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Pike man killed in motorcycle accident

Times Staff Report


SHELBIANA — A Dry Fork man was killed when his motorcycle overturned near Shelbiana Monday. State Police said James Justice, 62, was killed Monday morning when his 2007 Yamaha overturned after he lost control while traveling south on Shelby Dry Fork Road. Justice was ejected when his motorcycle overturned, police said, and he was pronounced dead by representatives with the Pike County Coroner's Office. The collision is under investigation by Trooper Eddie Crum of the Kentucky State Police.


8 killed on state roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that eight people died in eight separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, July 27, through Sunday, August 2. Six of the crashes involved motor vehicles and two of those victims were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of two other victims has yet to be determined. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Fayette, Jessamine, Morgan, Pulaski (2) and Shelby counties. One of the crashes involved the sus-

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Center for Autism opens

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local leaders and community members visited the Highlands Center for Autism to check out the facility during an open house on July 30. The center officially opened on July 28, around a year after the initial plans to create a program based on the Center for Autism at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. According to the Autism Society of America, "Autism is a complex develop-

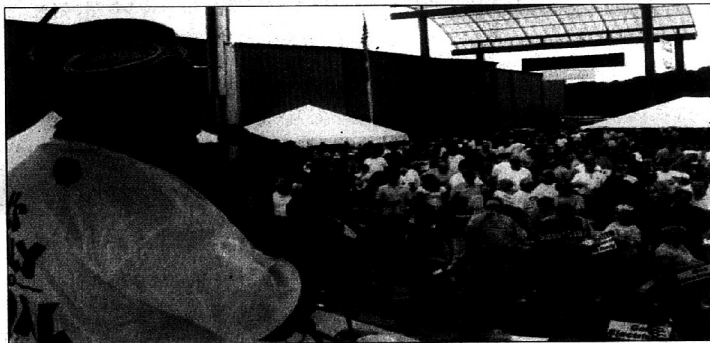
mental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. "I know the program at Highlands will not only be a success, but it will be a jewel in the state of Kentucky for the treatment of children with autism," said Leslie Sinclair.

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A large crowd attended the open house of the Highlands Center for Autism on July 30. Photo by Jarrid Deaton

SPEAKING UP



Haven King, with Coal Mining Our Future, says the crowds at Saturday's rally are evidence that coal could be a political force in upcoming elections. photos by Cris Ritchie

Thousands rally against cap-and-trade

by CRIS RITCHIE
 HAZARD HERALD



Those who attended Saturday's rally were fervently in support of coal mining and against passage of a "cap-and-trade" bill currently under consideration in the U.S. Senate.

HINDMAN — The grounds of the Knott County Sportsplex were transformed into a sea of bipartisan support for the coal industry Saturday, and organizers now say they are looking ahead to another event in Washington, D.C.

An estimated 15,000 people gathered at the site, according to organizers with Coal Mining Our Future, to take part in a rally against the "cap-and-trade" bill recently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The bill seeks to place limits on the

(See **RALLY**, page six)

Police get break in month-old burglary case

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A key development has taken place in connection to a burglary in Wheelwright nearly a month ago. Wheelwright police, along with officers with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department recovered some \$4,000 in items taken early last month from the Wheelwright home of Bill Newsome. Newsome reported the burglary on July 4, saying a number of items were found missing when he returned from vacation.

(See **BURGLARY**, page seven)

P'burg police arrest three for drug trafficking

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An investigation into suspected drug trafficking came to a head during the early morning hours in Prestonsburg Monday. Prestonsburg Detectives Trent Combs and Steve Little, who have led the investigation into the case, arrested three men and later recovered both drugs and cash, according to reports issued from the Prestonsburg Police Department. Jimmy D. Epling, 32, of Prestonsburg, Mike Smith, 34, of Hettler, and David Flanagan, 20, of Detroit, Mich., were taken into custody Monday morning. Police said they found during the arrest Oxycodone tablets, marijuana, various drug paraphernalia and more than \$4,000 during the arrests.

(See **DRUGS**, page seven)

Community wishes Martin well in retirement

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — A popular Martin physician is hanging up his stethoscope for good after close to 50 years of providing family health care to the people of Floyd County. Dr. Lowell D. Martin was honored by friends, family, coworkers and patients for his service during a special celebration held in Martin on July 30. "Dr. Martin, we thank you for 47 years of dedicated service to your profession and community," said Kathy Stumbo, president of Saint Joseph-

Martin. "Enjoy your retirement with your family."

The Tommy Webb Band entertained the crowd with bluegrass music, while cooks prepared hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Despite the entertainment and food, most of the crowd focused on Dr. Martin as they waited for an opportunity to thank him for choosing to practice medicine in Floyd County instead of moving to another part of the commonwealth, or another state, for more money.

Martin, full of energy and good

(See **RETIREMEN**, page seven)



Dr. Lowell D. Martin was all smiles as he made the rounds at a retirement party in honor of his 47 years of service to the people of Floyd County on July 30.


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Obituaries

Rosemary Castle Case

Rosemary Castle Case, 40, of Printer, died Sunday, August 2, 2009, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Born June 29, 1969, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late James and Emogene Wright Castle. She was a homemaker and a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church, in Drift. She is survived by her fiancé Timmy Martin. Other survivors include one son, Shane Lee Case of Indiana; one daughter, Anna Elisha Nicole Case of Indiana; four brothers: Doug Castle and Mike Castle, both of Hunter, Terry Castle of Allen; and Steven Castle of McDowell; and one sister, Kathy Ousley of Prestonsburg. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Ann Lawson. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 6, at 2 p.m.,

at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon, and others, officiating. Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery, in Drift. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Opal Clark

Opal Clark, 79, of Nicholasville, died Monday, July 27, 2009, in Nicholasville. She was the daughter of the late Matt and Liza Elswick Johnson. Survivors include one daughter, Deborah Newsome; three sons: Larry Clark, Steve Clark and Charles Clark Jr.; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild; three sisters, Lillie Ray, Freda Owens and Irene Johnson; four brothers: Estill, Bert, Charles and Freddie Wayne Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two children: Patrick and

Patricia Clark; one brother, Virgil Johnson; and her stepfather, Fred Johnson. Funeral services were held Friday, July 31, at 11 a.m., at Bets and West Funeral Home, in Nicholasville. Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinville. Visitation was at the funeral home. Online guestbook at www.betsandwestfuneral-home.com. Information, courtesy of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. (Paid obituary)

Ada Lou Combs

Ada Lou Combs, 54, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 31, 2009, at the Pkeville Medical Center. Born October 25, 1954, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Estill and Lucy Frazier Ousley. She was a housekeeping supervisor at Jenny Wiley Lodge. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Combs. Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, John Paul "Bear" (Crystal) Combs of Prestonsburg; a brother, Roy (Regina) Ousley of Morgan County; her sisters: Kay Ousley and Mary Jane (Avery) Goble, both of Prestonsburg; JoAnn (Chuck) Reynolds of Martin; and her grandchildren: Cheyenne and Nicholas Combs. Funeral services were held Monday, August 3, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Smith officiating. Burial was in the Combs-Meadows Cemetery, Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Alma Johnson

Alma Johnson, 80, of Kite, died Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the McDowell ARH. Born April 29, 1929, in Hall, she was the daughter of the late Francis Marion and Leanner Burke Johnson. She was a homemaker. Survivors include a brother, Ivan S. Johnson of Kite; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: El, Curt, Joe, Has, Britt, Will, and Harvey Johnson; and Essie Hager. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 5, at 11 a.m., at the residence on Arnold Fork, Kite, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Ben Hall Cemetery, Arnold Fork, Kite. Visitation is Monday, after 4 p.m., at the residence, and before services on Wednesday, with 7 p.m. services nightly. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Ronald Tackett

Services for Ronald B. Tackett, 59, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, were held in Rogers Funeral Home, Frankfort, at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2009. He died Saturday, August 1, 2009, in the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. He will be buried in the Frankfort Cemetery. (Paid obituary)

Glenda Sue Keene

Glenda Sue Keene, age 64, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2009, at the St. Joseph's Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She was born January 5,

1945, in Hi Hat, the daughter of the late Earl Joseph Keene and Lonnie Johnson Keene. She was from the Kentucky State Office of Administrative Services. She attended the Crestwood Baptist Church in Frankfort. Survivors include a daughter, Michelle Lynn Greenwell of Frankfort; her brothers: Teddy (Denise) Keene of Sadeville, and Bobby Joe (Glenda) Keene of Milan, Michigan; and one grandchild, Kristen L. Yates. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 4, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating. Burial was in the Newman Cemetery in Hi Hat. The family chose Hall Funeral Home to care for the arrangements. Pallbearers: Robert J. Keene, Evan Keene, Jeffrey M. Keene, Don H. Keene, Donald W. Johnson and Marvin G. Johnson. (Paid obituary)

Born January 6, 1950, in Floyd County, he was a graduate of Wheelwright High School, and was a former coal miner. He was a member of the UMWA, and the Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Clementene Roberts Tackett; two sons: Brian and Brent Tackett; three sisters: Lavonne "Sis" (James) Stanley, Norma Jean (Conrad) Isaac, and Brenda Stone; a brother, Donald Tackett; three grandchildren: Lacey Adaire Tackett, Jenna Renae Tackett, and Dylan Hunter Tackett; a brother-in-law: Charles Ballew; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Minnie Johnson Tackett; a sister, Ann Ballew; and a brother, Arthur Tackett. Visitation was at Rogers Funeral Home, Frankfort. (Paid obituary)


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Card Of Thanks

The family of Junior "Red" Martin 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 Larry Patton 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 JUNIOR "RED" MARTIN

Card Of Thanks

The family of Lena L. Bradley Hopkins would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman James Cluett Hall for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "Thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF LENA L. BRADLEY HOPKINS

Card Of Thanks

The family of Dolly Terry Turner would like to sincerely say, "Thank you," to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time; those who sent flowers, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergyman Jack Howard for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all, we say, "Thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF DOLLY TERRY TURNER

Card Of Thanks

The family of Mildred Spradlin Salisbury 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 Clergyman Bobby Lawson 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 love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF MILDRED SPRADLIN SALISBURY

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home personally, for taking such good care of Shawn Douglas Page; for being so considerate to the family. Thanks to all the ministers; to the ones who sent flowers and food; and to those who just set silently or said a prayer. Also for such great kindness of all the firefighters who showed such love for a fallen brother. Thanks to all the law enforcement officers for their help and compassion on the day of the funeral.

Juanita Page and Family

Card of Thanks

The family of John P. Bentley Sr. would like to thank each and every person who visited the funeral home, sent flowers, called to express their condolences or attended his funeral. Your generosity and support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. We thank you for taking the time to come and share in the remembrance of Dad. Although this is a sad time for all of us, we find comfort in knowing how fortunate he was to have friends and family such as yourselves. With sincere gratitude,
The Bentley Family

In Loving Memory, Dad



"Our Dad"
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Looking back through the years
Memories of a gentle man
Are among our treasures
His good advice made us strong
And his guidance helped us so
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Then he's the one we owe.
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That he's no longer around
When it comes to a kind man
None has been found
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And anything we tried to do
Never did repay.
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The value of his worth
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He expected nothing in return
For giving all he had
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Dear God,
Please help me, in my feeble way, to somehow do something each day to show my loved one who has passed away (April 24, 2009) only 3 months ago, today, that my faith in him stood each test. Let me show him in some small way the love I still have for him each day and prove beyond all my doubt and fear the love he had for me, I hold so dear.
All the happy memories go flitting through my mind. In all my thoughts and memories I always seem to find the picture of your face, the memory of your touch, and the little things I came to love so very much. I cannot go beyond my thoughts or get the love we had out of my mind. I will always keep you in my heart and forever in my mind. Although I may not have told you, I think you knew it was true that I found daily happiness just spending the time with you. There is happiness in knowing that my heart will always be a place where I can hold you and keep you near to me.
The stairway to heaven is too steep for me to climb. God let me have you for all those years so I could call you mine. I will be sleeping by your side when God calls me home. No pain, no sorrow, no tears shall be shed. I will be sleeping by your side forever in a peaceful, restful sleep. We will always be together in the sweet by and by.
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Buser named interim president of Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Boyd R. Buser, D.O., as interim president of the college.

"The board of trustees is extremely pleased Dr. Buser accepted this position. We have complete confidence he will do a wonderful job. He has our complete support," said Terry Dotson, chairman of the college's board of trustees.

Dotson also said the board will proceed in filling the need permanently and will be available to assist the college family in any way. Buser has served as vice president and dean of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine since 2007.

"I appreciate the confidence the board of trustees has demonstrated in appointing me to this interim position," said Buser. "I will do my best to help move the college forward as we search for our next president."

A native of Iowa, Buser received his bachelor's degree from the University



Boyd R. Buser, D.O.

of Iowa. After earning his osteopathic medical degree from the Des Moines (Iowa) University College of

Osteopathic Medicine in 1981, he went on to complete an osteopathic internship at the former Cranston General Hospital in Cranston, R.I. He is board certified in family practice as well as osteopathic manipulative medicine.

As past-president of the American Academy of Osteopathy, the New England Academy of Osteopathy, the Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA), and former chairman of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Dr. Buser maintains a leadership role within the osteopathic medical profession. A member of the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) Board of Trustees since 2004, he serves the AOA in a number of other capacities, including chairman of the Bureau of Emerging States' Concerns and member of the Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research. A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, in 2007 Buser was elected to the Current Procedural Terminology editorial panel by the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association.

He is the first D.O. to be elected to the panel. He is a member of the Kentucky Institute of Medicine and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

Buser has been active in the osteopathic profession internationally as well. He has taught extensively around the world over the past 15 years. He represented the American osteopathic profession in a number of World Health Organization (WHO) initiatives, including the WHO Congress on Traditional Medicine, held in Beijing, China, in 2008. He is also an officer of the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic International Alliance. Since earning his D.O. degree, Buser has received many awards for outstanding achievements within the osteopathic medical community. In 1994, the AOA, along with the American Osteopathic Foundation, named him the osteopathic profession's Educator of the Year. The Maine Osteopathic Association presented him with the Roswell Bates Award in 1994 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and 2007.

Rogers announces \$17.85 million to fight drugs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers announced Friday that the House of Representatives has approved \$17.85 million for a variety of drug interdiction and eradication programs that benefit southern and eastern Kentucky.

Through Rogers' leadership, Operation UNITE, drug enforcement operations in the Daniel Boone National Forest, nationwide prescription drug monitoring programs, and marijuana eradication efforts by the Kentucky National Guard all received funds this summer during consideration of the FY10 federal budget.

"I applaud the House for passing these important funding measures to rid our communities of drugs. As our region continues to tackle the epidemic of drugs, it is comforting to know that Operation UNITE and state and local law enforcement partners will be able to carry on their successful programs and rid our streets of drug pushers while drug users get the help they need," said Rogers. "The combination of crime investiga-

tors, church pastors, educators, and medical professionals has made a tremendous impact on our neighborhoods and has taught our young people of the serious dangers of drugs. Operation UNITE brings hope to our region as its vital work strengthens communities, offers addicts a way out, and encourages families to live drug free."

The following is a summary of the 2010 funding passed by the House of Representatives:

- \$4.45 million for Operation UNITE's law enforcement operations was included in the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill which passed on June 18, 2009. One of UNITE's priorities is creating drug task forces for interdiction, confiscation and undercover operations.
- \$2 million for Operation UNITE to continue its school substance abuse counseling, curriculum development, substance abuse treatment and voucher programs was included in the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services,

and Education Appropriations Bill passed on July 24, 2009. UNITE also organizes local citizens' groups, coordinates drug treatment programs, and works with educators to expand drug awareness programs in local schools in an effort to keep the region drug-free.

- \$7 million for the Hal Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to continue efforts throughout the country to monitor prescription drugs through state-sponsored purchase tracking programs was included in the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill which passed on June 18, 2009. With the rising numbers of people abusing prescription drugs and selling them illegally, this system operates in 33 states and allows law enforcement and the medical community to effectively monitor drug distribution and diversion.
- \$900,000 for marijuana eradication, methamphetamine lab disruption, and drug enforcement in the Daniel Boone National Forest was

included in the FY 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, which was approved by the House of Representatives on June 26, 2009. Law enforcement will work to keep this national treasure drug free and safe.

- \$3.5 million for the Kentucky National Guard to continue counter-drug efforts throughout the

Commonwealth was included in the FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill passed on July 30, 2009. The Kentucky National Guard is a critical part of state-wide drug prevention activities and is working hard to ensure that Kentucky is a better place to live as drugs are taken off the street.

These legislative measures await further action by the U.S. Senate.

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Duff Elementary hires new principal

EASTERN — Tonya Goodman, a Floyd County native, is the new principal at James A. Duff Elementary School.

"I feel very fortunate to be working with such a wonderful group of dedicated professionals at Duff," Goodman said. "Preparing children for the future is an awesome task and I'm glad to be working with people who understand that. I can't think of anything I would rather be doing with my life. God has blessed me in every part of my life and I am very thankful!"

Supt. Henry Webb praised Goodman: "Tonya's experiences and educational leadership will ensure a positive direction for the staff and students of Duff Elementary. We are excited by her dedication, enthusiasm, and her desire to continue the forward movement of Duff Elementary." Goodman earned her B.A. in elementary education from

Pikeville College and a master's degree and Rank I in instructional leadership from Morehead State University. Her educational experiences include teaching at Clark Elementary School for 10 years, serving as a member of the Technical Assistance and Support (TAS) team for one

year and then assistant principal at Duff and Allen Central Middle School, for eight years. Her husband Jack is principal at Adams Middle School. Together they have one son, Justin, who is 20 years old. Goodman is the daughter of Ishmael and Bonnie Bailey.



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On August 5, 6, and 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on WDOC 1310 AM, and Q95 WQHY; and August 8, from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m., on WDOC 1310 AM, and Q95 WQHY, we will be conducting our

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...
*My mother loved children—
 she would have given anything
 if I had been one.*
 — Groucho Marx

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Guest View A national ID

Not many people may have heard of the Real ID Act. Under the original law, passed by Congress with little or no public debate in 2005 in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, anyone who might be boarding an airliner in this country after Jan. 1, 2010, or entering a federal building, will need to present a "Real ID."

As a matter of principle, having to possess and show a standardized, tamper-resistant federal ID card is not a bad thing. It provides for a level of security, and it's something needed if workable immigration reform is to be achieved in this nation.

The 9/11 commission originally proposed the Real ID because 18 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers had obtained state driver's licenses—and used them to board planes on the day of the horrendous attacks. But since Real ID was enacted, states have been in open rebellion because of the costs of implementing the program. The National Governors Association has estimated the costs imposed on states to be as high as \$11 billion. So far, 13 states have passed laws refusing to implement Real ID, and others are considering doing so. In California, Sen. Gilbert Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, has introduced legislation to bring state law into compliance with Real ID.

The problem, as many others and we see it, is the procedures for obtaining a Real ID. Under the original law, every applicant for a driver's license would have to present to his or her state department of motor vehicles a verifiable birth certificate, a verifiable Social Security number, proof of address and proof of immigration status. This and other information would have to be digitized and entered into a database accessible to other states' motor vehicles departments.

Here are some of the major problems:

First, verifying all these documents would be extremely time consuming (meaning costly to state taxpayers) for state DMV workers. Also, many Americans do not have verifiable birth certificates issued in the United States.

Second, state motor vehicle department data is fairly widely accessible, though some states, such as California, have enacted laws to limit access to these data. However, privacy rights experts warn that data collected by states could turn into a treasure trove for identity thieves.

To avoid these problems, a modified program, Pass ID, has been introduced in the Senate. It still would require a secure national ID card, but it would be far less costly for states to implement because data such as birth certificates and home addresses would not have to be verified. Nor would states have to construct databases searchable nationwide.

Experience tells us Real ID in its original form never will be implemented. The revised proposal has its own flaws, but at least it provides a way to move forward. Congress should debate and approve an amended ID law.

— San Diego Union-Tribune



Letters Public health is the issue

A few years back I made the healthy, informed decision to quit smoking. Two years, five months, four days, and 12 hours to be exact, but who's counting? The main reason I gave up the habit was that I was tired of keeping myself awake at night wheezing. I thought, "Ok, if the sound of my own breathing is this obnoxious, perhaps I should quit smoking." A second reason, however, was that I could see the writing on the wall, and it was a "No Smoking" sign. We all know smoke is bad. There is no one on the planet who is disputing this fact. Sure there are those who debate just how bad it is, but everyone agrees, it's bad. I'm not going to waste column space boring you to death with endless data and statistics, on why smoking is bad. Instead, I'd like to try to sell you on another idea of why the city should pass this ordinance.

As of July 2009, 24 states have passed statewide smoking bans, including North Carolina. A "No Smoking" sign on Tobacco Road who'd of think? There are also 19 localities in Kentucky that have created some form of smoking ban.

After Lexington passed their smoking ban in 2004, cities and towns across the state started falling like dominoes. Parkersville and Pikeville have both passed some measure of a smoking ban, and now, after much urging by local activists, Prestonsburg and its leaders are considering following suit. That was until local leaders decided to start loading the ordinance up with exemptions in an effort to "protect the rights of business owners." Their stance is that, because smoking is legal, establishments should be able to choose for themselves whether or not to allow it. This argument is simply a diversion to take the emphasis off the real issue. The real issue is whether or not the city council will continue to allow one segment of the population to kill the rest of us.

Near the turn of the 20th century, a radical journalist named Upton Sinclair traveled to Chicago to investigate the misery of the working class, and expose their plight in a novel. But what he is remembered for is pointing a spotlight on the diseased conditions of the meat packing industry. "The Jungle" caused a public outcry that would help spur Congress to pass the Meat Inspection Act and the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906. Those in power looked at the industry, and rightly decided that there needed to be some regulation to insure the public health. There was undoubtedly some O'Reilly-esque conservative of the time who felt these acts were an unnecessary regulation of capitalism, but I think most of us agree, clean meat is a good thing. I like my steaks medium rare, free of tubercular bacteria.

Had Congress decided against regulating the meat packing industry, instead encouraging them to police their own, we would likely still be eat-

ing rotten meat. I don't know if you've followed the news in the last year, but American business doesn't exactly have a track record for making self-imposed changes that protect the consumer. If you doubt me, go take a look at your 401k to refresh your memory. In the history of this country, almost without exception, it falls upon the government to provide regulations and restrictions on business in order to protect the citizens. This ordinance represents an effort by the local government to affect the public health for good of all. There are some on the council, who would like to deflect the issue by trumpeting the rights of business owners. Don't let them. It's time to let our leaders know, that we're done eating rotten meat.

Jack Latta
 Prestonsburg

Smoke ban opponents employ 'smoke and mirrors'

As I express my opinion regarding the proposed smoke-free ordinance in Prestonsburg I want to make it quite clear that, as a former member of Prestonsburg City Council (1988-1994) I have great respect and understanding for the eight individuals who now sit on that side of the table. I encourage everyone to appreciate the dedication and commitment required to serve in a capacity as the "people's voice" in local government. During my six years such issues as the restaurant tax, liquor by the drink and Mayor-Council vs. Commission form of government were all debated and discussed and hard decisions were required of each of us sitting there. Therefore it is with a great understanding of your position that I write this letter.

As I see it, there are some clear issues of disagreement, in reality two major arguments that are being tossed out against the ordinance and one major argument in favor of the smoke-free ordinance.

First, those who are against the smoke-free ordinance want to point to this "intrusion" by government into private business. The argument would be that anyone who pays business taxes, fees and has a permit should be allowed to decide about whether to permit smoking in the business or not. My answer is that, as you read the voluminous laws of federal, state and local governments, you will find many instances where, for the good of the many, the government has established rules and regulations regarding business operations. I could cite numerous CFR, KRS, KAR and the Uniform Commercial Code which allows the much enjoyed free enterprise of our democracy. But let's just say that government regulating business is not anything new. And let us add that one of the roles of government and its elected representatives is to make laws that respect the rights of all citizens, not a select few (maybe

30 percent) who choose to smoke. The majority, not the minority, deserve the right to breathe "smoke-free" air. Any decision regarding law should consider the best interests of the majority of residents.

A second popular opinion is the entire issue of charitable gaming revenues and the dependence upon these by deserving local charities. This argument continues despite much evidence to the contrary. Surveys in communities that have gone smoke-free indicate no reduction in such revenues after the implementation of the ordinance. This includes sites in Kentucky and in Delaware. These independently commissioned surveys measure what has actually occurred, not just the fears of those who were opposed to the ordinance, and the surveys were based upon real numbers obtained in a reasonable time before and after the ordinance went into effect. The surveys do take into account underlying economic conditions and are published in respected scientific journals. I seriously doubt that those who enjoy bingo will stop playing for the inconvenience imposed by an ordinance that would simply require a short "break" from the game.

In summary, arguments one and two are presented by those who would use "smoke and mirrors" to confuse the issue and to open large gaps or "loopholes" in the implementation and enforcement of the law. The key word in these efforts is exemption. A weakened ordinance can appear to take small steps toward the goal but leave the issue completely unresolved. A good ordinance will be strong in its statement that the issue is not a business issue, not a political issue but is a public health issue that allows no exceptions or exemptions beyond those guaranteed within private residences or facilities as named in the original (first reading) ordinance. Anything beyond this sends the message that second-hand smoke is not an issue.

Therefore let's look at the facts about secondhand smoke and determine who should be protected. Secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. There is NO risk-free level of secondhand smoke. Many Prestonsburg residents do not smoke, but at least 70 percent are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke in workplaces and public places. Opponents of the smoke-free ordinance advocate that citizens have a choice as to whether to enter a "smoke-free" establishment and that the proprietor of that establishment should have the choice whether to permit smoking. With the documented knowledge about secondhand smoke, these arguments won't "hold water." Government must insure that the public can base its business choice upon quality of business product and quality of business service absent any issue of whether to walk through secondhand smoke in the process. Any limits of choice should fall upon the few, not the many.

Michael D. Vance
 Prestonsburg

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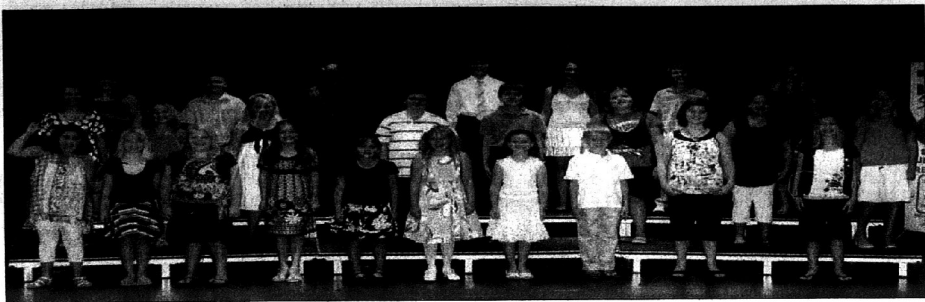
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:The Little Sandy Singers and Actors, a program of Big Sandy Community and Technical college, directed by Laura Ford Hall, performed on July 24. Pictured are the performers (front row, from left) Summer Peiphy, Shelby Damron, Allie Trusty, Kerrigan Campbell, Natalie McCoy, Jillian Howard, Amy Adkins, Pryce Atkinson, Sarah McCoart, Haley Damron (second row) Shabree Damron, Sydney May, Christina Pergam, P.J. Hall, Andrew Wright, Emily Damron, Kaitie Stepp, Kaitlyn Keener (third row) Leah Tackett, Justin Lovern, Mason McCoy, Andrew Fletcher, Rebekah Tackett, Jesse Osborne, and Tori Stepp.

Little Sandy Singers and Actors perform

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College presented the Little Sandy Singers and Actors in concert on July 24, at 7 p.m. in Gearheart Auditorium in the Pike Building on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The performance was presented by the children participating in BSCTC's annual summer Children's Music and Drama Camp under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC Assistant Professor of Communication and Music and Drama Director. Assisting Hall were Clayton Case, Alyson McKenzie, Candace Preece, Lindsey Small, Wade Robinson, and Sarah Adams. Timothy Cooley served as Technical Director for the production.

"The children named themselves the Little Sandy Singers," Hall said. "Having seen and heard the Big Sandy Singers, they asked if they could be the Little Sandy Singers."

The children are from all over the Big Sandy region, representing Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties.

Twenty-six children participated in the camp this summer where they learned basic and concepts of vocal music as well as a drama/acting component. They applied all of the concepts they learned during the live production that included choral music "Circle of Life" from the Lion King, "Seasons of Love" from Rent, "Spish Splash," "Car Wash," "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone," and more. The students also performed comedy skits in the form of monologues, duos and short plays.

The performance also featured a Michael Jackson tribute by student Jesse Osborne and a gospel music segment.

"The workshop this summer was fun, memorable, and full of talent," said Hall. "It was a blessing to get to work with

every child and I look forward to working with them even more as they grow."

The BSCTC Music Program looks forward to upcoming events including the Big Sandy Singers new album release in October and the Singers' performance in Dollywood on Aug. 13. The ladies' community singing groups InHarmony and Serenade will start again on Aug. 31st, and the Big Sandy Idol program will begin auditions and shows in each of our region's high schools in Sept.

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Rally

amount of greenhouse gases that can be emitted from coal-fired power plants and forces companies to purchase permits for the right to burn carbon emitting fuel, a part of the plan critics say could cause a drastic increase in power bills for the everyday consumer and make burning coal impractical for these companies.

Many present at Saturday's rally said coal is inextricably intertwined in the society and economy of Eastern Kentucky, and damage to the industry is bad for the region.

Mike Eversole, of Perry County, works for International Coal Group and said he attended the rally to show his support for the industry and the jobs it provides. He noted that he couldn't predict what the cap-and-trade bill would do to the industry, but if the mining of coal halts, so does the economy of Eastern Kentucky.

"If there wasn't coal there wouldn't be electricity," he said. "There wouldn't be a whole lot of other stuff, because about everything ties into coal. Not only that, but wherever there was coal mines in the towns, it would hurt the economy."

The rally was held on a former surface mining site near Hindman, and many made note of the fact that the Sportsplex itself is being paid for by coal severance funds. The Perry County Fiscal Court had on display several items used within the county paid for by coal severance receipts, such as one of the ambulances used at the Perry County Ambulance Authority, as a display of how coal mining had made an impact on the services local government can provide.

Mixed in with the miners and their families were several local and state politicians, both Democrat and Republican, from several counties in Kentucky, and they all had something to say about the effects cap-and-trade would have on the everyday consumer's wallet.

"The administration in Washington with the cap-and-trade bill, they're after us. All they're doing is a hidden tax," said Democratic state Rep. Fitz Steele, of Hazard. "We're going to pay 25 to 40 percent higher at least in energy prices, not counting our food and fuel prices, and not counting when people get laid off and lose jobs. We're going to have to help take care of them, too, which means other programs will be cut on down the line. It will be a domino effect."

State Sen. Brandon Smith, a Republican from Hazard, noted that party and county line politics didn't seem to play in Saturday's rally.

"People are all together for one cause, that we obviously

want to impact or shape the cap-and-trade issue where it doesn't just wipe us out," he said, adding that coal could lead the country down a path to energy independence. "Everybody complains about us, wanting us to be fuel independent, and yet we're purchasing oil and borrowing money from countries that hate us. The only thing we have that every side has looked at and said it could make us independent is coal, and we've turned our back on it."

State Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, had some harsh words for the Democratic leadership in Washington, saying House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid don't have the best interests of Eastern Kentuckians in mind.

"There's people in Washington named Pelosi and Reid. I want you to remember those names," Stivers told the crowd, "because anybody that walks up there, and they want to sit here and say they want to talk the talk, and they're going to walk up to Washington and walk the walk with them, they're not walking the walk with us."

Several other speakers were included in Saturday's rally, including Perry County Judge Executive Denny Ray Noble, Kentucky Coal Executive Randy Thompson, and state Rep. Keith Hall.

Haven King with Coal Mining Our Future noted that Saturday's rally was in part a gauge to see how much support the coal industry could muster for a later rally in Washington, D.C. According to King, the estimated 15,000 people who showed up this past weekend illustrated that there is enough interest in traveling to the nation's capital to hold a similar event.

"We've got plans to go to Washington," King said, noting that the next rally will be held after Congress comes back into session. "They come back Sept. 7, so we're trying to plan around that and see."

Hundreds of people have already signed up and said they will attend the rally in Washington, and King added that his group has been in contact with coal associations in several other states in an attempt to gain more support. King said for local residents, he believes transportation will be provided to the nation's capital, and those interested can email Coal Mining Our Future at info@coalminingourfuture.net for details.

"We've got the interest, we saw that the people came together," he added. "Those people were fired up because I think they're realizing Congress is moving too fast, and we need to slow them



An estimated 15,000 people attended Saturday's rally in support of the coal industry at the Knott County Sportsplex. Photo by Chris Ritchie

down." Eventually the country needs to move to use more renewable energy, and everyone realizes this fact, King continued.

"We're not against renew-

able energy," he explained, adding that the country should move to make wind and solar technology more efficient. He also added that the country should have moved to utilize coal-to-fuel technology 30

years ago as well.

King said he thinks eventually some political campaigns in the state could hinge on the coal issue, and he doesn't see how people from Eastern Kentucky could overwhelm-

ingly vote for candidates taking the anti-coal stance.

"I don't see how someone from Eastern Kentucky could vote for someone that's against coal," he said. "Without coal, you know what we'd be."



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Goodwill, Family Circle holding back-to-school clothing drive

SOMERSET — To ensure that every child goes back to school in style this year, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky and "Family Circle" have teamed up to launch a 5 million pound clothing drive, which will run from Saturday, Aug. 1, through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The partnership will be featured in the September issue of Family Circle, the magazine's first-ever issue dedicated to a back-to-school theme, as well as www.shopfamilycircle.com, the brand's new e-commerce destination.

Family Circle and Goodwill invite parents to put their gently-used adult and kids' clothes to work by donating them so that another child can have a "new to them" outfit for their first day of school. The donated items will be sold at more than 36 Goodwill retail stores throughout Kentucky, making affordable clothing available to families on budgets. The program will also generate revenue that funds Goodwill's job training programs and career services to help families achieve economic success.

"Not only is donating to

Goodwill a great way to clean out closets and teach your children about gratitude, responsibility, and the opportunity to help others, but your donation will help fund Goodwill's job training, employment counseling, and adult literacy programs for people with disabilities or other disadvantages," said Ken Bean, vice president of the Cumberland Division of Goodwill Industries of Kentucky.

Readers can help Goodwill and Family Circle reach their five million pound goal by attaching the coupon from the magazine's September issue with their clothing contribution. The coupon can also be downloaded and printed from www.shopfamilycircle.com/goodwill, where readers can find helpful information about organizing their own back-to-school clothing drives.

"The Family Circle community is always looking for ways to give back and get involved," said Carey Witmer, publisher of Family Circle. "Partnering with Goodwill — both in the magazine and on our new e-commerce destination — is a great way to give our readers the tools to help families in need."

Center

program director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, Shelli Deskins, Ph.D., director of the Highlands Center for Autism, was pleased with the opening. "It was quite a successful day," Deskins said. "I am confident that our children will make great progress and that we will grow quickly. We've

assembled a talented group to work wonderfully with the children. We are fortunate to have a president and CEO, and members of the board of directors, who recognized the critical need and took swift action to make this a reality." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 150 children in the United States is

born with autism, and a limited number of treatment services and facilities are available nationwide. The Highlands Center for Autism currently has the ability to accommodate up to 20 students, and hospital officials expect the center to grow in the future. "We hope to see the center grow and create additional components that will one day

position it to become a regional and national resource for the diagnosis and treatment of children with autism, said Harold C. Warman Jr., president and CEO of Highlands Health System. "Highlands is proud to lead the way in Kentucky, to treat children

with autism. It's been exciting for all of those who have worked on the center and watched it come together. Now, they remain excited for its future growth and success, and especially excited for the many lives the Center for Autism is sure to touch."

Fall registration begins Aug. 11 at Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE — Open registration for the fall 2009 semester at Pikeville College will be held Aug. 17-20. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 19. New student registration is being held now through Aug. 11 in the lobby of Booth Auditorium in the Record Memorial Building. Students who have not pre-registered will need to contact the office of Admissions for an appointment. "We've worked hard to streamline the process for students as they come to Pikeville

College for the fall semester," said Tom Hess, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. "We've reduced wait times and the number of lines." For more information about fall registration at Pikeville College, call the Office of Admissions at (606) 218-5251. A complete list of fall class offerings, the course catalog and other helpful information is available online at www.pc.edu.

Burglary

Among those items were a Playstation 3, a Dell laptop computer, various collectible lighters and an extensive knife collection. The open case had remained somewhat dormant for the past several weeks until recently some photographs were taken of a number of the knives and later shown to Newsome, who identified them as belonging to him.

Wheelwright police officer Randy Johnson said the unnamed individual was shown the knives and had knowledge of the burglary, which led him to Newsome, according to statements. A warrant was issued and Johnson, along with Lt. Gary Tackett and Sgt. Delmas Johnson with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department visited the home of Jimmy Perry Jr., another Wheelwright resident. "When we got there he (Jimmy Perry Jr.) was under a pile of clothes," Johnson said. "The Playstation and some of the knives were located in the living room and they were also covered in clothes."

A further search of the attic of the home revealed a Playstation console stuffed with the game system and the other knives that were not found in the living room dur-



These items were recovered following investigation into a burglary taking place at Wheelwright on July 4. A father and son have been charged with receiving stolen property, but a suspect for the burglary is still being sought.

ing the initial search. Police initiated the search at approximately 7:30 p.m. Saturday night and finished some two hours later, recovering a total of 63 collectible knives and the missing Dell laptop, along with the other items.

Perry's father, Jimmy Perry Sr., was also taken into custody at the residence. After questioning, the father and son allegedly told police they had purchased the items from an as of yet

unnamed individual and were consequently charged with receiving stolen property. Both Perry Jr. and Perry Sr. said the items were bought about a week after Newsome reported the burglary to police.

Now the investigation will shift focus in seeking a suspect to connect to the July 4 burglary itself. "There will be more arrests pending," Johnson said Saturday. "We'll be continuing the investigation through to a conclusion from this point."

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Retirement

cheer, was surrounded by well-wishers for a solid two hours as he made his way around the crowd dispensing hugs and laughs. "I won't miss the paperwork, but I will miss every single patient," Martin said. "It makes me feel like I'm going to my own funeral, but I'm still very much alive. You can enjoy it better that way." While many people on the verge of retirement have specific plans about what they are going to do once they say goodbye to their careers,

Martin said he isn't so sure about what the future might hold. "I'm just going to lay back," Martin said. "I may teach some. I've always liked to teach." After hearing testimonies from friends and family, Martin was presented with gifts from Dr. Chandra Varia, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson, Kathy Stumbo and Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

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There were 369 motor vehicle fatalities and 202 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Eighteen pedestrians

have been killed. Fifty fatalities involved a motorcycle and seven fatalities involved an ATV. A total of 100 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

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All three men were lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center following their arrests. The case remains under investigation by Police Department, the Prestonsburg Attorney General's Office is also assisting in the investigation.

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Seniors lead Betsy Layne girls' team in summer play

Reynolds headed into second season as head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Defending 58th District girls' basketball champion Betsy Layne played 22 games as part of its summer season. The Lady Cats played 11 games prior to participating in the Georgetown College team camp. Betsy Layne played 11 games during the

Georgetown camp, which featured girls' high school basketball squads from across the state.

Dévon Reynolds is headed into her second season as Betsy Layne head coach. Betsy Layne finished the 2008-09 season 16-9. Eventual champion Johnson Central defeated Betsy Layne 42-19 in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals.

"Our girls did well this summer," Reynolds said late last week. "During the summer games we were able to consistently play nine girls. All nine girls have the capa-

bility of playing a lot of minutes and this is especially important to our style of play. Our seniors — Megan Hamilton, Lindsey Martin, Faith Reynolds and Amby Tackett — played well this summer. I was impressed with the play of our seniors and their efforts."

Hamilton will enter her senior season touted as one of the top girls' high school basketball players in Eastern Kentucky.

"Megan had a great summer playing some of the best ball I have seen her play," Reynolds commented. "She

has an incredible amount of talent and I really think she is going to shine during her senior year."

Last season, Hamilton averaged 16.9 points and 3.9 steals per game.

Martin has developed into a proven floorleader for the Lady Cats.

"Lindsey Martin is a great point guard who doesn't get the recognition she deserves," Reynolds added. She is the true definition of a leader by example."

Last season, Martin averaged 4.1 assists and less than one turnover per game. She

also averaged nine points per outing.

Faith Reynolds is an emerging post player for the Lady Cats.

"If center/forward Faith Reynolds carries her play from the summer over into the season she will definitely have a great senior year and will make a big impact on our game," Reynolds said.

Tackett is a talented newcomer for tradition-rich Betsy Layne.

"Amby Tackett is an addition to our team this season," Reynolds noted. She is a great shooter, can handle the

ball well and played well during our summer games."

Junior Taylor Hott — one of Eastern Kentucky's most underrated girls' high school basketball players — averaged 17 points and over three steals per game for Betsy Layne last season.

Taylor is a tremendous defensive player as well as one of our top offensive threats," Reynolds added. "Taylor was named to the WYMT all mountain defensive team this past season."

Betsy Layne is scheduled to host Allen Central in a 58th District opener Dec. 4.

UK star Meeks to appear in Pike, Knott

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Former University of Kentucky stand-out Jodie Meeks will visit Eastern Kentucky next week for a series of autograph sessions in Pike and Knott counties. Meeks is set to do autograph sessions August 15 at Wal-Mart in Pikeville from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., the Knott County Sportsplex from 2-4 and at Pikeville High School from 6-8. Meeks set the single game UK scoring record last season with 54 points against the Tennessee Volunteers. The Milwaukee Bucks drafted Meeks in the second round of the NBA Draft.

Meeks set the single game scoring record on January 13 at the University of Tennessee and led the Wildcats to a 90-72 victory. That night saw the Norcross, Georgia native hit a school record 10 three-pointers. He broke the record of 53 points Dan Issel set in a game against Ole Miss.

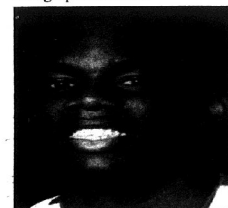
The 6-4 Meeks left the University of Kentucky early to enter the NBA draft. He recently completed play in the NBA Summer League where he averaged over 16 points per game.

Meeks began his career at the University of Kentucky by earning freshman All-America honors. He averaged 22.1 points per game and led the team in free throw shooting as its first sub off the bench. His sophomore year was lost largely to injury, but he still managed to average 8.8 points per game. He lost 20 games of the season to a variety of injuries including a hip flexor strain and a stress fracture of the pelvis area.

"Getting Jodie to come to Eastern Kentucky is a great thing for our local basketball fans," said David Clevenger of BCI Basketball. "He will sign autographs for the two-hour period at each location. Admission won't be charged for the events, but those that attend the event will be expected to purchase memorabilia to secure an autograph."

"The autograph signing is one of a number of special basketball events that Kentucky BCI Basketball is committed to bringing to the region. Events like these show our commitment to the youth basketball market and give local families a chance to create lifetime memories."

Wal-Mart of Pikeville, Total Pharmacy Care of Pikeville, Potter Medical Clinic of Lackey and Kentucky BCI Basketball are sponsoring the autograph sessions.



JODIE MEKS

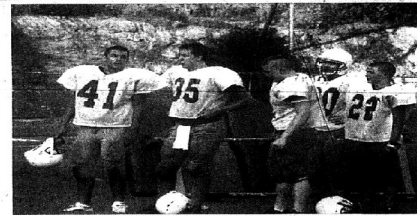


photos by Steve LeMaster

REBEL FOOTBALL

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL COACH JEREMY HALL (pictured above) put his team through a practice session Thursday evening. Allen Central is a Class A team on the rise.

The Rebels feature one of the most productive rushing attacks in Class A. Allen Central ended the 2009 season 7-4.



Grigsby to guide Floyd athletic department

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Longtime Floyd County educator Pete Grigsby Jr. is in the early stages of a three-month break. Grigsby recently retired from his position as Floyd County Schools Assistant Superintendent. Following a mandatory three-month stint away from the board office, Grigsby will begin work as Floyd County Schools Athletic Director Nov. 1. His three-month break started Aug. 1.

Former Floyd County AD Keith Henry will work with Grigsby out of an assistant role. Before Aug. 1, Grigsby had the opportunity to meet with some of the school ADs and coaches in the Floyd County system. He plans to meet with all of them when he

gets back on the job in November.

"I'm looking forward to getting started," Grigsby said. "It's important that we build a foundation of participation — organization from top to bottom — with the high school coach in each sport as the leader while emphasizing to build for the future. There's so many benefits that come from athletics."

Grigsby, who has earned KHSAA Court of Honor recognition, played basketball at the University of Kentucky under legendary coach Adolph Rupp following a brilliant career at Martin High School. The Floyd County native made a name for himself in the coaching ranks as he led the McDowell High School boys' basketball program to statewide prominence as a head coach.



PETE GRIGSBY



STREET FIGHTS WINNER

Adam Adkins of Hueysville powered his Chevy S-10 pickup to the winner's circle as the winner of the No. 2 Bracket of the Bristol Street Fights Sweet 16 on July 23. Pictured from left to right are J.W. Kinzer, Adam Adkins, Crew Chief Jerry Rice, Burl Scott and David May.

Pools set for Food City Summer Slam

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School volleyball program will host the Food City Summer Slam Aug. 14-15. The high school volleyball tournament will be held at four gyms — Prestonsburg High School, James D. Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg Elementary School and Allen Central. This year's Food City Summer Slam will feature the following teams — Prestonsburg, Perry County Central, Phelps, Whitley County, Bath County, Allen Central, Harrison County, Magoffin County, Hazard, Harrison County, South Floyd, Belfry, Piarist, Middlesboro, Ashland, Betsy Layne, Letcher County Central, Lawrence County, Cordia and Pike County Central.

A breakdown of the pools for the Food City Summer Slam follows.

Pool 1 — Prestonsburg, Perry County Central, Phelps, Whitley County, Bath County.

Pool 2 — Allen Central, South Laurel, Magoffin County, Hazard, Harrison County.

Pool 3 — South Floyd, Belfry, Piarist, Middlesboro, Ashland.

Pool 4 — Betsy Layne, Letcher County Central, Lawrence County, Cordia, Pike County Central.

After pool play is completed in the tournament, Gold and Silver brackets will be posted at the respective sites. The brackets will be determined by pool play (top two teams from each pool, plus the two highest third-place teams will advance to gold bracket; the two remaining third-place teams will join the last two teams from each pool in the Silver bracket).

Pairings for the tournament will appear in Friday's edition.

BSV Conference sets preseason grid pairings

Fourteen teams to compete during 2009 season

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Big Sandy Valley Middle School Football Conference has announced Saturday, Aug. 22 as the date for its annual preseason grid. Hazard will serve as host for the event. For the second straight season, the conference has been split up into large and small school divisions. Fourteen teams from Eastern Kentucky make up the conference. The large school division includes Letcher Central Eighth, Johnson Central Eighth, Martin County, Perry County and Belfry. The small school division is comprised of Prestonsburg (Adams), Hazard, Paintsville, Letcher County, IV and Johnson County Seventh. Several schools have rejoined the conference including Betsy Layne, Magoffin County,

(See GRID, page nine)

Leachman Buick, Pontiac & GMC extends golf sponsorship

TIMES STAFF REPORT
LEXINGTON — Leachman Buick, Pontiac & GMC has extended its sponsorship of the KHSAA State Golf Championships through 2010. The decision received final approval from the KHSAA Board of Control at its regular July meeting. Leachman's original contract was signed in 2004 and included title sponsorship of the event from 2004-06. The company extended the contract in 2005 for three additional years through 2009. "Leachman Buick, Pontiac & GMC is a quality company and it has been a pleasure to be associated with individuals like Bill Leachman and David Jagers," said KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries. "Their leadership has

been vital to the success of the outstanding relationship between Leachman and the KHSAA. Leachman shares the vision and values of the KHSAA and we hope to continue these relationships." Both the boys and girls tournaments will remain at the Bowling Green Country Club through 2010. This year's KHSAA State Golf Championships are scheduled for Oct. 5-7 (boys) and Oct. 9-10 (girls). Leachman Buick & GMC has been the title sponsor of the KHSAA State Golf Championships since 2004. The 2009 boys' and girls' golf regular seasons started Monday, Aug. 3. Volleyball headed back to Bellarmine in 2010; The KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament will return to a

familiar venue in 2010 as the Association Board of Control approved Bellarmine University in Louisville as the host site. Bellarmine has played host to the event on three occasions, most recently in 2008. The 2009 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament will be played Oct. 30-31 at Regents Hall on the campus of Northern Kentucky University.

KHSAA CALENDAR
Aug. 10: Sports Safety Work Group Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington.
Aug. 26: HYPE Student Leadership Conference, Heritage Hall, Lexington.
Sept. 22: KHSAA Annual Meeting of Delegates, Lexington Center, Lexington.

201 Speedway stop up next for BOB Modified Series

Hindman driver Jason Hall ranks seventh in points standings

TIMES STAFF REPORT
LOUISVILLE — The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series presented by Graphic Impressions will return to competition this weekend on Saturday when the tour makes its second stop of the 2009 season at the Chuckie May-promoted 201 Speedway in Sitka for a 30-lap, \$1,500-to-win feature race. The upcoming Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series event at 201 Speedway will include a full program of practice, Racing Optics time trials, REAL Racing Wheels qualifying heats, B-Mains and the 30-lap, \$1,500-to-win Modified Mania A-Main. Super Late Models, Bombers, and Four Cylinders will also be back in competition Saturday night at

the Johnson County track. The pit area will open at 3 p.m. Saturday evening. The general admission area open at 4. The drivers meeting will take place at 6:30 with practice starting at 7, followed by time trials and green flag racing. Ticket prices will be \$12 in the general admission area and \$25 in the pit area. The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series has made 10 previous appearances at 201 Speedway. Previous event winners include Jimmy Payne (2004), Joey Kramer (twice in 2005, 2007, twice in 2008, June 2009), Don Adams (2006, 2007) and Tommy Bailey (2006). The A-Main purse for the Saturday night's race is as follows: 1st-\$1,500, 2nd-\$700, 3rd-\$500, 4th-\$400, 5th-\$350, 6th-\$300, 7th-\$275, 8th-\$250, 9th-\$225, 10th-\$200, 11th-\$180, 12th-\$160, 13th-\$150, 14th-\$140, 15th-\$130, 16th through 22nd-\$125. One of the state's top tracks, 201 Speedway is a 14 mile high-banked red clay oval promoted by former Super Late Model racer Chuckie May. The track is located 5.4 miles North of US 23 on State Road 201, just North of the Sitka community, just outside

of Paintsville. The Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series sanctions regional Open Wheel Modified events at tracks in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series Points Standings
1. Joey Kramer (Hanover, Ind.)-1,332
2. Bryan Barber (Greensburg)-1,321
3. J.T. Ayers (New Haven)-1,153
4. Don Adams (London)-1,143
5. Kelly Warren (Columbia)-1,108
6. Randy Turpin (Lebanon)-1,052
7. Jason Hall (Hindman)-1,037
8. Elliott Despain (Campbellsville)-904
9. Russ Gabbert (Berea)-887
10. Dennis Roberson (Lexington)-747

2009 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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



Rick Williams (Beckley, W.Va.) took the win Saturday night in the rain-shortened Pops 40 Late Model feature race at 201 Speedway. Williams (left) is pictured with 201 Speedway owner Chuckie May.

Williams prevails in shortened Late Model feature race

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Rick Williams was out in front on lap 23 on Saturday night when 201 Speedway officials were forced to call the Pops 40 Late Model feature race due to rain. Williams, who finished second to top qualifier Terry Hicks in the first Late Model heat, captured his first 201 Speedway feature win. Hicks finished second. Greg Oliver, Brandon Kinzer and Shannon Thornsberry made up the remainder of the top-five. Hicks continues to lead in the Late Model division points standings.

Jason Hall claimed the win in the Open Wheel Modified feature race.

First Late Model Heat: (Top 5 Transfer); 9-Terry Hicks; 12-Rick Williams; 47-Greg Oliver; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 25-Cowan Kinney; 27-Chris Combs; 33-Kevin Wagner; 01-Arnie Fields; 64-Chris Adams.

Second Late Model Heat (Top 5 Transfer); 18-Joel Perkins; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 99-David Powers; 12D-Daniel Williams; 16-Anthony Adams; 8-Jamie Slone; 11-D.J. Wells; 92-Bo Howard; 32-Mike Esterp.

Third Late Model Heat: (Top 5 Transfer); 13-Jamie Ferguson; 18-Brandon Kinzer; 81-Brandon Fouts; 91-Jim Perkins; 18-Eric Wells; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 25-Cowan Kinney; 16-Anthony Adams; 11-D.J. Wells; 81-Rod Evans; 99-David Powers; 32-Mike Esterp.

First Open Wheel Heat: 911-Jason Hall; 62-Joel Jensen; 33-Corey McKenzie; 21-Jim Barnett; 28M-Kevin Mayabb; 46-Dennis Deboard; 23-Courtney Conley; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 23-Keith Tincher; 4-Gabe Conley.

Second Open Wheel Heat: 117-Jimmy Arnett; 41-Mike Howard; 0-Jimmy Collins; 11-Pete Castle; 9-Jim Lemaster; 30-William Hensley; A17-Alan Salisbury.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 911-Jason Hall; 117-Jimmy Arnett; 62-Joel Jensen; 0-Jimmy Collins; 28M-Kevin Mayabb; 30-Jimmy Collins; 11-Pete Castle; 23-Courtney Conley; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 21-Jim Barnett; 46-Dennis Deboard; A17-Alan Salisbury; 12-Kevin Harkins; 33-Corey McKenzie; 9-Jim Lemaster; 41-Mike Howard; 4-Russell Conley.

Bomber Qualifying: 327-Chase Adams 17:44; 3-Scott Lemaster 17:73; P2C Ervin Vance, 17:73; 77-Harley Hall 17:58.

First Bomber Heat: P2C Ervin Vance; 327-Chase Adams; A17-Driver name unavailable; P12 Dean Pennington; 43-James Stack; 44-Gary Jennings; 45-Tim Mason.

Second Bomber Heat: 73-Charlie Muller; 77-Harley Hall; 51-Greg Matthews; 24-Jimmy Johnson; 15-Colby Taylor; 35-Ronnie Maynard; 33-Oscar Marshall.

Third Bomber Heat: 3-Scott Lemaster; 29-Alan Turner; 37H-Greg Hensley; 45A-Andy Mason; 2-Haskell Lockard; 27-Matthew Hollins.

Four Cylinder Heat: 37-Alan Osborne; 18K-D.D. Hensley; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 7K-Kinsy Patton; 43-Jason Paige; 7-Derek Coleman; 7B-Bryson Patton.

10th Anniversary Youth Hunt Squirrel Hunt/Campout scheduled for Aug. 14-15

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization 10th Anniversary Youth Hunt Squirrel Hunt/Campout will be held Aug. 14-15 at the newly-opened German Bridge Campground. Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Floyd County Fiscal Court, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and Officers and the Kentucky Hunter Education Association are hosting the 10th annual event. The squirrel hunt/campout will feature young hunters in the following age groups: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 — the next generation of the outdoors — fishing, hunting and camping. The event is free to everyone.

All youth attending the event must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. In addition, all youth must be registered for the event by 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 15. The activities will start after lunch. The list of events will include BB Gun Shoot, Turkey Calling (bring your own call), Archery, Bow and Crossbow, Canoeing and Fishing (bring your own fishing equipment). Prizes and trophies will be awarded for all events. Jamie Cook from the Sitka Museum will be at the squirrel hunt/campout with birds and snakes. All participants must bring their own camping and hunting equipment. Hunters ages 12 and older will be permitted to hunt with a shotgun. Those ages 12 and older must have a Kentucky hunter license. All federal and state laws and WMA regulations will apply.

Door prizes will be given away to all age groups along with a hat. Youth ages 7-15 will have an opportunity to win a shotgun.

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Johnson County to host Back to School Festival

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PAINTSVILLE — Johnson County Youth Baseball/Soccer League will host the Back to School Festival Saturday, Aug. 8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on the campus of Johnson Central High School. Events will include dunk booth, corn hole, inflatables, yard sale, face painting, pie throwing contest and cake walk.

The festival events will include a home run derby fastest runner contest and guess your pitching speed. Tickets must be purchased to enter each event and prizes will be awarded.

The league will conduct fall ball registration (\$20) on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Grid

Allen and Allen Central all of which will be included in the small school division. The preseason grid will kick off at 11 a.m. Pairings are as follows: 11:15 a.m.—Allen Central vs. Magoffin County; 12:30 p.m.—Paintsville vs. Letcher IV; 1:45 p.m.—Beltry vs. Letcher Eighth; 3 p.m.—Betsy Layne vs. Allen; 4:15 p.m.—Adams vs. Johnson County Eighth; 5:30 p.m.—Hazard vs. Johnson County Eighth. In another grid game, Perry County will host Martin County in a game set for a 3 p.m. kickoff.

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Help Wanted. Part-time retail, perfect for lady who doesn't want to work full time. Some dusting, sweeping, stocking, computer checkout, other retail duties. Call 886-9995 for further info. Retail experience preferred. Pay will depend on experience.
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Real Estate

Jack Hyden estate. Approx. 128 X 188 lot w/3 houses. Corner of Rt 1428 and S. Central Ave. Large brick home w/hardwood throughout. Ideal for professional office. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$425,000. Call Judy at 886-9668.
Notice of property for sale. Eight acres more or less property for sale at the mouth of Bull

House

Public Notice
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Jason J. Collins. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Hi Hat Discount. The nature of the business will be Games; location is Hi Hat, Ky. 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 August 20, 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.
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Floyd County Board of Education Seeking Consultant for Grant Writing
The Floyd County Board of Education is seeking a talented individual to contract with the district as a consultant for grant writing. This opportunity offers the flexible equivalent of (100) eight hour days of employment plus associated travel costs including mileage. The contract is for two (2) years with continuation of a third year contingent upon grant funding received by the district. As this is a consulting contract, no benefit package is included.
Qualifications: Candidates should possess:
• The ability to seek and secure grant opportunities appropriate to the organization's vision, mission and goals.
• Excellent written communication skills with emphasis on writing persuasively and editing.
• Proficient skills in research, interpreting and analyzing diverse data.
• Interpersonal skills and expertise in working collaboratively and independently.
• The ability to multi-task in an organized and expedient manner and meet establish deadlines.
• The ability to plan, prioritize and exercise sound judgment.
• Proficient computer skills, either PC or MAC, with standard electronic office applications.
Responsibilities: Primary responsibilities include conducting the full range of activities required to prepare and submit grant applications, complying with all grant reporting requirements and maintaining files and records.
Education: A BS or BA degree is preferred but not required. Successful experience in the grants field will be considered on an equal basis with post-secondary education.
Salary: \$26,557
Resumes: Hard copy resumes may be mailed to the Department of Human Resources, Floyd County Schools, 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.
Please forward electronic resumes to: phil.paege@floyd.kyschools.edu
The Floyd County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, or disability in employment, educational programs, or activities as set forth in Title IX & VI, and in Section 504.

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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 Lawrence Wilburn. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Carroll Lane 7-11 Club. The nature of the business will be Dancing, Pool Tables and Video Games; location is 101 Carroll Lane, Harold, Ky. 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 August 20, 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.
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Office space for rent, 3,000 sq ft, 2 bath, 19 individual rooms suitable for professional office. Call 794-6204 for more information. Located on 1320 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. Downtown from Jerry's.

Rentals

APARTMENT

Renovated apartments in downtown Martin. Good location and parking. Deposit required & references. Call 358-3072 10am-5pm Mon-Sat.

1 BR apartment for rent. Utilities & appliances furnished. Located between Prestonsburg & Painville. No pets. No parking. \$550 per month \$250 deposit. Call 791-6016.

Apartment for rent. Located above Unigson on US 23 at level, 2 br, 1 bath, \$400 month plus \$400 deposit. 1 year lease. No pets. Call 606-478-8100.

Large apartment for rent. Located on US 23 at Stanville, 2 br, 2 bath, walk in closet. Large living room area. 1 yr lease. NO PETS. \$650 per month \$650 security deposit. Call 606-478-8100.

For rent: 1 br apartment. Newly renovated. Suitable for single person. Call 358-9483.

Furnished apartments for rent. Utilities included.

No pets. Located in Prestonsburg. Call 886-8366. Nice 1 br apartment. Partially furnished. Located on Ky Rt 321 between Highland hospital & Prestonsburg, Ky. Downtown from Jerry's. Central heat / air with washer / dryer hookup. \$325 month. References and deposit required. Seniors welcome. Call 799-5973.

1 BR apartment for rent. Located in Prestonsburg. \$375 month plus utilities and deposit. Call 889-6510.

2 BR apartment for rent. Located in Prestonsburg. \$700 per month includes utilities. Also 1 br, 1 bath. Located at Pike/Floyd line near US 23. Quiet neighborhood, ideal for student or working couple. \$500 per month. Call 886-9158 or 226-9472.

2 Br, 1 bath apt for rent. Central heat / air. No pets and no dogs. Located at Pike/Floyd line near US 23. Quiet neighborhood, ideal for student or working couple. \$500 per month. Call 886-9158 or 226-9472.

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For rent: 2 br, 1 bath newly remodeled. Located at Martin. \$ 600 month plus \$500 deposit. Call 606-367-19 or 367-1605.

Sm furnished mobile home for rent. Located at Mtn Parkway on old 114. Call 886-8724.

2 Br mobile home for rent. Washer / dryer hookup. Central heat and air. Located on Cliff road. Call 886-3047 or 226-3047.

Special FHA Financing Program \$0 Down if you own land or use family land. We own the bank. No yr approved. Call 866-597-2083.

2 Br mobile home for rent. Washer / dryer hookup. Central heat and air.

DRUG TESTING TECHNICIAN Seeking a motivated individual for a drug testing technician. Position is located in the Floyd County area, and is part-time. Pre-employment tests required are: Drug test and background check. We provide the training.

PUBLIC NOTICE Joshua Keith Lawson, P.O. Box 367, Harold, Ky. 41635, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Retail Beer by the Drink license(s) no later than August 23, 2009. The business to be licensed will be located at 11037, US 23, Hwy. South, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605, doing business as Country Road House. The owner(s), principal officers and directors, limited partners, or members are as follows:

Joshua Keith Lawson, of P.O. Box 367, Harold, Ky. 41635. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Joseph C. Whittaker, 5181 Ky. Rt. 1426, Dana, Ky 41615, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to replace damaged culvert resulting from spring flooding. The property is located 4.06 miles from Harold, KY. From Harold road follow 1426 for 4.06 miles. The latitude/longitude is 37°32'43.79"/82°40'19.41. Any comments or objections concerning the application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY, 40601, or Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

2 BR Duplex for rent, central heat and air, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg. No pets, references and security deposit required. Call 889-9747 or 886-9007.

MOBILE HOMES

Application hot line. 877-310-2577. All applications accepted. Own a new home. Call for preapproval 877-310-2577.

2 br mobile home for rent. W/D furnished. 3 miles from downtown Prestonsburg. Newly remodeled kitchen. All new flooring throughout. Located on private lot. No dogs. \$435 month plus \$435 deposit. Call 889-9570 to schedule showing.

2 Br mobile home for rent. Completely furnished. Located on private lot between the twin bridges at Martin. No hud accepted. Serious inquiries only. \$500 month includes water & garbage. Call 285-6006 or 791-7626 during the day or 874-1850 in the evenings.

Mobile home for rent. Located at Auxier. 3 br, 2 bath. \$550 per month \$200 deposit. Call 367-19 or 367-1605.

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Minutes from Prestonsburg. \$400 month plus \$400 deposit. Call 889-0036.

2 & 3 br Mobile homes for rent. Located 5 miles on Mt Parkway on Rt 114. \$475 month plus \$400 deposit and utilities. Furnished appliances with washer and dryer. Nice location. Call 886-8665. Serious inquiries only.

LEGALS

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Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the one other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT... Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 Plaintiff vs. Christina Tackett, Marty Tackett, Alice Owens Martin, KEC Land Assets, and Financial Defendants RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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IRS alerts public to new identity theft scams

The Internal Revenue Service warns consumers to avoid identity theft scams that use the IRS name, logo or Web site in an attempt to convince taxpayers that the scam is a genuine communication from the IRS. Scammers may use other federal agency names, such as the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In an identity theft scam, a fraudster, often posing as a trust government, financial or business institution or official, tries to trick a victim into revealing personal and financial information, such as credit card numbers and passwords, bank account numbers and passwords, Social Security numbers and more. Generally, identity thieves use someone's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The scams may take place through e-mail, fax or phone. When they take place via e-mail, they are called "phishing" scams.

The IRS does not discuss tax account matters with taxpayers by e-mail.

The IRS urges consumers to avoid falling for the following recent schemes:

Making Work Pay Refund

This phishing e-mail, which claims to come from the IRS, references the president and the Making Work Pay provision of the 2009 economic recovery act. It says that there is a refundable credit available to workers, consumers and retirees that can be paid into the recipient's bank account if the recipient registers their account information with the IRS. The e-mail contains links to register the account and to claim the tax refund.

In reality, most taxpayers receive their Making Work Pay tax credit, which was designed for wage earners, in their paychecks as a result of decreased tax withholding, not as a lump sum distribution from a federal fund. Additionally, consumers and retirees who are not wage earners are not eligible for this tax credit.

ying them that they will receive millions of dollars in recovered funds or lottery winnings or cash consignment if they provide certain personal information, including phone numbers, via return e-mail. The e-mail may be just the first step in a multi-step scheme, in which the victim is later contacted by telephone or further e-mail and instructed to deposit taxes on the funds or winnings before they can receive any of it. Alternatively, they may be sent a phony check of the funds or winnings and told to deposit it but pay 10 percent in taxes or fees. Thinking that the check must have cleared the bank and is genuine, some people comply. However, the scammers, not the Treasury Department, will get the taxes or fees.

Form W-8BEN

In this scam, fraudsters modify a genuine IRS form, the W-8BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding, to request detailed personal and financial information. This could include nationality, passport number, bank account and PIN numbers, spouse's name and mother's maiden name, or other personal or financial information or security measures for financial accounts. The scammers may use the genuine form number and name or may make up a new form number, such as W-4100B2.

They either e-mail or fax the form or letter. If only a letter, the letter itself contains the request for the personal and financial information. The letter, which claims to come from the IRS, states that the recipient will face additional taxes unless he or she quickly faxes the required information to a number provided by the scammer.

In reality, taxpayers file the genuine Form W-8BEN with their financial institutions, not with the IRS. Additionally, the genuine W-8BEN does not request the taxpayer's passport number, bank account number, security or similar information.

Refund Scam

The bogus e-mail, which claims to come from the IRS,

tells the recipient that he or she is eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount. It instructs the recipient to click on a link contained in the e-mail to access and complete a form for the tax refund. The form requires the entry of personal and financial information. The refund scam is the most common one seen by the IRS. Several recent variations on this scam have claimed to come from the Exempt Organizations area of the IRS. Some others have included the name and purported signature of a genuine or a made-up IRS executive.

Taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund. Taxpayer refunds are based on the tax return they submit to the IRS.

How to Spot a Scam

Many e-mail scams are fairly sophisticated and hard to detect. However, there are signs to watch for, such as an e-mail that:

- Requests detailed or an unusual amount of personal and/or financial information, such as name, SSN, bank or credit card account numbers or security-related information, such as mother's maiden name, either in the e-mail itself or on another site to which a link in the e-mail sends the recipient.
- Dangles bait to get the recipient to respond to the e-mail, such as mentioning a tax refund or offering to pay the recipient to participate in an IRS survey.
- Threatens a consequence for not responding to the e-mail, such as additional taxes or blocking access to the recipient's funds.
- Gets the Internal Revenue Service or other federal agency names wrong.
- Uses incorrect grammar or odd phrasing (many of the e-mail scams originate overseas and are written by non-native English speakers).

■ Uses a really long address in any link contained in the e-mail message or one that does not start with the actual IRS Web site address (www.irs.gov). To see the actual link address, or URL, move the mouse over the link included in the text of the e-mail.

What to Do

The IRS does not initiate taxpayer contact via unsolicited e-mail or ask for personal identifying or financial information via e-mail. If you receive a suspicious e-mail claiming to come from the IRS, take the following steps:

- Do not open any attachments to the e-mail, in case they contain malicious code that will infect your computer.
- Do not click on any links, for the same reason. Also, be aware that the links often connect to a phony IRS Web site that appears authentic and then prompts the victim for personal

identifiers, bank or credit card account numbers or PINs. The phony Web sites appear legitimate because the appearance and much of the content are directly copied from an actual page on the IRS Web site and then modified by the scammers for their own purposes.

■ Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine whether the IRS is trying to contact you.

■ Forward the suspicious e-mail or URL address to the IRS mailbox phishing@irs.gov; then delete the e-mail from your inbox.

Genuine IRS Web site

The only genuine IRS Web site is IRS.gov. All IRS.gov Web page addresses begin with http://www.irs.gov/. Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than clicking on a link in an e-mail.

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STARING INTO SPACE

To the moon and beyond

by CRIS RITCHIE
FOR THE TIMES

It was 40 years ago last Monday that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first set foot on the moon, capturing the attention of the entire world. While we remember that time in history, we should also be looking ahead as we forge a new path into outer space with the collective efforts of the international community.

We made other trips to the moon following that July day in 1969, but mankind has yet to return in over 30 years. We should have been further along than we are today in space exploration.

After all, it was only a few years after the Wright brothers took flight that we had established an intercontinental air service, and only a few years after that before we made international flight common practice.

It was only 66 years thereafter that we escaped the gravitational pull of the earth and walked on another heavenly body. So why is it, as we've made so much progress in manned flight, that we haven't been beyond the moon?

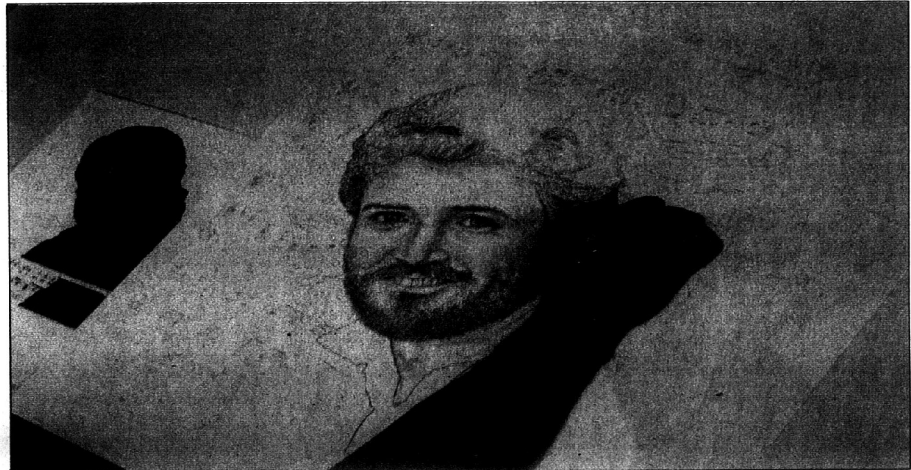
I suppose the biggest obstacle is cost, but somewhere along the line is competition. In the 1960s we had the Russians, but today we don't really have anyone with whom we're competing to set a human foot on Mars or anywhere else for that matter.

The Chinese have set a goal for the moon, but we've been there and done that, so there no impetus for us really get into a race. Add to that the notion of how much it would cost to travel to Mars and it's no wonder why we haven't set a date as to when we'll be able to go as the public isn't all that compelled about the issue.

A lot of people today seem to be disinterested in space exploration. With all of the terrestrial issues we face I can see why, but exploring the other regions of our solar system is something that I personally see as quite important.

We need to set up settlements on other planets and moons and take the first real step in becoming a society that is not bound by the shackles of our own world, but one where traveling to the moon is as

(See MOON, page four)



Well-known artist, Corey Frizzell, created a special portrait of Keith Whitley that was presented to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Saturday.

Submitted Photo

20 YEARS LATER

Family and friends continue to push for country musician's entry to Hall of Fame

JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Twenty years after his death, the legend of Keith Whitley continues to grow as fans, friends, and family push for the late country musician's entry to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Whitley, a native of Sandy Hook, rose to prominence in 1984, and continued on the path to stardom until his death from alcohol poisoning in May of 1989. In that short period of time, 19 of Whitley's songs landed on the Billboard country charts. The song "I'm No Stranger to the Rain" earned Whitley his first and only award from the Country Music

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- BONNIE HILL
DIRECTOR OF THE KEITH WHITLEY ASSOCIATION

Association. Bonnie Hill, a resident of Floyd County, serves as director of the Keith Whitley Association and is one of the leading voices in preserving the memory of Whitley and his work.

"Keith's music has influenced a lot of people," Hill said. "I would really like to see him inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Some big names in the music industry would also like to see it happen."

Hill is a long-time fan of Whitley's music, having watched him perform in concert several times.

"I was talking to Flo, Keith's sister-in-law, and I asked her what I could do because I felt like I owed something to Keith," Hill said. "I

created a petition and posted it online. It has over 3,000 signatures."

On Saturday, the Keith Whitley Association presented a special concert at Renfro Valley that included the presentation of a portrait of Whitley drawn by well-known artist Corey Frizzell to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

Later this year, on Oct. 10, the stars will come out for a memorial concert in Whitley's honor at the Nashville Palace that will include performances by Ralph Stanley, Ken Mellons, Billy Ryan and others.

Whitley will be a candidate for induction to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in 2011.

'The Legend of Jenny Wiley' will take you back in time

Almost three years have passed since we last saw "The Legend of Jenny Wiley," a musical based on the life of eastern Kentucky's local heroine, portrayed on the outdoor stage at Jenny Wiley Theatre (JWT).

"I constantly hear people say that they saw the show back in the '70s, '80s or even the '90s, but the show has evolved so much since then. It's always different, this season especially," said Executive Director, Martin Childers. "We've created a gorgeous, more realistic set that we plan to use for many seasons to come."

"The updated set blends seamlessly with the natural surroundings of the park and impressively recreates the environment of frontier Kentucky," Childers explained.

"In addition to the new set, the costumes and props, particularly firearms, are historically authentic due to the efforts of Costume Designer, Sarah Farnham, Props Master, Joshua Hurley and Production Manager, Dupre Berry. I know people will be thrilled and surprised by the spec-

tacle and drama of the new show," he continued.

Telling the story of a pioneer woman who sees her family killed and is taken into captivity for a year as a rousing and entertaining musical is not an easy feat, according to Childers.

"The key to bringing our audience along for Jenny's difficult journey is to give them a world and people they can relate to and believe in," Childers said. "This production showcases the relationships, hardships and celebrations of the pioneer people of Kentucky. Jenny's story is legendary, but we can't forget that it's a true story of the power of the human spirit, and much like in the Biblical story of Job, it is Jenny's unerring faith that sustains her."

"The Legend of Jenny Wiley" opened on Saturday night at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling the Jenny Wiley Theatre's box office at 606-886-9274 or by visiting online at www.jwttheatre.com.



Pictured are Emily Mattheson and Matthew Helton as Jenny and Thomas Wiley in Jenny Wiley Theatre's production of "The Legend of Jenny Wiley" that opened this Saturday Night.

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

Ten Years Ago

(July 30 and August 4, 1999)

The Prestonsburg Family Resource Center's Summer Day Camp was held recently at Prestonsburg Elementary...A Floyd County jury, Monday, found Timothy Mullins, 23, not guilty in the death of Cybil Coleman Thacker of Abbott Creek in Prestonsburg, on October 26, 1998. Mullins was charged with second degree manslaughter when he drove his truck through the traffic light at the junction of US 23 and Rt. 1428, striking Thacker's vehicle. Thacker was killed in the accident...The Prestonsburg City Council conducted a closed door session Monday that was illegal, according to attorneys with the Kentucky Press Association. Council members went into executive session to discuss personnel. The city council was then asked to be more specific and Jerry Fannin said, "hirings"...The delightful Rogers and Hammerstein award-winning musical, "Oklahoma" is taking its turn at the Jenny Wiley Theatre this summer. Fans have only a few more chances to be part of the fun...A two-car accident Wednesday afternoon, may have saved the life of a passerby, Wesley Boyd, 27, of Dana, was traveling on US 23, Wednesday, when his truck struck a vehicle driven by Verneida Smith. Smith was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital. While paramedics were working the accident scene, some of them refocused their attention on a man who had jumped out of a "mining-type" truck, and said his partner may be having a heart attack. Paramedics found, on the passenger side, another man holding his chest and sweating. He was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital...A big eastern Kentucky project is a step closer to becoming reality. A check for \$42,634.50 was mailed, Thursday, to the City of Prestonsburg, as the first installment of a \$1,500,000 allocation for the Prestonsburg Water and Sewer Project...With the imminent threat of a strike, Highlands Regional Medical Center is not accepting patients. Dr. Sheryl L. Gistalder, D.P.M., with the Foot Care Associates, said Wednesday, that the hospital stopped referrals to their physical therapy unit until the threat of a strike is over...Some of the many loads of logs that you see on the highways in Floyd County could be processed here at home, after the J.C. Hamer Co. gets its new sawmill installed on Water Gap Road, near Prestonsburg...Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Hackworth was involved in a motorcycle pursuit, Friday evening, that took him to speeds of more than 100 miles an hour. Jackie D. Crum, 36, of Charlotte, N.C., was clocked by Hackworth in the Martin area moving at three figure speeds...Highlands Regional Medical Center's contract with District 1199/Services Employees International Union (SEIU) has been extended by 30 days by virtue of a 195-97 vote by the union to delay the walk-out. As part of the agreement, HRMC has agreed to recognize 1199 as the certified bargaining representative for the registered nurses at the medical center, and in return, the union has agreed to drop its 10-day strike notice against HRMC...McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital will be the scene, Friday, of an emergency community blood drive by the Central Kentucky Blood Center...The Middle Creek Battle re-enactment is scheduled for August 20-22. A Living History Day for students in area schools will take place on Friday of the weekend event...Testimony was presented by both the prosecution and the defense in

the Henry Ellis Burchett trial, Monday, and a Floyd County jury deliberated only 12 minutes, Tuesday morning, before finding Burchett not guilty. Burchett, 67, of Cow Creek, faced an indictment on three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree by subjecting the victim under 12 to sexual contact...Yesterday, three members of the Wheel Power Christian Cyclists pedaled their way toward Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, where they conducted an evening service before getting ready to cycle on to Willfamson, W.Va., this morning...There died: Joe Patton Jr., 74, of Martin, Wednesday, July 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Phyllis Ousley Shepherd Haywood, 71, of Martin, Tuesday, July 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Quentin Blair, 74, of Phelps, Monday, July 26, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson; Maggie Wallen, 84, of Bypro, Monday, August 3, at Baptist Regional Hospital in Corbin; James Archer Goble, 55, of Allen, Saturday, July 31, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Billie Hall, 68, of Silver Lake, Indiana, July 30, at Select Specialty Hospital in Wayne; Newman Todd, 72, of Richmond, Thursday, July 29, at Kenwood House; Willie Lee Conn, 92, of Dana, Wednesday, July 28, at his residence; Jimmy H. Yates, 41, of Pikeville, Saturday, July 31, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Kelly Watson, 54, of Mullie, July 25, at the Kentucky River Medical Center, in Jackson.

Twenty Years Ago

(August 2, 1989)

U.S. Congressman Chris Perkins vowed to push a law through Congress to earmark 50 percent of Abandoned Mine Lands funds that come into the state for water projects...The Floyd County Board of Education heard updates on four school construction projects: Garrett-Wayland Elementary School; Allen Elementary School; Prestonsburg Middle School, and Left Beaver Consolidated High School...Jenny Wiley Summer Theatre was preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a reunion of past performers and crew...An 18-year-old woman, Anita C. Frasure of the Price-McDowell area, was struck and killed by a coal truck while she was walking along US 23, near the entrance to Plaza Road in Prestonsburg, shortly after 1 a.m. on August 1...There died: Molly Burchett, 91, of Auxier, July 28, at her home; Joe Calhoun, 93, of Prestonsburg, July 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lunata Crisp DeRossett, 89, of Water Gap, July 26, at her residence; Mary Harmon Eck, 80, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Martin, July 29, at her residence; Lindsey Burke "L.B." Fairchild, 66, of Prestonsburg, July 28, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Anita Christine Lenz Frasure, 18, of Price, August 1, in a traffic accident in Prestonsburg; Clarence Hamilton, 49, of Betsy Layne, July 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin; Freda M. Lawson, 76, of Spencerville, Ohio, formerly of Martin, July 20, at her home; John Williamson, 68, August 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(Aug. 1, 1979)

Stephen Stumbo, 22, of West Prestonsburg, was jailed on a murder charge, Saturday night, after his brother-in-law, Larry D. Johnson, 25, of Risner, was shot and fatally wounded near here...The Samuel May House, on North Lake

Drive, is to be reviewed, next month, for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places...Martin residents are determined to discuss the "sorry state" of that city's trash collection service at the city council meeting tomorrow...The death of Orville Clifton, 53, of Prestonsburg, is puzzling to officials who are awaiting autopsy findings from a Lexington pathologist...Due to a perceived threat on a possible juror, the second trial of Lee Hamilton, charged with the murder of Charles Hamilton, was shifted to another county's court docket...There died: Elder Everett A. Daniels, 81, of Garrett; Ishamel Preston, 69, of Drift; Arnold Eugene Tackett, 50, of Riverview, Mich., formerly of Teaberry; Frances L. Jarrell, 90, of Martin; Opal Dunaway Moore, 71, of East McDowell; Hayden Reynolds, 68, of Hi Hat; Marion Combs, 81, of Emmalena; Willie F. Akers, 88, of Banner; Bart Lay, 74, of Weeksbury; Peggy J. Moldovan, 45, of Concord, Tenn., formerly of West Prestonsburg; Argone Thacker, 57, of Owensboro, formerly of Knott County; Wiley A. Stewart, 63, of South Shore.

Forty Years Ago

(July 31, and August 7, 1969)

America's newest gold strike has been made in the Lawrence-Elliott-Rowan County triangle. Ore samples contain gold, silver and some lead, it was said...Certificates were presented here, July 21, to eight adults who composed the first group in Kentucky to complete their educational training under the new WIN 2-4 program...Film star Tommy Kirk has arrived here to star in the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre's production of "Anything Goes"...A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Pikeville High School gymnasium early Tuesday...Jeannie Brooks suffered a second degree burn and was hospitalized after an explosion at the Jenny Wiley boat dock...Two Allen residents, Terry-Kinzer and Tommy Allen, won first place awards, and another, Clinton Tackett, placed second in a motorcycle hill climb in Newark, Ohio...Operators of all small mines south of the Ohio River have been invited to attend a meeting, Sunday, at Jenny Wiley State Park's amphitheatre to protest proposed federal mine-safety legislation...Jenny Wiley State Park is the third most popular in the state's park system...Floyd County 4-H members won the top two places in the senior division, and the first three places in the junior division, in the northeast area poultry judging contest, held at Fulton. First place winners were Kent Flonery of Langley and Bill Arnold Hackworth of West Prestonsburg. Second place winners were Billy Stumbo and Russell Ferrell, both of Harold, and Derek Hicks of West Prestonsburg...There died: John Chaffins, 64, of Wayland; Josephine Miller, 32, of Pyramid; John I. Sammons, 93, of West Prestonsburg; Addie Hamilton, 67, of Galveston; Henry Shepherd, 72, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Dwayne; Mitchell Keens, 62, of Martin; Oliver C. Hall, 73, of Fishtrap; George Nelson, 75, of Prestonsburg; Frank Lafferty, 84, of Prestonsburg; Viola Hamilton, 49, of Ligon; Wallace Burchett, 74, of Manton; John Thornsbury, 67, of Pyramid.

Fifty Years Ago

(Aug. 6, 1959)

The Floyd County Board of Education, in a marathon session of almost seven hours, Tuesday afternoon, employed emergency

teachers; named successful bidders on several building projects; and transacted other business...A second eastern Kentucky school bus disaster may have been averted Monday afternoon by the quick-thinking action of Johnny Reatherford, truck driver for Ranier Construction Company...Businessmen of Allen and Martin, two communities which have been hard hit by locusts in recent months are circulating petitions calling for stricter law enforcement on the part of the courts...There died: Ronnie Stanley, 23, of Bull Creek; Ersel Dean Newsome, 19, of Teaberry; Dellah Osborne Hall, 70, of Melvin; Marsha Patton Handhose, 80, of Salt Lick Creek; Temp Prater, 43, of Hueysville; Homer L. Borders, 71, Floyd County native of West Portsmouth.

Sixty Years Ago

(Aug. 11, 1949)

Last Saturday's primary balloting, the heaviest in Floyd County's history, saw upwards of 13,000 Democratic and 1,600 Republican votes polled, to end one of the most heated primaries, in a county noted for torrid election campaigns...Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the Floyd County Health Department, was the speaker, Monday, at the third meeting of the West Prestonsburg Civic Club...Tentative plans for a Floyd County Band Clinic, the first of an annual series, and the first of its kind in the state, to be sponsored solely by teachers and county school officials, were announced, this week, by Jesse Elliott, county high school band supervisor...Prestonsburg merchant trade-bonus awards were given this afternoon, (Thursday), as follows: Della Potter, \$25; Roe Layne, \$50; Mrs. Garnet Sparlock, \$150...Prestonsburg Blacknet football practice began Monday under new coach, "Doc" Ferrell, assisted by basketball coach Garnis Martin...Don Wheelwright youths, Harry McPeck and Two Wallen, participated in the Herald-Dispatch Tri State Caddy Golf Tournament in Huntington, Monday...There died: Ben F. Stansifer, 32, of Prestonsburg, in Abington, Va.; Charles Edward England, 27, of Wheelwright, Saturday, of injuries sustained in an auto accident; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hall, 25, of Drift, Sunday; Mrs. Hannah Benton, 60, native of Iowa, last Monday.

Seventy Years Ago

(August 3, 1939)

The Gearheart Hospital at Martin was, this week, leased for a period of six years by Dr. Jay Preston, Pikeville, and Dr. Ralph Allen, Northern. Sale of the Beaver Valley Hospital back to its co-founder, Dr. W.L. Stumbo, is expected to be completed soon...Compulsory reduction of relief rolls of the Works Projects Administration in Kentucky will be materially felt during August in Floyd County...Mrs. Josephine Harkins was called on by 125 friends on her 80th birthday, recently...Playing at the Abigail Theatre, Prestonsburg, Saturday, "Wyoming Outlaw," with John Wayne; at the Kentucky Theatre, Garrett, "The Shining Hour," Joan Crawford, Melvyn Douglas, Robert Young, Admission weekdays, 10 cents-15 cents, Saturday, Sunday, 10 cents-25 cents...There died: Catherine Edwards, 10, of Allen, Tuesday; Kelly Bentley, 28, formerly of Hueysville, Thursday; Sam Prater, 37, of Brush Creek, Tuesday; Cecil McKinney, 17, of McDowell, Tuesday; Lillie Akers, 33, of Branham's Creek, Tuesday; Roland T. Shepherd, of Middle Creek, July 26.



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Thursday, August 6, 2009

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Teachers**

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's notes: 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.

Outdoor Masonic meet planned, August 7th

The annual outdoor Masonic meeting of John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and James W. Alley Lodge No. 657, F&AM, will be held on Saturday, August 7, at the Tom Flannery farm at Warco. The dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m., and the Mason degree will follow at 6 p.m. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Jones/Shepherd/Ousley Reunion

To be held July 31, at Shelter #1, Dewey Dam Recreation Area. For more information, contact Charlotte Goble, after 7 p.m., at 889-9344.

Parsons Family Reunion

For the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons, will be held Sept. 5, at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979, in Floyd County, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Bring covered-dish for meal to be served at 1 p.m. More info., call E.J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

Car Show

The 2nd Annual Van Lear Historical Society Car Show will be held on Sat., August

7, at 9 a.m., at the Van Lear FWB Church. Trophies for: Best of Show, Best Pre-1960's, Best '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, Post-2000, and Best Original Restoration. Also Best Motorcycle and Best Truck. Free prize drawings for entrants only. Call 789-8540 for more information.

1973 and 1974 ACHS class reunion

The 1973 and 1974 graduating classes of Allen Central High School will hold a class reunion on Saturday, September 18, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. Social Hour: 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Dance—8 p.m. until midnight. For more information, please contact Beth Conn Mullins at 606-285-0074 or Rita Duff Osborne at 606-358-9874.

Newbee Quilt Group

Learn how to use rotary cutter, July 29, 6-8 p.m., at Co-op Ext. Office. Must pre-register. For list of materials to bring with you, call Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

FCGD Meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 27, at 10 a.m., at the District Office. Meeting is open to public, all interested encouraged to attend. For more info., call 889-9800, or email to: conserve@mikrotec.com.

19th Annual Van Lear Town Celebration Event

To be held Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. Free tours of the Coal Miner's Museum; catfish or soup bean dinners served at Icky's 1950s Snack Shop, or by delivery; opening ceremonies at 5 p.m.; car stereo "Crank it Up" competition at 6 p.m.; free live music at Herman Webb's store at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, more tours, catfish and soup beans, in addition to a Car Show to be held at 9 a.m., in the Van Lear FWB Church parking lot. Also, basketball, horseshoes, kid's games and contests at Rucker

Park. Special visit by Ky Opry's "Munroe" from 10 a.m. until noon. Parade with Adam Joseph of WSAZ-TV. More info., call 789-9725.

Jubilee Christian Assembly Church

July 28-30 - Vacation Bible School, "God's Boot Camp - Paul's Call to the Battlefield." Ages 4-18, 6-9 p.m.
July 31 - Super Saturday Fun Fest. Cotton candy, sno cones, jumbo inflatable slide, moonwalk, games and more.
August 1 - VBS graduation, 11 a.m.
All are welcome to join!

HRMC July -August Calendar

July 22 - Alzheimer's Support Group, Johnson County Library, 6-7 p.m.
July 29 - Diabetic Support Group, 4-7 p.m., meeting place A & B.
July 29 - "Living Well with Diabetes," support group class. Topic: "Depression and Diabetes" - a candid discussion about this often overlooked complication of diabetes. 5-6 p.m., meeting rooms A & B.
Aug. 3 - Senior Advantage, 9-11 a.m., Meeting Rooms A&B.
Aug. 5 - HRMC Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Meeting Place A&B.
Aug. 21 - Childbirth Classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Meeting Place A&B.
Aug. 26 - Diabetic Support Group, 4-7 p.m., Meeting Place A&B.
All classes free of charge and open to the public.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, & 20 - Super Pantry "Stars in the Kitchen." 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn life skills, low-fat cooking and new recipes. Cook and eat lunch. WIN: Door prizes and bag of groceries each week.
For more information about either of these activities, call 886-0709.

Ten Bible Study Group
A teenage Christian study group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Burton Pentecostal Church, in Upper Burton, near Wheelwright. All interested teens cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

BLHS Class of '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

PHS Class of '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

"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.

"Looking For a Support Group?"

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

Alzheimer's Association Eastern KY Regional Office

24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

Fibromyalgia Support Group

Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike Highway, Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

MS Support Group

Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.)

Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

Community Weight Loss Support Group

To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.)

Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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."

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Confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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 meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

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.

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.

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. The reunion will be held at 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.

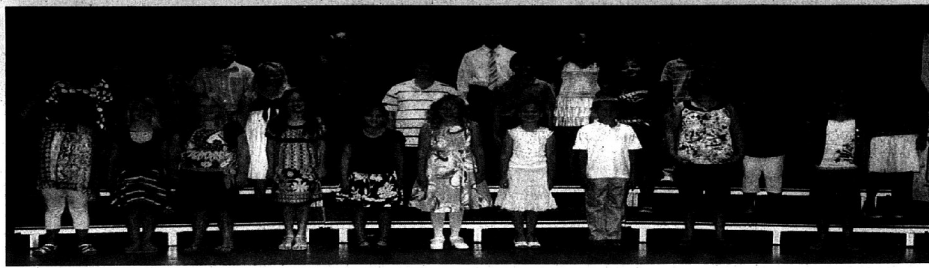
Pie Supper, Concession and Cake Walk, set

August 7, at 7 p.m., at the Dwale Shelter, in Dwale. Fund raiser for the Dwale Homecoming in 2009. Concession sales and prize drawing. Concession sales open at 6 p.m.

Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its February 10, 1938, issue that Senator Joe P. Tackett, of Floyd County, introduced a resolution to the Kentucky Senate, last week, protesting the alleged encroachment of the federal government on state's rights, and asking the two Kentucky Senators, Barkley and Logan, to oppose the anti-lynching bill, now before the national Senate.





The Little Sandy Singers and Actors, a program of Big Sandy Community and Technical college, directed by Laura Ford Hall, performed on July 24. Pictured are from front left, Summer Pelpthy, Shelby Damron, Allie Trusty, Kerrigan Campbell, Natalie McCoy, Jillian Howard, Amy Adkins, Pryce Atkinson, Sarah McCoart, Haley Damron (second row) Shabree Damron, Sydney May, Christina Pergram, P.J. Hall, Andrew Wright, Emily Damron, Kaitie Stepp, Kaitlyn Keener (third row) Leah Tackett, Justin Lovern, Mason McCoy, Andrew Fletcher, Rebekah Tackett, Jesse Osborne, and Tori Stepp.

26 kids perform as the Little Sandy Singers

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) presented the Little Sandy Singers and Actors in concert on July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Gearheart Auditorium located in the Pike Building on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The performance was presented by the children participating in BSCTC's annual summer Children's Music and Drama Camp under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC Assistant Professor of Communication and Music and Drama Director. Assisting Hall were Clayton Case, Alyson McKenzie, Candace Preece, Lindsey Small, Wada Robinson, and Sarah

Adams. Timothy Cooley served as Technical Director for the production.

"The children named themselves the Little Sandy Singers," Hall said. "Having seen and heard the Big Sandy Singers, they asked if they could be the Little Sandy Singers."

The children are from all over our Big Sandy region, representing Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties.

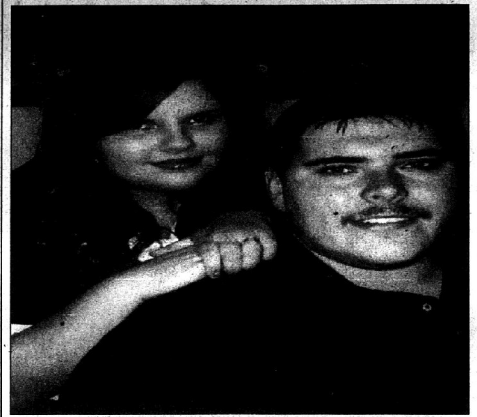
Twenty-six children participated in the camp this summer where they learned basic and concepts of vocal music as well as a drama/acting component. They applied all of the concepts they learned during the live

production that included choral music "Circle of Life" from the Lion King, "Seasons of Love" from Rent, "Spish Splash," "Car Wash," "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone," and more. The students also performed comedy skits in the form of monologues, duos, and short plays.

The performance also featured a Michael Jackson tribute by student Jesse Osborne and a gospel music segment.

"The workshop this summer was fun, memorable, and full of talent," said Hall. "It was a blessing to get to work with every child and I look forward to working with them even more as they grow."

Crum-Newsome wedding



Jay Lee Crum will wed Jessica Newsome on August 8, at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. Crum is the son of Albert Crum, of Lawrence County, and Clara Williams, of Banner. He is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and works for Bruce Walter's Ford in Pikeville. Newsome is the daughter of Hermit and Melissa Newsome, of Grethel. She is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is employed by ACS in Pikeville.

Moon

commonplace in the future as traveling to Europe is today. Not to mention that space travel is really neat in theory.

But think of all the possibilities that landing on Mars, setting up permanent colonies, and living off the land of a barren planet presents for the future of our species. Mars, for instance, is no doubt full of natural resources we can exploit for the furtherance of our own development, and practices like terra farming could set the stage for future missions into the farthest reaches of our own solar system, and eventually beyond. There is no reason for us to think that Mars is as far as we can go.

Space exploration can also help us answer the question of whether or not we are alone in this universe as well. We know from scientific observation that the universe has countless stars, and there's no reason to think that there isn't one out there just like

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our sun, with a planet orbiting it just like our earth. It wasn't an accident that mankind was put on this earth, so why should we think there aren't more like us?

We did indeed take a giant leap on July 20, 1969, and I hope we're destined to take an even larger step sometime in my lifetime.

Ritchie is the editor of the Hazard Herald in Hazard, Ky. The Herald is a sister publication of the Floyd County Times.

Gettin' hitched?

If you're planning a wedding and would like to announce your engagement and wedding plans, the Times would be glad to help. Just drop by the Times office, or send photo and information to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. We will be happy to run either an engagement announcement or wedding photograph, with accompanying basic information, for free as our "Best Wishes" to the happy couple.



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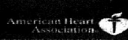
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