.

By adding a few key ingredients to seasonal favorites, you have the power to transform everyday recipes into delicious dishes the whole family will enjoy. Here are some great examples on how to plus up an otherwise run-of-the-mill picnic.

For a twist on the classic barbecue chicken, opt for a Grilled Herbed Chicken, seasoned with *Grey Poupon* Dijon mustard and Italian spices. But, don't let those leftovers go to waste. The chicken can be refrigerated for up to two days and made into a quick-and-easy Caesar salad with the addition of romaine lettuce, Caesar dressing and grated Parmesan cheese.

Instead of ordinary potato salad, try the Butter Bean Salad on for size. Chock full of ham, butter beans, sun-dried tomatoes and red onions, this recipe adds a touch of mustard and cilantro to really titillate your taste buds and give you a side dish full of flavor.

Finally, kick your lunch up a notch and enjoy a Cheddar, Bacon and Pear Sandwich, made with Harvest Coarse Ground Mustard. Whole mustard seeds paired with fresh ingredients create a crisp, robust flavor. Perfect for the family on the go, this gourmet goodie can be prepared in only five minutes.

For more ideas on how to spice up your picnic, visit www.greypoupon.com.

Spiced Lemonade

Makes 1 serving

Wash down your meal with a twist on the classic summertime libation, Spiced Lemonade. This surprisingly refreshing treat, bursting with fruit flavors, is made with lemonade, gin and Dijon mustard. Top with mint, the perfect finishing touch for a warm-weather cocktail.

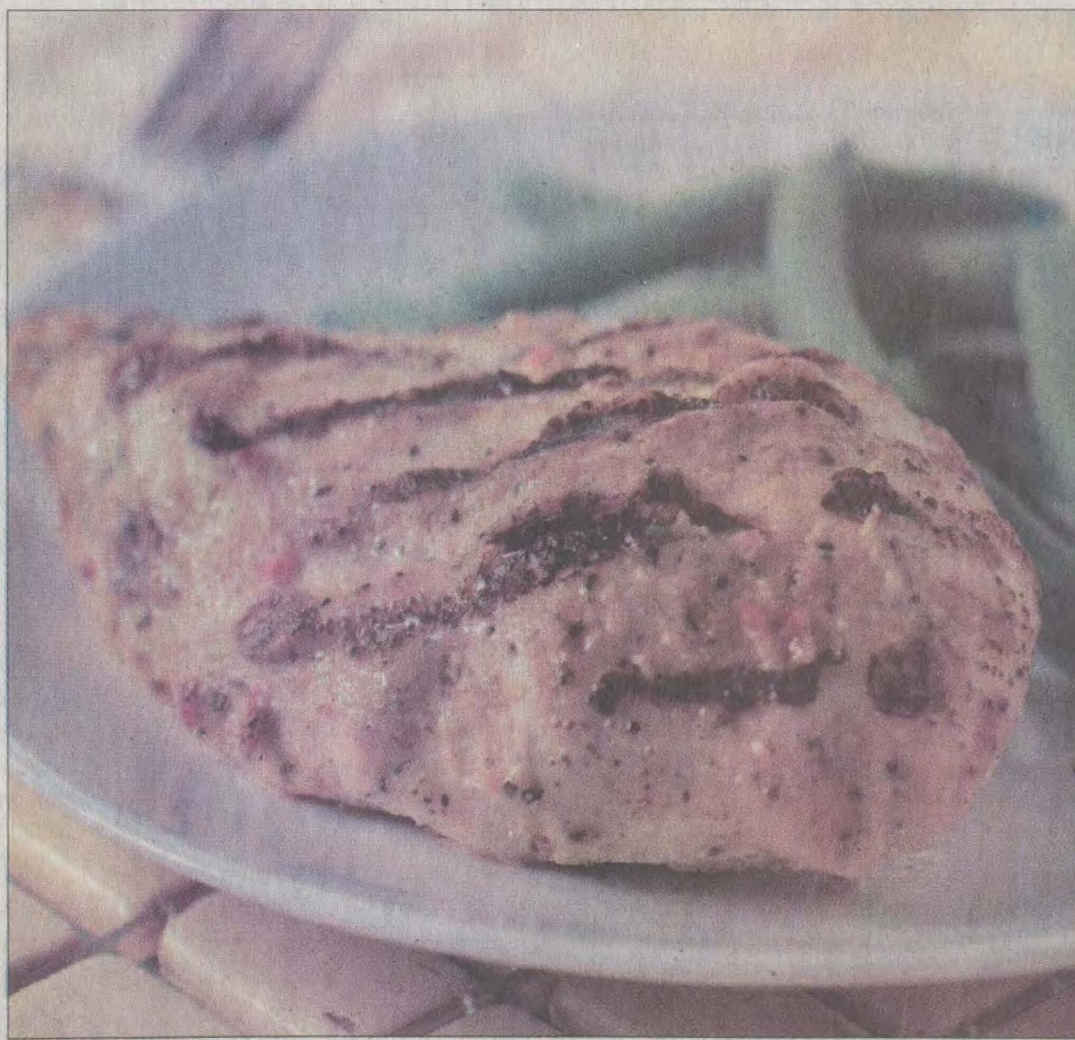
- 1 teaspoon *Grey Poupon* Dijon
- 1/2 cup lemonade
- 1/2 cup spiced gin
- 1 slice each: lemon, lime and orange
- 1 slice cucumber
- 1 sprig fresh mint

Mix mustard, lemonade and gin. Serve over ice cubes in tall glass.

Add fruit and cucumber slices.
Top with mint.

Picnic Food Safety

- **Cool It:** Store perishable foods in plenty of coolers with ice or frozen gel packs. Keep the food at 40°F. A full cooler stays colder longer than a partially filled one. Carry the cooler inside the air-conditioned car, and keep it in the shade when you reach your destination. Use separate coolers for drinks so the food container won't be opened and closed.
- **Two Hour Rule:** Don't leave perishable food out for more than two hours. (Cold foods should not sit out for more than one hour.) Any leftovers that have been sitting out longer than that should be discarded.
- **Proper Prepping:** Wash hands before preparing food, and make sure storage containers are clean. Cooked foods need to be properly cooled — spread the food out in as many pans as needed so that it is no more than two inches deep. This allows it to cool faster, reducing the chances of bacteria growing.



Cheddar, Bacon & Pear Sandwich

Makes 1 serving

- 2 slices fully cooked bacon
- 2 slices French bread
- 1 teaspoon *Grey Poupon* Harvest Coarse Ground Mustard
- 1 slice (1 ounce) sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 of a medium pear, thinly sliced

Heat bacon as directed on package.

Spread bread slices with mustard. Top 1 of the bread slices with cheese, pears and bacon.

Cover with remaining bread slice.

Grilled Herbed Chicken

Makes 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons *Grey Poupon* Dijon Mustard
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 envelope *Good Seasons* Italian Dressing Mix
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (2 pounds)

Heat grill to medium heat.

Combine mustard, water and dressing mix in shallow dish. Add chicken; turn over to evenly coat both sides.

Grill chicken 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until done (165°F).

Butter Bean Salad

Makes 8 servings

- 1/4 cup *Grey Poupon* Hearty Spicy Brown Mustard
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 can (15 ounces) butter beans, drained
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red onions
- 1/3 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 6-ounce package boiled ham, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

Mix mustard, oil and lemon juice until well blended; set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Add mustard mixture; toss to coat. Cover.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

