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Board seeking 4 days for flooding

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

HI HAT — Supt. Henry Webb started off the meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education on Monday by updating board members and those in attendance about the attempt to obtain calamity days due to lost instructional time caused by last week's flooding.

"I want to let everybody know that I am requesting four calamity days from

the Kentucky Department of Education," Webb said. "Our people are working very hard to get a response back from them. A lot of things depend on their response, including graduation dates and prom."

South Floyd High School Principal Joe Marson addressed the board to update the members on what has been going on at the school, along with its challenges and successes.

"We moved from a six-period day to

a seven-period day to allow more opportunities for learning in core classes, along with a recovery class to offer intervention strategies," Marson said.

Marson also praised Mary Stone, an English teacher at South Floyd High School, who was selected as the lone Kentucky finalist for the McGlothlin Award, and Jordan Burke, a student who was recently named as a Governor's Scholar.

The administrative staff of South

Floyd Middle School also updated the board on the schools accomplishments, including meeting all No Child Left Behind components for the 2007-08 school year.

Also at the meeting, the board voted to consider a contract with the Kentucky Department of Education to receive an Enhancing Education Through Technology and an

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briefs

Martin County man killed in Pike accident

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — A Martin County man was killed after his overturned coal truck slid into an oncoming car along Route 197 at Elkhorn City.

Christopher L. Maynard, 33, of Warfield, was driving a Mack truck eastbound on Route 197 Monday morning when his truck overturned in the roadway, according to Kentucky State Police at Post 9 in Pikeville.

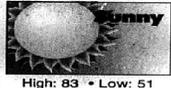
Maynard's truck then slid roughly 76 feet along the road and struck a 1994 Mitsubishi Endeavor driven by Elkhorn City resident David Stewart.

Maynard was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Dewey Bailey, and state police say he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

The accident is still under investigation by Trooper Johnny Stone and Trooper Melissa Hampton. State police were assisted at the scene Monday by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officers Barry Coleman and Kevin Boicher.

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HOUSE FIRE



This two-level home at Middle Creek caught fire Saturday morning but resulted in no injuries. A husband and wife and their three children were brought safely from the burning home. Fire department officials said the fire most likely started in the living room but have not determined what might have caused the blaze.

photo by Jessica Hale-Thompson

Telethon to aid flood victims airs tonight

Times Staff Report

HAZARD — WYMT-TV will be holding a telethon this evening to benefit Eastern Kentucky flood victims.

"Many of you have called our newsroom asking how you can help," said Neil Middleton, news director. "That's what makes Eastern Kentucky so special.

In times like this, no one is a stranger. We are all family. And here in the mountains, family takes care of family. That's why WYMT is teaming up with the American Red Cross and God's Pantry Food Bank."

All of the donations during the telethon will benefit Eastern Kentucky flood victims.

The telethon is scheduled to

start at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. tonight.

Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers have requested that President Barack Obama issue a federal disaster declaration for 19 counties in Eastern Kentucky.

For more information on the telethon, visit <http://www.wymtew.com>.

Group seeks injunction against mine company

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion for a temporary injunction has been filed in the case brought against Grizzly Processing and Frasure Creek Mining by Bonnie and Richard Crisp.

The two saw the motion filed by their attorney Ned Pillersdorf this week, following another blow dealt to the two companies earlier this year when they were hit with a countersuit by their insurance company denying obligations for coverage.

The issue that has given rise to the lawsuit has the Crisps and a group of Banner residents claiming the companies polluted the area and caused damages to them and their property.

In support of the motion, Pillersdorf attached affidavits from residents Lloyd Lane and Millie Varnadore.

What is referred to as the Allen-Banner road in the most recent motion is the focus of the complaint as the residents claim the road is consistently covered with mud, sludge and coal dust, among other nuisances.

Attached statements from Varnadore say that she and her husband have "had to resort to blocking the county road to ensure that (Frasure Creek Mining) properly water the road so as to control the excessive dust situation."

Lloyd Lane's statements which were included in this week's motion say the same, claiming that measures have had to be taken to block the road to control dust.

Lane, who is a 49-year-old former employee of both companies who was fitted with duties of crushing and blending the coal, said in his affidavit that residents frequently came to him complaining of the dust. He says he would "consistently pass along these concerns to company officials with Grizzly and Frasure Creek Mining" but that he "never once heard them express any concern whatsoever about the concerns of the community."

Lane also swore in his statement that he had seen large amounts of coal dust escaping the plant during the 13 months he worked there before leaving with a back injury

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Communications advances on display at MAC

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — New communications technology and free food brought people to the parking lot of the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday to check out the MotoDriven semi-truck.

Representatives from Big Sandy Two-Way Communications were on hand to talk about the technology the company and Motorola have to offer, and to show those who stopped by the massive display center attached to the truck.

"We have a lot of great new things on display here," said Lane Dutton, president of Big Sandy Two-Way. "The generator that powers the display is large enough to give energy to a small city."

The display included hands-on exhibits,

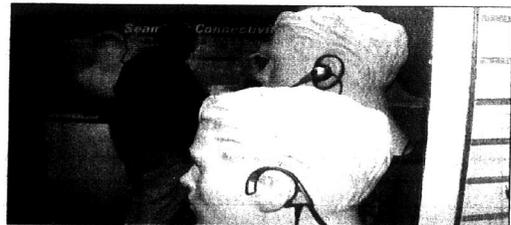
interactive classes and demos of the equipment that is available for purchase.

The displays included hometown safety, durability, accessories, seamless connectivity, reliable communication, enhancing situational awareness, noise suppression, emergency response, increased productivity and operational efficiency.

"This is some pretty neat stuff," said Roger Helton, of Staffordsville. "I'm always on the hunt for new gadgets, and I'm impressed by this Motorola merchandise. I wasn't expecting these exhibits to be so interesting. It was kind of like a giant video game, which made it fun."

According to information provided at the event, some of the technology on display would be beneficial to coal, oil and gas

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The MotoDriven semi-truck came to Prestonsburg on Tuesday filled with various displays of technology in the field of communication.

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Obituaries

D. Irene Goble

D. Irene Goble, 62, of Ivel, died Sunday, May 17, 2009, at her residence.

Born June 21, 1946, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Darwin and Marcella Campbell Goble. She was a retired principal and school teacher for the Floyd County Board of Education.

She leaves behind those who loved her: Arthur Deskins, James and Cathy H. Goble, Tommy and Shirley Goble-Harmon; and two nephews: Darwin Dwayne Goble and Campbell Brock Harmon.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 20, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with

Rev. Chuck Ferguson and Rev. James Harmon officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

home. (Paid obituary)

Hattie Lou Baldridge Howard

Hattie Lou Baldridge Howard, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.

Born June 20, 1938, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Nelson Baldridge and Hazel Music Baldridge. She was a former decorator and a salesperson for Ray Howard Furniture. She was a member of the Little Paint First Church of God, in East Point.

She is survived by her husband, "Pete" Howard. Other survivors include a daughter, Mina Howard of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Patty Spradlin (Billy) of East Point, Bonnie Hughes (Paul) of Prestonsburg, and Barbara Meek (Jerry) of Staffordsville; two brothers: H. Gene (Betty) Baldridge of Ashland, and Harold (Bud) Baldridge of Prestonsburg; and a granddaughter, Chloe Shalyn Howard.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, John Timothy Howard; and two brothers: Delmar Baldridge and Ray Baldridge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 19, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church,

in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Vicki Poole officiating.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Contributions are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, 1430 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. (Paid obituary)

Eric Ronald May

Eric Ronald May, 56, Overland Park, Kansas, formerly of Maytown, passed away March 22, 2009, in Kansas.

He was the son of Edgar Ronald "Ronnie" May, and a nephew of Libby Ree Flanery. He was a 1982 graduate of Maytown High School.

A memorial service will be conducted, Sunday, May 24, at 1:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, in Maytown.

Burial will follow in the Flanery Cemetery, in Maytown. (Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin. (Paid obituary))

Patricia Ann Murphy

Patricia Ann Murphy, 69, of Wayland, died Thursday, May 14, 2009, at her residence.

Born November 1, 1939, in Wayland, she was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Lillian Roope Murphy. She was a retired school teacher.

Survivors include two brothers: Johnny (Mary Sandra) Murphy of Hamilton, Ohio, and Donald (Peggy) Murphy of Portland, Tennessee.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lois Collins.

Memorial services were held Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Omery "Chuck" Hall officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

We the family of Flora C. Akers 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 and food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergymen Ted Shannon, William Slone, and Terry Adkins for their 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 thank you and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF FLORA C. AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Susie Wright wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all those family, friends, and neighbors for all the help during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, or prayers during this difficult time. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their assistance in traffic control, and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we thank you and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF SUSIE WRIGHT

Card of Thanks

The family of Don O. Frasure 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 Willie Duff 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 DON O. FRASURE

Card of Thanks

The family of Vonnie Ellen Jones Campbell would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. To those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to the Clergymen Arnold Turner and Larry Breshner for their comforting words, the Allen First Baptist Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family, Appalachian Hospice Care, Aileen Cram and Marie Shepherd for all the care provided to our mother, 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 VONNIE ELLEN JONES CAMPBELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Pauline McKinney would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to all of those who attended the services for Pauline, brought food, sent flowers, and all of the kind words and deeds you may have said or done. These things did not go unnoticed, and will never be forgotten. A special thank-you to Dale McKinney for all of his kind words and assistance; also to Pete Grigsby Jr., for his uplifting message; and to Mona and Jared for their beautiful music. A special thanks to the pallbearers: Michael Kent McKinney Jr., D.H.D., Christopher Hillard McKinney, Kenneth Bradley, John Rodney McKinney, Roger Lee McKinney, Ray Johnson, and Jonathan Conn. Thank-you to Hall Bros. Funeral Home, for their kindness in our time of need.

You all will be in our hearts and prayers, always.

Thank-you,
THE MCKINNEY FAMILY

In the Memory of John T. Workman

His family would like to thank the people who made food for the family and friends. We also want to thank the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for what they did for our father, John T. Workman, and family.

We also want to thank the preacher and singers for being there for our father, and for all those who came to pay their respects.

From all the Workman Family
God Bless All

Fredrick Alvin Hite

Fredrick Alvin Hite, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at his residence.

Born January 2, 1935, in Harrisonville, Mississippi, he was the son of the late Henry and Eliza Burchett Hite. He was a factory worker.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Prater Hite.

Other survivors include a son, Steven Hite of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Crystal Hite and Lori Ann Hall, both of Prestonsburg; a brother, Everett Hite of Wabash, Indiana; two sisters: Betty Jane Young of Springfield, Ohio, and Gladea Spradlin of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Earnest, Estill Lee, and Henry Hite.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 19, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Larry Adams officiating.

Burial was in the Bob Prater Cemetery, in Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral

Rogers announces \$65,500 grant for Operation UNITE Service Corps

WASHINGTON, DC.-U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced that Operation UNITE's Service Corps has received a \$65,500 grant from the Corporation for National Community Service to fund 5 new AmeriCorps member positions throughout Appalachian Kentucky.

"Operation UNITE is essential in fighting the scourge of drug addiction in southern and eastern Kentucky," said Rogers. "I applaud the Corporation for National Community Service for recognizing the importance of Operation UNITE's efforts. The more our communities band together in this fight, the more successful we will be in educating our youth about the dangers of drugs and keeping drugs off of our streets."

Operation UNITE's Service Corps utilizes AmeriCorps members to provide math tutoring to third and fourth

graders in Eastern Kentucky which increases the ability of each school to reach more students. AmeriCorps members also utilize the "Too Good for Drugs" health curriculum in promoting positive alternatives to drug use.

Operation UNITE has been a success in taking drug dealers off the streets, preventing substance abuse and offering treatment for the addicted. UNITE's multi-pronged approach to combating drug abuse involves not only investigations, but also important treatment and educational programming. To date, UNITE detectives have removed over

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This week's celebrity is John Faulkner. John is a well-known dog obedience instructor and an active volunteer board member of the humane society that operates the animal shelter.

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Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign under way

This year, 274 people have died in crashes on Kentucky highways, as of Friday, May 15. Not only is this eight more deaths than this time last year, more than half of those who

died — 127 adults — were not wearing seat belts. In addition to that, three children were not properly restrained in child safety seats.

"This is unacceptable," said Sara George, information officer for Highway District 12. "Every person who has a driver's license knows, or certainly should know, that the ultimate consequence of not wearing a seat belt is death. That sounds harsh, but it is what it is. Furthermore, it is beyond unacceptable for a driver to put an innocent child's life at risk."

George pointed out that no one gets into a vehicle thinking to themselves that today is the day they will be in a crash and die.

"Of the 274 people who lost their lives on our roads so far this year, I doubt that even one of them thought such a thing. Of course we don't intend to be in a crash. Of course we don't intend to cause a crash. Of course we don't intend to die, or for anyone else to die."

If this sounds blunt, George said, she doesn't apologize.

"It's way past time for drivers to take responsibility for the safety of themselves and their passengers. If you are old enough to have a driver's license, you are old enough to accept the consequences of bad decisions. It's a bad decision to drive without a seat belt. Besides, it's against Kentucky law."

Even though Kentucky's seat belt use has improved slightly over the past several years, the state is still near the bottom nationally in usage rate at 73 percent. Last year the national rate was 83 percent.

"We must do better," George said. "We cannot afford to wait until we ourselves or a family member lies dead on the road, ejected from a pickup truck or an SUV as it rolled over when a seatbelt would have kept our loved one inside and alive. It is a proven fact that people who are ejected during a crash are those who are not buckled up."

Starting Monday, May 18, Highway Safety officials from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet joined forces with

Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, county sheriffs' departments, and city police officers to focus on seatbelt safety for the rest of this month.

Click It or Ticket, an annual seatbelt safety enforcement campaign, runs from May 18 through May 31. Law enforcement personnel have made arrangements for additional officers to patrol all the roads and highways in District 12's seven counties for the specific purpose of ticketing motorists who are not wearing seatbelts.

Death may be the ultimate consequence for not wearing a seat belt, but even for those

who escape a fatal crash, the economic costs of injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes are staggering. Every year these crashes cost our country an estimated \$230.6 billion. Compare that to the cost of health care, the amount of recent government bailouts of banks and car manufacturers and you can see that the cost is enormous.

Buckling up costs you nothing. The cost of not buckling up may be a ticket, or worse — your life. Now is the time to change your driving habits to include using your safety belt and to make sure that every child in your vehicle is in an approved child safety seat.



State troopers promoted seat belt use Monday by giving "tickets" to buckled-up motorists in local McDonald's drive-thrus. The tickets were actually coupons good for the restaurants new brownies.

11 killed on Ky. roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 11 people died in 10 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, May 11, through Sunday, May 17.

Six of the crashes involved motor vehicles and four of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Jefferson, Knott, Laurel and Marshall counties. Alcohol was a factor in the Jefferson and Knott County crashes.

One double-fatality occurred in Jessamine County on U.S. 68 when Charles Jacobs was headed westbound and lost control of his car and ran into the path of a furniture van. Jacobs and his passenger, Hanok Gohil, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the van was taken to a local hospital and released. All victims were wearing seat belts at the time of the collision.

Two motorcycle fatalities occurred in Knott and Warren counties and one victim was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Two ATV fatalities occurred in Elliott and Harlan counties and neither victim was wearing a helmet.

One pedestrian fatality occurred in Jefferson and the suspected use of alcohol was a factor in that crash.

Through May 17, preliminary statistics indicate that 284 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 10 more than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There have been 239 motor vehicle fatalities and 131 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Sixteen pedestrians have been killed. Twenty-four fatalities involved a motorcycle and five fatalities involved an ATV. A total of 67 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

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SBDM Parent Representative Nominations and Elections

Nominations for Parent Representatives will be accepted until Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., in the office at Prestonsburg High School.

Elections will be held Monday, June 8, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the cafeteria at Prestonsburg High School.

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Our View

These kids are on the right track

The city of Wheelwright will be throwing a party this weekend, holding the first festival in that community in many years. Coal Camp Days, to be held Saturday and Sunday, is being billed as a way for the city to celebrate its proud heritage, and we are sure there will be plenty of fun activities for young and old alike. But while locals will be busy this weekend fondly remembering the past and enjoying the fun and (hopefully) sun of the present, we find the most striking thing about the festival is an unstated and perhaps unnoticed focus on the future.

You can see the future in the creation of this festival, borne out of the ideas of local high school students. You can see it as well in its purpose, to create a scholarship fund that will give a new generation of leaders the tools they need to bring success to themselves and their community.

And just below the surface lies the most exciting evidence of a future brimming with potential, as students learn invaluable lessons on how to make plans, how to follow through and how to build the network connections needed to ensure success.

For years, residents of Wheelwright have cast their eyes toward the past, toward the town's "glory days," longing for what once was, hoping for what could be once again. Along the way, there have been several attempts to recreate some semblance of that past grandeur. Some have been successful, some not, but none have been able to restore the city to its former heights.

But while this festival might be trivial in the grand scheme of things, it could very well provide the spark to help Wheelwright reach whatever dreams the city has for its tomorrows. That's because it has given the city's future leaders the chance to dream a little dream, and then fulfill it, learning all of the elements for successful execution along the way.

Over the long march of history, it might matter little who marched in a parade, who competed in a pageant or who won a basketball tournament. What will make the difference between what could have been and what will be, however, are the lessons learned and the bonds created in making all of those little things possible.

In the end, streets, buildings, employers and even festivals do not create a community; people do. That the youth of Wheelwright are learning how to build their community, whether they realize it or not, only bodes well for that city's future.

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Worth Repeating ...

There is no such thing as "fun for the whole family."

— Jerry Seinfeld

Harry & Louise BACK IN THE '90s THEIR TV COMMERCIALS HELPED TO KILL HEALTH CARE REFORM. LET'S CATCH UP WITH 'EM TO FIND OUT HOW THEY'RE DOING TODAY.

Panel 1: I THOUGHT THIS WAS COVERED BY OUR HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

Panel 2: WHAT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN? WE BOTH LOST OUR JOBS AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT WENT WITH 'EM.

Panel 3: WE COULD SAVE MONEY FOR OUR MEDICAL BILLS BY SWITCHING FROM HEATING BRAND-NAME DOG FOOD TO GENERIC DOG FOOD.

Panel 4: NOW THAT WE CAN DO!

Panel 5: WE COULD SELL OUR CAR TO PAY THE BILL!

Panel 6: WHAT CAR? WE SOLD IT LAST MONTH TO PAY FOR YOUR APPENDECTOMY.

Panel 7: CAN'T WE BORROW MONEY FROM YOUR PARENTS?

Panel 8: THEY DIED, REMEMBER? THEY DIDN'T HAVE INSURANCE, WENT WITHOUT CHECKUPS, SO THEIR CANCER WAS DISCOVERED TOO LATE.

Panel 9: WHAT ABOUT OUR SAVINGS?

Panel 10: HAI DID YOU FORGET MY TRIP TO THE ER?

Panel 11: WHY RISK SUCH CHOICES BY REFORMING THE SYSTEM?

Panel 12: I'LL DRINK TO THAT!

Panel 13: IF WE LET THE GOVERNMENT CHOOSE, WE LOSE.

PAID FOR BY SOME ORGANIZATION WITH A POPULIST-SOUNDING NAME THAT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A FRONT FOR THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY.

Letters

Owners should take care of pets

I would like to explain my thoughts on the issue of animals (dogs and cats) in the city of Prestonsburg.

About 13 months ago, we had an incident on Evergreen Lane where a dog jumped the fence and attacked another dog (much, much smaller) and caused so much damage that the smaller dog had to be "put down." These larger dogs (three in number) had been out of the fence many times, destroying private property in our neighborhood.

There has been a leash law on the books for many years, and I know the people the dogs belong to were made

aware of the law because I personally put a copy of the law in the mailbox when they moved into the neighborhood.

I think people who want dogs and/or cats should certainly be able to have them and I think it is a shame that the city finds that it must create a form of monetary expense to control the animal problem, when all it takes is everyone taking care of their own animals and seeing they are where they belong, which happens not to be in my yard, on my porch, in my flowerbed or on my porch furniture.

I'm hard-pressed to believe we have a large number of stray dogs in our town. I have a feeling most of the dogs here belong to someone that simply does not accept the responsibility of raising them.

There are many people who take

care of their pets, seeing they are cared for and are not allowed to run around, especially on other people's property, and these are not the people I'm talking about. You do what is right and respectful to others.

As I stated at the council meeting, I raise a small garden and I should not have to worry about other people's pets destroying it. The lack of rain, the hot, hot temperatures and the "wild varmints" do a good job by themselves.

I think dogs and cats are wonderful pets. They are so great for children and elderly persons. They can give them a reason for living. But like children, they need to be cared for by their owners, not left to roam the streets.

Carolyn Ford
Prestonsburg

Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by SPEAKER GREG STUMBO

With Memorial Day in sight, and summer vacations on the horizon, now is the ideal time to celebrate what Governor Beshear recently declared Travel and Tourism Week.

For Kentucky, tourism is as much about business as it is about pleasure. It's our third-largest industry and second-largest employer, and in 2007 — the latest year for which figures are available — it had a direct economic impact of \$7.2 billion, a 6.3 percent increase from the year before. Tourism brought in more than \$100 million in nine counties in 2007 and employed more than 1,000 people in 11 of them.

Today's economy may force us to curtail some unnecessary expenses, but there is growing evidence that families are not giving up vacations entirely; they're just taking them closer to home. That bodes well for Kentucky, which is closer than any other state to most of the country's population east of the Rocky Mountains.

There certainly is a lot of activities to keep tourists busy. According to a Lexington business magazine, our top tourism draw in 2008 — Land Between the Lakes — drew 1.67 million visitors. The Six Flags theme park in Louisville was second, with the Kentucky Horse Park third.

Our festivals are widely known as well, from the just-completed Kentucky Derby Festival in Louisville and International Bar-B-Q Festival in Owensboro to the upcoming Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville.

This year, celebrations marking President Lincoln's 200th birthday and Daniel Boone's 275th are expected to draw a considerable number of visitors. Other unique activities bringing us acclaim include last fall's Ryder Cup, which pits American golfers against their European counterparts, and the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, which is expected to bring in more than a half-million visitors over a two-week period, many of them from Europe.

The Kentucky Horse Park event, with a projected \$150 million economic impact, is considered bigger than hosting two men's college basketball Final Fours back-to-back.

One area of tourist growth we have seen over the last decade is in the bourbon industry. The Kentucky Bourbon Trail, modeled after similar trails used by the wine industry, now brings in nearly a half-million visitors annually to our distilleries.

A recent close look by the Department of Tourism at those who come to Kentucky from other states found some interesting things. No other state brings us more visitors than Ohio, which isn't surprising, but we get more travelers from Florida, California and Pennsylvania than we do from Alabama, Mississippi or Georgia. There are more from Michigan than West Virginia.

Perhaps our most enduring asset in Kentucky is our state parks, which celebrate their 85th anniversary this year. They're seeking to increase the number of guests by doing such things as teaming up with national parks, luring younger generations and promoting adventure tourism for those who prefer outdoor activities like caving, mountain-bike riding or four-wheeling. The General Assembly put its support behind this industry last year by making it easier for private landowners to open their property to these activities.

Once the economy begins to improve, our tourism industry should be among the first to see the benefits. To help that along, I encourage everyone to consider spending more time at our parks, festivals and other home-grown tourist destinations. If you want to know more, the Department of Tourism has a wonderful website that offers both information and cost-saving deals. It can be found online at <http://www.mykentuckybackyard.com>.

Before ending, I want to take a moment to thank those who have done so much to help those in our county during the recent flooding. This has been a difficult time for us, but we have tackled it head-on, which is of course no surprise to those who know us.

If there is any way I can be of help, you can write to me at Room 303, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. You can also leave a message for me or any legislator at 800-372-7181.

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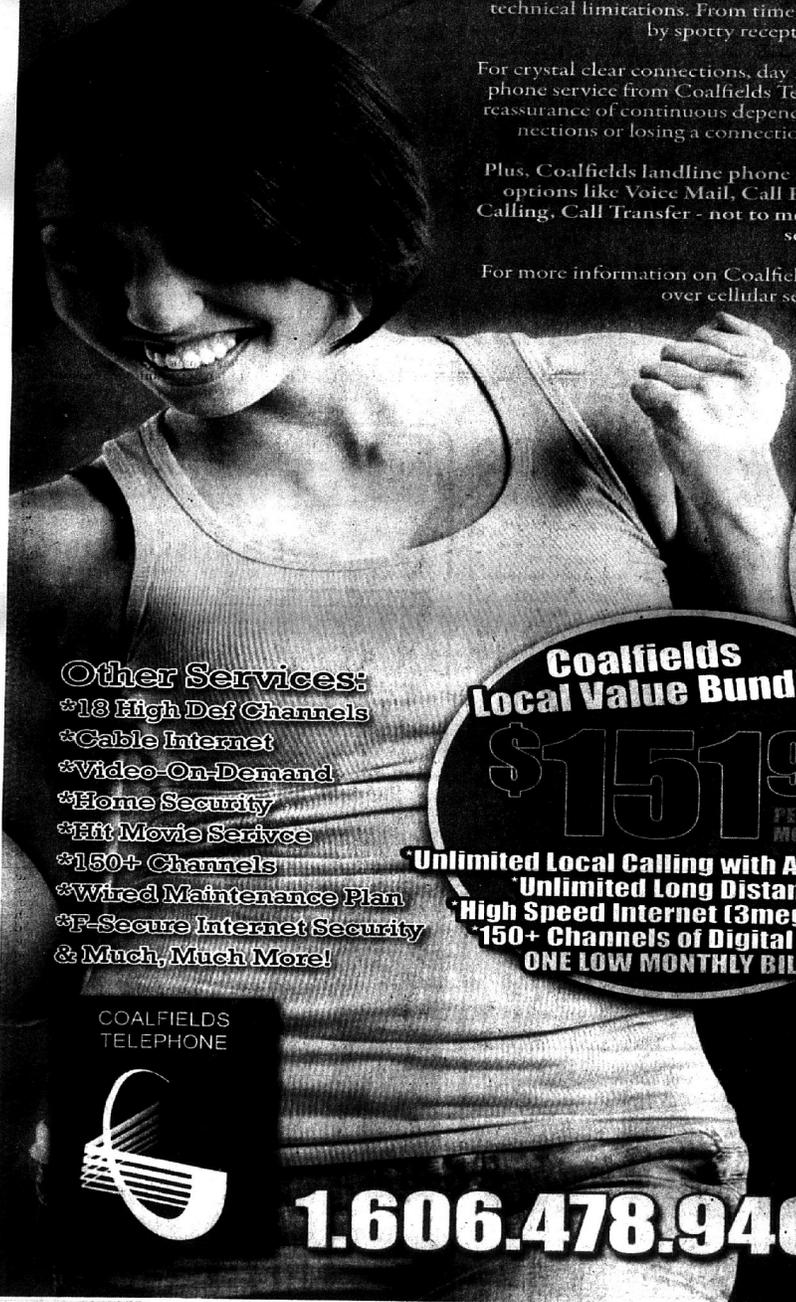
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Lady Rebs eliminate Prestonsburg

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Sophomore Shea Spurlock pitched Allen Central past Prestonsburg in the opening round of the 58th District Softball Tournament Monday evening. Spurlock fanned nine of the 29 batters she faced as Allen Central defeated longtime rival Prestonsburg 12-4 in the opening round district tournament game. Spurlock continues to rank as one of the 15th Region's leading pitchers.

The Lady Rebels plated eight runs in a second inning offensive outburst. "We had an explosive second inning, scoring nine runs," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "We have been in a funk as of late because of the damage to our field at Garrett and not being able to play many games during the last two weeks of season. We have seemed a bit rusty and out of sorts. However, the last two games we have been getting better and better. It feels good to just be able to get out there and

play. This time of year the girls and coaches had rather play than practice anyway." Spurlock also kept pace at the plate for Allen Central, contributing two hits as part of a balanced offensive showing. Jaimie Mullins and Sara Kinney led Allen Central with three hits apiece. Kinney equaled Prestonsburg's run total as she drove in a game-high four runs.

Ericka Moore, Logan Cline and Caitlyn Kidd aided Allen Central offensively with two hits

apiece. Prestonsburg sophomore pitcher Alexis DeRossett was saddled with the loss. The Lady Blackcats ended the season 12-19 under first-year head coach John DeRossett.

Defending 58th District champion Allen Central improved to 11-8 after posting the win. The Lady Rebels are scheduled to face tournament host Betsy Layne today at 6 p.m. in the 58th District championship game.



Third baseman Logan Cline was one of the players who had two or more hits in Allen Central's district tournament win over Prestonsburg. Photo by Jamie Howitt

15th Region Baseball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Paintsville	19-11
Belfry	17-7
Johnson Central	17-12
Lawrence County	17-13
Pikeville	16-9
Magoffin County	15-7
East Ridge	13-8
Prestonsburg	13-13
Phelps	10-8
Allen Central	10-12
Sheldon Clark	10-16
Pike Co. Central	6-13
Betsy Layne	4-14
South Floyd	2-15
Shelby Valley	2-16

15th Region Softball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Magoffin County	27-6
Lawrence County	21-11
Johnson Central	20-9
East Ridge	16-7
Shelby Valley	13-10
Prestonsburg	12-10
Allen Central	11-8
Betsy Layne	11-9
Belfry	8-10
Pikeville	7-12
South Floyd	6-11
Paintsville	6-14
Pike Co. Central	4-13
Sheldon Clark	4-22
Phelps	2-10

UK coaching staff fills out

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky head men's basketball coach John Calipari announced his three assistants on Tuesday, naming Orlando Antigua, John Robic and Rod Strickland to his basketball staff.

All three men were on Calipari's staff at Memphis last season, where they helped lead the Tigers to a 33-4 record, the Conference USA title and an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. Antigua, a standout player at the University of Pittsburgh, enters his second year on Calipari's staff, having coached with him last season. Prior to his stop in Memphis, he spent five years at his alma mater, who he helped lead an overall record of 132-40 (.767 winning percentage) and a Big East Conference mark of 55-27 (.670 winning percentage).

Robic will be in the fourth year of his second stint as part of Calipari's staff. Prior to his three years on Cal's staff at Memphis, Robic was an assistant under Calipari at UMass from 1990-96 where he helped lead the Minutemen to an average of 26 wins a season and the 1996 Final Four.

Strickland is in his inaugural season as an assistant coach after serving as the Director of Basketball Operations at Memphis the last three seasons. A 17-year NBA veteran and two-time All-America, Strickland averaged 13.2 ppg and 7.3 assists in his NBA career. He ranked among the NBA's top 10 in assists seven times in his career, leading the league in the '98 season.



The team of Dean Harless and Mac Harless (Hager Hill) captured first-place in the annual Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad fishing tournament on Dewey Lake.

Floyd Rescue Squad holds annual fishing tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad held its annual fishing tournament on Dewey Lake at Jenny Water Park on Saturday, May 2. A breakdown of the top-five finishers from the tournament follows.

First-place: Dean Harless (Hager Hill), 12.52-pounds.

Second-place: Rick Stafford (Pikeville) and Corey Bailey (Hippo), 8.26-pounds (Big Bass 5.47-pounds).

Third-place: Wayne Harless (Auxier) and Glenn Powers (Auxier), 6.91-pounds.

Fourth-place: Frank Johnson (Pikeville) and Jason Patton (Langley), 5.89-pounds.

Fifth-place: James Shepherd (Salyersville) and Matthew Arnett (Salyersville), N/A.

A total of 37 fish were caught, weighing 89.76-pounds. The first-through fifth-place finishers also received Bill Dance autographed pictures and hats. Daiichi books from T.T.I. Blakemore, fishing line and multi-tools from Cabela's.

The following sponsors helped to make the tournament possible: City of Prestonsburg, Respond Ambulance, Trans-Star Ambulance, Prestonsburg Tourism, First Commonwealth Bank, Adams Auto Parts, Kentucky Farm Bureau, VFW Post 5839, Layne's Ace Hardware, Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, Hi-Tech Signs & Graphics, Bill Dance, Cabela's Outfitters, John Ornett, Wes Campbell of T.T.I. Blakemore Lure Co., and Betty Perry also helped to make the event possible.



Above: Rick Stafford (Pikeville) and Corey Bailey (Hippo) finished second in the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad fishing tournament.

Below: Auxier fishermen Wayne Harless and Glenn Powers finished third.



Lady Cats outlast South Floyd, 15-12

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Host Betsy Layne finally fended off South Floyd Monday evening in the opening round of the 58th District Softball Tournament. Nearly every inning featured at least one run being scored. Betsy Layne eventually came out on top, defeating South Floyd 15-12.

The Lady Raiders enjoyed the most success early on, scoring one run in the opening inning. South Floyd led 1-0 through the first two innings before Betsy Layne

came around on the offensive end. The two teams, however, swapped leads in more than an inning. "It was a roller coaster game," said Betsy Layne Coach Gloria Mullins. "South Floyd has a much improved team. They came out ready to play and we did not. Finally, around the fourth and fifth innings, we picked up and started to hit the ball."

Keleigh Wagner delivered late in the game for Betsy Layne, driving in two runs on an inside-the-park home run. "Keleigh's hit down the

third base line won the game for us," Mullins commented. "She had made the comment earlier that she was going to hit a home run and then just laughed like she always does. Keleigh is always joking and goofing off. She did it this time. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Betsy Layne (12-9) plated its 15 runs on 15 hits. Wagner also had three singles. Kendra Case, Lindsey Martin, Megan Hamilton, Faith Reynolds, Keturah Tackett, Amby Tackett and Samantha Stewardson were other leading offensive contributors for the Lady Cats.

Casey Ross was the winning pitcher for Betsy Layne. Ross came on to pitch for Betsy Layne in the fifth inning. She faced 18 batters, walking four and allowing six runs on seven hits. South Floyd produced 16 hits in the season-ending setback. Andrea Conn had two doubles and two singles for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd pitcher Trista Dameron suffered the loss. South Floyd finished the season 6-12. Betsy Layne will face defending champion Allen Central in the 58th District Tournament title game today.

Kinzer, Thornsberry race in Friday Night Fights feature

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Floyd County Super Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer and Shannon Thornsberry were both in competition late last week at Volunteer Speedway, vying for the top spot in the Friday Night Fights feature at Volunteer Speedway. Veteran driver Vic Hill ultimately captured the \$3,000-to-win feature race, prevailing in the Landair Transport Inc./Pilot Travel Centers/Miller Brothers Coak Inc./Qualcomm/Beamer's Flooring Outlet/The Hightower Advertising Agency/American Racing Tire South/V.P. Racing Fuel/Dan Estey Construction/Ohlins/Peterson Fluid Systems/Kushman Racing Components/Competition/Edelbrock/C.P. Pintos/Brodys/Land Cranks/C.Racing Products/Joe Gibbs Driving Performance Synthetic Racing Oil/Jesel/Manly/Simpson/Vic Hill Racing Engines/Fastlane Signs & Graphics/Real Wheels/Team GRT Race Cars/No.1 Chevrolet Impala SS. Hill held a commanding lead which he would not see shrink as he easily cruised to the Friday Night Fights victory over Chad Ogil, Randy Weaver, Kinzer and David Crabtree. Completing the Top 10 were Kerry Jones, Dale Ball, Joe Amnes, Steve Smith and Rodney Kiker.

Thornsberry finished 14th. Chris Combs, an Eastern Kentucky driver from Ison, ended the race 20th.

MSU football program announces recruiting class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University football program has announced its 2009 recruiting class. The 33-member group has all signed letters of commitment and all have also completed enrollment requirements for the university. The class includes nine Kentuckians, including the state's all-time career passing leader.

Along with the nine in-state recruits, the class also includes 12 student-athletes from Ohio, nine from Georgia, and one each from Indiana, Virginia and Florida. Seventeen of the incoming players are slated for roles on the defensive side of the line of scrimmage, while another 14 will be on offense. The class also includes two kickers.

Among the most notable recruits is Clay County (Manchester) quarterback Zach Lewis, who set the state career passing record with 13,642 yards and 1,508 attempts. He was also awarded an Old Spide RedZone Player of the Year honor for the state. Hazard High School standout Michael Campbell is another MSU football signee.

Area additions include Bath County defensive lineman Aaron Meadows and Russell High School offensive lineman Drew Miller.

Prestonsburg High School graduate John Gilliam is a veteran on the MSU coaching staff. Gilliam, a former Pikeville College head coach, serves as MSU defensive coordinator.

Floyd to host regional archery training

Sessions to be held in three counties
TIMES-STAFF REPORT

Three regional trainings will be held to certify instructors for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

These trainings are offered free for schools located within the Fifth Congressional District through a grant provided through Operation UNITE and the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. Schools outside the 29-county district may attend at a cost of \$75 per person.

No archery experience is required to take the training, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. All schools wishing to implement NASP must have at least one trained instructor. Regional trainings will be held:

• Tuesday, July 14, at Memorial Gymnasium (Zandt High School), Memorial Drive, Hazard. RSVP deadline is Friday, July 3.

• Wednesday, July 15, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. RSVP deadline is Friday, July 3.

• Monday, July 20, at Somerset Christian School, 815 Grande Central Blvd., Somerset. RSVP deadline is Friday, July 10.

Each training will be limited to the first 25 people to RSVP, and each school may

send no more than two people.

To RSVP contact Kentucky Archery in the Schools Coordinator Jennie Richardson at 606-521-0421 or e-mail to jennie.richardson@ky.gov. Out of district schools should make the \$75 fee payable to the "KY NASP Foundation."

NASP is an in-school target archery program that teaches archery skills to students in grades 4-12 as part of an in-school curriculum. The co-ed program is designed to engage those students who may not otherwise take part in regular school sports activities.

The two-week physical education and cross-curriculum course, called "Archery: On Target for Life," has been offered to Kentucky students since March 2002, said Jennie Richardson, state archery coordinator. Written by the state Department of Education, the curriculum holds creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history and English/language arts.

Currently NASP is taught by nearly 16,000 teachers in more than 5,000 schools in 46 states and five countries. According to NASP, archery is ranked as the most effective sport taught in schools except table tennis.

Schools in the Fifth District that implement after-school

archery clubs may be eligible for funding for start-up equipment through Operation UNITE's community coalitions. UNITE has awarded \$33,580 to 22 NASP programs in 12 counties.

"Participating students have exhibited marked improvements in self-esteem, confidence, self-discipline, structured programs and self-worth - all qualities that lead to an all-around better student, and an enriched student body," said Hank Patton, Kentucky's Deputy Commissioner for Fish & Wildlife Resources. "We have also documented improvements in attendance, behavior and on-task behavior."

On April 14, in kicking off the partnership between UNITE and the state Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers noted that the goal is to get our youth involved in something positive before they get interested in drugs. We can arrest drug dealers and provide treatment for addiction, but it's far easier to reach a child with positive activities before they fall prey to that lifestyle.

Kentucky Afield host Tim Farmer, who attended the kick-off event at Campton Elementary, included UNITE and Congressman Rogers in a recent show. To view the 5:28 overview of NASP and UNITE go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6p9aCGQ5uA>.



Above: Frank Johnson (Pikeville) and Jason Patton (Langley) finished fifth in this year's Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad fishing tournament. Below: James Shepherd (Salersville) and Matthew Arnett (Salersville) finished fifth in the annual tourney.



Stewart wins NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race

TIMES-STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, NC. - After a wild 10-lap last segment, Tony Stewart thrilled fans and banked \$1 million on Saturday night with a win in the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He led only two laps before taking the checkers. This was Stewart's first victory in the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race. It was also Stewart's first victory as a Sprint Cup team owner.

"Darian made a handful of adjustments on that last caution and man did it wake that car up," Stewart said in a post-race interview. "It was stuck those last ten laps. We were as good as the guys in front of us, we were just in traffic. It was just awesome to finally get into victory lane with a group of guys who have wanted it for a long time." The top-five was rounded out by Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin, and Carl Edwards. The Sprint Fan Vote winner Joey Logano finished eighth.

Safety first in boating season

TIMES-STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - The most popular boating weekend of the year is coming up. Memorial Day weekend draws more boaters to Kentucky's lakes and rivers than any other time of year. However, this season's unofficial boating season begins with a stern warning for boaters. Nine people have already lost their lives on Kentucky waters this year.

"We're off to a bad start considering the boating season has not even begun yet," said Sgt. John Anderson, boating education coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It's a huge concern for us, and it should be a concern for everyone in Kentucky."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conservation officers will be out in full force patrolling the state's waters. They will be watching for impaired boaters, reckless operation and other safety violations.

"Most of our boaters are safe, conscientious boaters who don't mix alcohol with

boating, take the time to learn the proper skills and are never involved in an accident or incident," Anderson noted. "It's a small minority that makes it dangerous for the rest of us, so we've got to get this message out to everyone."

Taking a boater education course is the most effective way to prevent accidents. Courses are offered throughout the year in each Kentucky county, and taking a course is required for boat operators ages 12 and over who operate boats 10 horsepower or over. The 10 hours learned in boater education courses, however, are essential for all boaters.

Putting on a life jacket, for example, is perhaps the most important step you can take in keeping you and your family safe. "Your odds with a life jacket are substantially better than with a seatbelt in a car," Anderson explained. "Approximately 90 percent of all people who die in boating accidents die as a result of drowning. That means 90 percent would have survived if they had worn a life jacket."

Another essential safety precaution is leaving alcoholic beverages on shore. Drinking and boating is illegal for both operators and passengers.

"Those who choose to violate that law not only risk a citation or arrest, but they are taking their lives and the lives of those around them in their own hands," Anderson said.

Boating can be a safe, fun activity for all Kentuckians. Last year, for instance, was the safest Kentucky boating season since record-keeping began 40 years ago. By putting safety first, everyone on the water can focus on having a good time.

"Boating is considered the number one summer activity among families," said Anderson. "It can be excellent exercise. It gets you out in the fresh air. It's a healthy activity, and when it's done properly, it's good for everybody."

For complete information on boating regulations, safety requirements and more, check the 2009 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever fishing licenses are sold.

Lady Cats turn back P'burg

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne prevailed in its final regular-season Floyd County Conference/58th District game of the season last Wednesday, defeating Prestonsburg 15-7.

The Lady Cats jumped out in front 4-0 in the first inning and never looked back. Betsy Layne never trailed en route to the convincing conference/district win.

"We played well except for the fifth inning when we gave up four runs - two off of errors," said Betsy Layne

Coach Gloria Mullins. "We lost our heads for a few minutes but regained composure and picked up where we had left off. We hit well and ran the bases well."

Betsy Layne had a total of 20 hits in the win over Prestonsburg.

Extra-base hits were common for the Lady Cats. TJ Tackett delivered a triple for Betsy Layne. Megan Hamilton and Faith Reynolds connected for a double each.

Betsy Layne also enjoyed several multiple-hit games. Kendra Case, Lindsey Martin and Samantha Stewardson

each had three singles. Tackett, Hamilton and Ambly Tackett had two hits apiece for the Lady Cats.

Keturah Tackett was the winning pitcher for Betsy Layne, facing 41 batters. She finished with four strikeouts. Keturah Tackett allowed seven runs on 17 hits and five walks.

Betsy Layne committed five errors and allowed two runs off of errors.

Betsy Layne is hosting the 2009 58th District Softball Tournament. More on the Betsy Layne girls' softball program will appear in Friday's edition.

Betsy Layne holds off Pikeville

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Host Betsy Layne scored two runs in the fifth inning and held off Pikeville Thursday in a late regular-season high school softball between two familiar border rivals. The Lady Cats defeated Pikeville 8-6.

Betsy Layne plated two runs in the first inning but found itself in a 2-2 deadlock when the second inning closed. The game was tied

again in the fourth inning - this time 6-6. The Lady Cats used a two-run fifth inning to turn back the visiting team.

Betsy Layne produced 11 hits in 30 at-bats. Kendra Case, Megan Hamilton and TJ Tackett each had two hits for the Lady Cats. Tackett legged out a triple for homestanding Betsy Layne.

Samantha Stewardson delivered two RBIs for the Lady Cats.

Keturah Tackett was the winning pitcher for Betsy

Layne, facing 35 batters en route to the win. The Betsy Layne pitcher allowed 12 hits and recorded two strikeouts.

"We came out playing and never lost sight of the end," said Betsy Layne Coach Gloria Mullins. "We fielded well. This was one of the best fielding games we have had. We got the ball in quick and never gave up any extra bases. I'm really proud of the team and hope this will build and keep our confidence up in the District Tournament."

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0329 Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation. The operation disturbs 209.94 acres within the permit boundary. The permit area is approximately 0.19 mile northwest from KY Route 404's junction with Rough and Tough Creek, and is located within Rough and Tough Creek and Buckeye Branch of the Left Fork of Middle Creek, and Mill Branch of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 36 minutes, 26 seconds; and the longitude is 82 degrees, 52 minutes, 58 seconds. The permit area is located on the Mytown, David, Prestonsburg, and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Roger Lee Shepherd, Deaver Shepherd, Kenneth Bradford, Eunice Shepherd, Phillip E. Allen, Christine Bradford, et al., and Marvin Music, Jr. The renewal has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 880-7010 Renewal No. 5

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8061, Renewal

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Director, Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8062, Renewal 5

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 85.76 acres located 0.75 mile northwest of "Goodloe", in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.0 mile northwest from State Route 850, and located 0.1 mile south of Buckeye Branch of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°36'11". The longitude is 82°52'19". The operation is located on the David & Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the coal preparation plant method of mining. The surface area is owned by Pierre Mather and Billie Doris & Elmer Shepherd. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8061, Renewal

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 08-CI-716 First Commonwealth Bank vs. Teddy Sparkman and Unknown Spouse Regina Bailey and Unknown Spouse; Chairman Dove and Unknown Spouse; William R. Sparkman and Unknown Spouse; Michael Sparkman and Unknown Spouse; Floyd County, Kentucky; Central Financial Services, Inc.; Citizens National Bank; and Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMONWEALTH'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Revised Final Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of March, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$7,551.71, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, May 28th, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Jesse Sparkman

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County: Matt Co. Inc. 836-0307 04/14/2009

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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC Mountain Manor Nursing Home of Paintsville, Kentucky, a long-term care facility, will accept residents and render services without distinction due to race, color, national origin, handicapping condition or age. Patient referrals can be made at the facility, at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, Kentucky, or by phone: 606-789-5808.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Allen Volunteer Fire Department will be having a public auction on June 6, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Items to be auctioned off are: 2006 Rockwood Ultralite Camper This unit has never been used. Features a slide-out, open cook top, Roof air, electric brakes, microwave, Awning, leveling jacks, full bath, Sleeps 8-10 people, 2 tanks and battery included. - 2-New 6,500 watt electric start generators. - 1-New "2" outlet gasoline "trash pump." - 1-New double tank, portable air compressor. - 1-New small gasoline generator. - Miscellaneous emergency lights. * All items sold as-is. Sellers reserve the right to reject any/all bids. Buyer has 48 hours from auction close to remit payment in full, prior to taking possession of any items sold. Payment must be in cash or certified check. NO PERSONAL CHECKS

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This 8th day of May, 2009.

William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY

41653 (606) 886-2812 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this 6 day of May, 2009:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5463

Amendment #1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located northwest of Burton in Floyd County. The amendment will add 3.1 acres of surface disturbance making a

total area of 493.2 acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.65 miles northwest from KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.25 miles west of Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC and will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The amendment will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY Route 122. The amendment will not require relocation. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY

41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Application Number 836-5467

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Mat/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 886-0811, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 101.13 acres located at Emma in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is located approximately 1.2 miles northwest from the intersection of Emma Road and KY 1428 and is located 0.5 miles southeast from Sand Branch of the Levisa Fork. The mine site is located at Latitude

37°38'27" and Longitude 82°43'50". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Monday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, from May 30, 2009 to May 30, 2010.

An authorized company representative in radio communication with the certified blaster (flagman) will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short siren blasts prior to detonation. The clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all clear signal is given. The warning and all clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals.

All blasting will be scheduled from Sunday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset. In the event that unscheduled blasting is unavoidable, then the audible signals described above will be used to notify all persons within one-half mile of the blasting site. The applicant must document the reason and conditions for the unscheduled blast with any required seismograph report. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than those scheduled, include but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5533 Renewal 5

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Goose Creek Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 226, Eastern, Kentucky 41622, has applied for a renewal for a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation 2.3 miles south of Eastern in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 46.08 acres of surface disturbance and underlies an additional 436.00 underground acres for a total of 482.08 acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles south from KY Route 80's

junction with Goose Creek County Road and located 0.2 miles south of Goose Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, William Allen, et al., Allen, Lafayette, George Ouseley, Coal-Mac, Inc., Kenneth and Velva Hall, James E. Patton and Willie Jr. and Rebecca Conley.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasier Creek Mining, LLC 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has filed for an amendment to an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 31.87 acres and delete 7.74 acres of surface disturbance area for a total area within the permit boundary of 99.18 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.70 miles southeast from State Route 80's junction with State Route 680 and located 0.60 mile west of Turkey Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation uses the area method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Larry Collett, et al., Elizza (aka Elizabeth) Watten Heirs, and Eugene Mullins.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0326

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Bids will be accepted through 4:00 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2009, at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

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Pikeville College honors undergraduate class of 2009



Pikeville College's Class of 2009 applauds family members for their support during the commencement ceremony at the East Kentucky Expo Center May 9.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine honors 78 new physicians

PIKEVILLE — With words of inspiration from one of the nation's top doctors, the newest physicians at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCsOM) are ready to begin their residencies and internships, primarily serving in rural healthcare facilities in East Kentucky and other regions of Appalachia.

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degrees were conferred upon 78 PCsOM graduates at the East Kentucky Expo Center May 9. The commencement address was delivered by Richard Carmona, M.D., MPH, FACS, the 17th Surgeon General of the United States (2002-2006). Carmona also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his contributions in medicine, public service and education.

"Dr. Carmona's address was the best I've ever heard and the medical school ceremony was the most moving commencement I've ever attended in my life," said Michael Looney, D.A., who presided over his first PCsOM commencement as president of Pikeville College.

In his address to the Class of 2009, Carmona fondly recalled a conversation he had several years ago with PCsOM's founding dean, the late John Strossider, D.O.

"Dr. Stro," as he was affectionately known, told Carmona about a young soldier who had applied to the medical school. Looking to the future, Dr. Stro made a bold proposal. If the young man, who had found time to prepare for medical school while traveling the world serving his country, were to make it through, would Carmona give the commencement address when he graduated?

"A promise made is a promise kept," Carmona told graduates. "So here I am and thank you for the opportunity to come before you because it is Master Sgt. Special Forces Medic Dr. Brian Allen that connected us. He's one of your classmates. And, like Master Sgt. Allen, I was once a young Special Forces medic with a dream to

become a doctor, albeit a generation ago."

As surgeon general, Carmona issued calls to action in the fight against major health concerns such as obesity, heart disease, cancer and the dangers of second-hand smoke. Sharing his story of growing up in an impoverished Hispanic family, Carmona, a high school dropout who graduated from medical school at the top of his class, spoke about the hardships and health disparities his family had endured.

"The greatest determinate of health status in this world is socio-economic status and you all know that because it is a foundation on which your education has been built," Carmona said. "Understanding the patients, meeting them where they are, undertaking a holistic, integrative approach to their care, to their health — not just becoming people that take care of the sick, but actually embrace the concept of keeping individuals, families, communities and the nation healthy — that's what I love about osteopathy. One of my first instructors, as a young Special Forces medic in the Vietnam era, was a D.O. who taught me everything I know today about osteopathic medicine."

Carmona spoke with great admiration for the doctor who had made such an impact on his life and helped him "appreciate the privilege of being a physician."

"I never forgot those lessons through all of my training and all of my career," he said. "To this day I'm grateful to him, but also to the field of osteopathic medicine because I understand the holistic, integrated approach that they provide."

To be a good physician, Carmona said, "It's about your heart ... it's about your commitment. It's about the selfless sacrifice to serve others, and that's what you're all about to embark on right now."

To view the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine commencement online <http://stream.pc.edu>

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College honored the academic achievements of 136 undergraduate degree candidates during its commencement ceremony May 9.

Co-valedictorians for the Class of 2009 were Kendra Layne of Phelps, Tiffany Nichols of Beauty, Courtney Wiest of Pikeville and Melissa Willis of Van Lear. Matthew May of Ezel, was class salutatorian. The college presented Thomas A. Musselman Sr., of Louisville, with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his contributions in education, athletics, and philanthropy.

"I've attended more than 40

commencement ceremonies and this one, by far, was the most exciting for me being the college president. It was an awesome experience," said Michael Looney, D.A., who presided over his first commencement as president of Pikeville College. Looney also expressed his concern for those in the college family who were affected by weather conditions on commencement eve. "We are doing what we can to make it up to our students who were unable to attend," he said.

Also honored during the commencement ceremony were Larry Kay Hardesty, professor of sociology/criminal

justice and Ella Smith, assistant professor of Spanish, who were first- and second- place recipients respectively of the college's William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards.

The keynote speaker for the commencement was Harold H. (Hal) Smith, who served as president of Pikeville College from 1997-2009. While at Pikeville, Smith and his wife, Karen, were partners in advancing the mission of the institution and the "value" of education for all. During their 12-year tenure, the college graduated more than 2,000 undergraduates, including 250 nurses and more than 200

teachers, most of who are serving in this region. And, the medical school graduated nearly 500 new physicians, the vast majority of whom are working in primary care, mostly in medically underserved areas.

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If you have a child enrolled in school at McDowell for 2009-2010 school year, you will be eligible to vote.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Good to the last bite

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

I admit it: I'm a fruit junkie. I'm a big fan of vegetables, too, but fruit—oh, how I love fruit! If given a choice between a big slab of chocolate cake or a plateful of fresh pineapple, I might salivate a bit over the cake, but I'd go for the pineapple every time. Or the peaches, or the cherries, or the pears, or the plums...

Which brings me to today's big news: plums without pits. How great would that be?

It's doable, according to the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). They've been looking for the genes that control the formation of the pit in plums. Once those genes are pinpointed, that's a big step toward stopping the formation of those unwanted pits.

A fruit pit is really nothing more than the fruit's seed tucked away inside a hard woody covering, called the "stone." That stone is a nuisance for processors as well as producers. That's why pitless fruit varieties would be great news not only for fruit processors, because removing and disposing of the stones is a costly practice, but also for growers and consumers—the growers because they could get a premium price for their produce, the consumers because they might be encouraged to eat more nutritious fruit.

Of course, the dream of pitless fruits isn't a new one. In the early 1900s, the famous and highly prolific horticulturist Luther Burbank crossed a partially stoneless wild plum with California French prune varieties. Those crosses led to commercial-quality fruit that almost completely lacked the stone, but still had the seed.

More importantly, Burbank's work demonstrated that stoneless fruit can still hang onto the tree, grow to the appropriate size, and attain commercial quality.

But since Burbank's death in 1927, researchers have only been able to find three sources of his stoneless plums in germplasm repositories, and they say it's not clear that those three are all the same. Most of Burbank's stoneless varieties have been lost, but the ARS scientists have some of the trees from the repositories growing in an ARS orchard in West Virginia. The scientist have initiated crosses with these trees to start a new breeding program, but the trees are still immature and don't yet produce fruit.

The ARS scientists have also engineered Burbank's stoneless variety with an early-flowering trait that will greatly speed up the breeding program. They've produced a fruit that has remarkably little stone tissue—but they still need to make improvements to make that fruit edible.

For a fruit to be truly pitless, you need to find a way to eliminate both the stone and the seed inside that stone. So the ARS scientists have begun projects to address both of those issues, utilizing both traditional breeding, using Luther Burbank's plums, and genetic engineering.

The ARS scientists discovered that a set of genes necessary for production of lignin—which is a material used in fruit stone formation—is rapidly turned on specifically in the stone tissue, but not in the fruit's flesh or skin, just before the stone starts to harden. Then those same genes shut down just as quickly after the stone has hardened.

With that clue in hand, the scientists say their game plan is to establish techniques that stop the genes from kicking in, and thus prevent the stone from hardening.

The scientists say they're hopeful that this same technique could be applied to other stone fruits such as cherries, peaches, nectarines and apricots. Imagine it—a pitless cherry! However, don't count on finding these pitless fruits in your local supermarket's produce section anytime soon; there's still a lot of research to do.

But this research could have important implications not only for fruit, but for forestry or biofuel crops, in which

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Melanie Stapleton, Rachael Hayes, Jerica Blair, Ashley Fleming, and Chesl Spriggs sing a song in three-part harmony at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Vocal Camp performance 2008. Registration is now open for the BSCTC Teen Vocal Camp to be held June 15-19 on the Prestonsburg Campus.

SINGING LESSONS

BSCTC to hold vocal camp for teens

by JAARID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — For teenagers who enjoy singing, Big Sandy Community and Technical College is offering a camp to help them hone their vocal skills.

The Big Sandy Singers Summer Vocal Camp for Teens is scheduled to be held from June 15-19 at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The camp will be led by Laura Ford Hall, a 14-year veteran of the Kentucky Opry that has taught voice classes at the college for over 10 years. Serving as instructors for the camp will be Clayton Case and Timothy Cooley.

Case is a 10-year veteran Kentucky Opry member who has also had vocal and performance training. At the camp, Case will be teaching workshops on performance and stage technique.

Cooley, who was a member of the nationally known Apple City Gospel Quartet, will be teaching students about sound equipment and studio training.

According to information provided by Hall, the singing techniques covered at the camp will include: breathing, pop-belted techniques, chest and head voice control, vocal range, ear training for hearing pitch, microphone control, staging and stage presence, moving on stage, sound equipment training and more.

In addition, the week will culminate with a

performance featuring solos, ensembles, and group singing in the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The camp fees are \$75 for the week, which includes all supplies needed for camp. Students attending must be age 14-18.

Along with attending the camp, students will also have the option to take private vocal lessons for an additional \$20, where they will be critiqued on the areas of their personal vocal abilities and how to improve.

Only 20 students will be accepted to the camp, so Hall suggests early registration.

To receive a registration packet, email Laura Ford Hall at bigsandyvocalcamp@gmail.com.

Saint Joseph - Martin recognizes employees

MARTIN — Saint Joseph - Martin hosted its annual Employee Recognition Awards luncheon on Friday, May 8, at the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

"We have the best health care employees in Kentucky," said Kathy Stumbo, president. "We value their years of service and dedication to Saint Joseph - Martin."

Three employees received special recognition and gifts for their years of service:

- Ruth Shelton, director of patient financial services, celebrated 40 years;
- Billie Turner, vice-president clinical operations/CNO, 30 years;
- Kim Castle, nurse educator, 25 years.

Other employees honored for 2009 were:

- 15 years of service - Debi Bentley, Lynn Goble, Renee Chandler - Hall, Connie Joseph and Kathy Stumbo;
- 10 years of service - Robin Bartrum, Elvis Crum, Sandy Manns, Dr. Lowell Martin, Diana Price, Pauline Smith, Peggy Smith, and Dr. Prem Verma;
- Five years of service - Kathy Cox, Susan Goble, Lisa Little, Leeda Music, Natashia Osborne, Wendy Sexton, Sherry Slone, Michelle Smith and Anna Thursbury.

Employees in attendance were eligible for a number of door prizes and all employees recognized for years of service received a service pin to commemorate the special event.

Saint Joseph - Martin is part of the Saint Joseph Health System and Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national non-profit health corporation based in Denver, Colorado.



Honored Employees

Employees of Saint Joseph - Martin were honored for their years of service during a luncheon May 8.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(May 14 and 19, 1999)

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn counted young marijuana plants at a residence on Wilson Creek, near Maytown, Wednesday afternoon. The container—cleverly, the innards of an old washing machine—held around 70 seedlings, and another one nearby held 16. Children in Floyd and Pike counties will have a better chance of staying drug and alcohol free, thanks to a grant from the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention Project. Douglas Wayne Hayes, 47, of Betsy Layne, charged with the murder of his only son, was acquitted in a trial in Floyd County Circuit Court on Wednesday. He was charged with the murder of Christopher D. Hayes, 27, in connection with the death that happened in August of last year...The 1999 CEDAR Regional Coal Fair will take place, next week, at Pikeville College. It features more than 500 coal projects created by students in Floyd, Pike and Knott county schools...Billy Dean Johnson, a former Left Beaver man, will be among 27 volunteer rescue squad members from 11 states, who died while on duty, and who will be recognized at the National Emergency Medical Services (NEMS) Memorial Service, in Roanoke, Virginia, on May 29...Accused murderer Andy Mitchell, 54, formerly of Dwaile, has pleaded guilty to the shooting death of his estranged wife, Billie Jo Mitchell, at her Ivel home on November 2, 1997. In addition to the murder charge, he was also indicted on three counts of stalking in the first degree, one count of rape in the first degree, and burglary in the first degree, to which he also pleaded guilty...The owners of Thunder Ridge Race Track, near Auxier, will begin paying on the principal of the loan that Floyd County made on their behalf in 1993. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Terrell Ross, one of the race track owners, has agreed that the company, Appalachian Racing, will make its first payment of \$25,000 toward the principal on the \$2.7 million loan on July 1...Seven Floyd County students have been selected to attend the 1999 Governor's Scholars Program this summer. The students are: Sheena Renee Allen, South Floyd High School, daughter of Scotty and Renee Allen; Christibeth Blackburn, Betsy Layne High School, daughter of Ann and Lance Blackburn; J.R. Conn, BLHS, son of Randy and Karen Conn; Margaret Dameron, Prestonsburg High School, daughter of Phillip and Martha Ann Dameron; Greta D. Hicks, PHS, daughter of Derek and Deborah Hicks; Lois Michelle Rogers, PHS, daughter of Acie and Gail Rogers; and Virginia Shepherd, PHS, daughter of Janet and Gorman Shepherd...Keith Howard, 37, the alleged grower of 86 marijuana plants that were confiscated by the Sheriff's Department, last Wednesday, was arrested Friday, at his residence on Wilson Creek, and was charged with cultivating marijuana, more than five plants, which is a Class C felony...Big Sandy Area Community Action Program has been awarded a Tenant-based Rental Assistant grant through Kentucky

Housing Corporation, to aid low-income residents in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties...The Floyd County Republican Party is hosting a Tri-County fund-raiser at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn, on Friday, July 23...There died: Addie L. Moore Molsinger, 86, of Connersville, Thursday, April 15, at Reid Hospital in Richmond; Raymond B. Fraley, 80, of Frankfort, formerly of Drift, Tuesday, May 11, in the Thompson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore; Amram "Am" Garrett, 84, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, May 11, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Gilva Morrisette, 75, of Warsaw, Indiana, Wednesday, May 12, at her residence; Miles Arthur Whitaker, 74, of Blue River, Tuesday, May 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hattie Blackburn, 70, of Melvin, Thursday, May 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Doris Conley, 59, of South Claypool, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, May 15, at her residence; Bonnie Shepherd Elkins, 55, of Hueysville, Saturday, May 15, at her residence; Clifford Akers, 92, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, May 17, at the River Valley Health Systems in Ironton; Alben Richard Cooley, 60, of Eastern, Monday, May 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Jason Keith Jacobs, 24, of Pippa Passes, a Martin native, Tuesday, May 18; Clarence E. Justice, 57, of Plymouth, Ohio, a native of Middle Creek, Sunday, May 16, at Mansfield Memorial Hospital; Richard Lee Stone, infant son of Robert and Jessica Wallingford Stone, was stillborn, May 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; John H. James, 76, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Louisa, Thursday, May 13, at his residence; Edna "Sweetie" Mullins Meade, 75, of Hill Hall, Saturday, May 15, at her residence; Goldie Frasure, 90, of Abbot Road, Prestonsburg, Friday, May 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Nora Fugate, 89, of Carrie, Saturday, May 15, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Regional Medical Center; Thomas Lewis Jr., 60, of Martin, May 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ira Mosley, 60, of Franklin, Ohio, March 27, in Ohio; Ollie Stephens, 78, of Martin, May 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(May 16, 1979)

A gas explosion wrecked the kitchen of Prestonsburg High School, and injured seven persons...The incident is under investigation...An outline for "New" Prestonsburg downtown heard at meeting...A new hospital at Paintsville is being sought...Handicapped persons will have easier access to state government services in Prestonsburg soon, to include restroom renovations and ramp construction...There died: Rebecca Tackett, 82, of Weeksbury, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital;

Forty Years Ago

(May 15, 1969)

A search Thursday morning, of the ruins of a Lackey residence, that had been destroyed by fire a few hours earlier, uncovered the charred

(See YESTERDAYS, page four)

Twenty Years Ago

(May 17, 1989)

A manslaughter indictment was returned by the grand jury, this week, against Harbit Hall of Betsy Layne, who was charged with the death of Christine McKinney in a vehicle accident at Betsy Layne...Glenn Thacker, owner of Pet World, was issued a citation for cruelty to animals after KSP officers responded to a complaint that the animals from the closed store were at a private residence, and were desperately in need of food and water...On Monday, Garrett area parents kept more than half of the school's student body home, protesting reported unsafe conditions at the school...There died: Roy D. Allen, 69, of Mansfield, Ohio, May 8; Eugene Crum, 76, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, May 9, in Ohio; Reynold "Red" DeRossett, 71, of Pikeville, May 12; Crit Gearheart, 92, former Floyd County resident, May 13, in Versailles; Craydon Howard, 91, of David, May 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hatler Johnson, 74, of Melvin, May 15, at Highlands



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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

New direction for Adult Education Program

The Floyd County Big Sandy Community & Technical College (BSCTC) Adult Education Program has provided many individuals with GED preparation. Now, a new emphasis for the program is providing individuals with preparation for entering college. "GED preparation is still offered, but we realize that most jobs now required more than a high school diploma or GED," said Kay Ross, Program Director. College Prep will provide assessment of current skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, and provide "brush-up" classes in these academic areas for individuals needing more review time before taking the college placement exam. Thanks to a grant, these workshops are free of charge. The College Prep Program is offered on the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC. Please phone 606-886-7397 for more information.

Bingham Family Reunion of Southeast Kentucky

Attention! Descendants of John A. Bingham born 1768 and Deborah Phipps born 1768. A reunion will be held Saturday, May 23 rd, 2009 in Middlesboro, Kentucky on the grounds of the Binghamtown Baptist Church. This will be a "pot luck" affair. Everyone attending the reunion is asked to bring a covered dish and non-alcoholic beverage. Lunch will be held between 12 noon and 1:00 P.M. All activities will take place in fellowship hall in lower level of Binghamtown Baptist Church. Several people will be there around 9:00 AM to prepare for the day's activities. Plan to stay until about 3:00 or 4:00 PM or as long as you wish. Steve Bingham (606) 436-2808, PO Box 1219, Hazard, KY 41702. Robert Barry Bingham (859) 619-6397, 3232 Tudor Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. J.T. Bingham (606) 337-9849, P.O. Box, Ingram KY 40955

22nd Annual Hyde-DeLong Reunion, set for May 24

The 22nd Annual Hyde-DeLong reunion will be held May 24, beginning at 11 a.m., in the Pines building at Jenny Wiley State Park. All family and friends are welcome. Call Donald Hyden at 789-5024, or Amma Vaughan at 606-226-

2299, for more information.

Betsy Layne Elementary Kindergarten registration
Betsy Layne Elementary kindergarten registration will be held in the conference room, beside the main office, June 3, 8-11. For more information, contact Teresa Frazier, counselor, at 478-9751, extension 2809.

D.A.V. Chapter 169 Memorial Day Motorcycle Ride and Hot Rod Run, is set, May 24
D.A.V. Chapter 169, Memorial Day Motorcycle Ride and Hot Rod Run fundraiser will be Sunday, May 24. Registration: 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Pikeville Walmart. Leaves at 11 a.m. For more information, call 606-794-6287.

Rain date: May 31. \$25 per car or bike. Friends, food and fun, door prizes, and 50/50 drawing. 100% of proceeds go to the veterans.

Summer Camps For Kids at The Auxier Center

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

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

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

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

HEALTHY COOKING CAMP
June 10, 11 and 12
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: \$5.
Call 606-886-0709 for reservations.

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

Big Sandy Trail Riders Club to hold Spring Ride

The Big Sandy Trail Riders Club Spring Ride will be held May 22-May 23, at the German Bridge Campground. Trailrides begins at 10:00 a.m. Members get in free. Non-members \$10 per person; Kids 12 and under, free. There is primitive camping, a concession stand, tack vendors, photographs and entertainment. Directions: take Rt. 1428 to Rt. 194 across Cow Mountain, and follow 194 to German Bridge Campground.

For information, call: Jimmy Goble, 606-886-3314; Warren Jarrell, 606-285-9502; Denizil Allen, 606-874-9595; Keith Stapleton, 606-874-9486; Kenny Craft, 606-874-0723; Jeremy Jarrell, 606-874-0615; or Lloyd Lowe, 606-432-5817.

Must have membership card for members to get in free.

Floyd County Retired Teachers to hold memorial service

The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having their annual Memorial Service on Thursday, June 4, at 10 a.m., at the Josie Harkins School House at Jenny Wiley Campgrounds.

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

Shelby Valley High School Class of 1999 reunion

Shelby Valley High School Class of 1999 is still looking for missing classmates. Reunion is scheduled for June 27 at Landmark Inn with a picnic on June 28. RSVP by May 31st to: drkristincompton@gmail.com on facebook under groups, or call Diana Compton at the high school at 606-639-0033.

Pike County RAM Expedition

Pike County RAM Expedition (Free medical, dental and vision services to the uninsured, underinsured, or those who cannot afford services). June 27 and 28 at Fike County Central High School (1901 US Hwy. 119 N 41501). Doors open at 6 a.m., first come, first served. Call (606) 432-6246.

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion

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

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

Betsy Layne High School class reunions, Sat., June 20

Betsy Layne High School Reunion classes of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s will be Saturday, June 20th. Call for additional information, Joe Hinchman, 859-373-0518, or Marvin Williamson, 606-478-3310.

Duff Kindergarten Registration

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

Higher education begins here

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by

Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older.

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

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

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar May 2009

GED Classes
May 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th
Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GED Classes
May 19th, 26th
Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Highlands Blood Drive
May 26th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

GED Classes
May 27th
Martin Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes
May 28th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information concerning the support groups, please contact: Highlands

Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

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

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

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

July 23, 2009

* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues.

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches. Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

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

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box

3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

(See CALENDAR, page five)



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Larry P. Totten, deputy commissioner, parks and CPM Awards chair presented the 2009 Gene W. Childress Leadership Award to Leonard K. Cieslak, social service clinician with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, for his dedication and service to the clients. Cieslak is a 25-year employee of the organization.



Tony and Sabrina Hall, of Bevensville, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lindsey Shea Hall, to Phillip Todd Craft, son of Phillip and Sandy Craft, of Sassafras.

Lindsey is the maternal granddaughter of Linda Couch Cannon, of Littleton, North Carolina, and the late Hiram "Buddy" Couch. She is the paternal granddaughter of Margie Williams, of Pikeville, and the late Omeah "Buddy" Hall. Todd is the maternal grandson of Sadie Combs, of Hazard, and the late Kenneth "Shorty" Combs. He is the paternal grandson of Anna Blair, of Pine Top, and Claude Craft, of Tazewell, Tennessee. The couple will exchange vows in a ceremony that will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at Graceway United Methodist Church. A reception will follow at the Martin Community Center. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Yesterdays

body of its tenant, 20-year-old Ballard Edward Hall...A brewing rift in the organization of two Floyd County programs materialized, Monday, when Cecil Sturgill, of Harold, resigned the chairmanship of both the Floyd County Community Planning and Development Association... "Lay off the politics," Harry Bebburn, executive director of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, in effect, warned staff members and employees... Leads strongly pointing to the identity of the slayer of James M. Claffins, 37, who was found dying of bullet wounds on Arkansas Creek, near Martin, the night of May 4, are in possession of State Police, but they aren't saying what these clues are... The June issue of "Coronet" magazine, which went on sale Tuesday, has the article, "Seven Small Towns That Refused To Die"—and Prestonsburg is one of the seven... There died: Josephine Gearheart Mather, 87, of Canton, Ohio, Floyd native and former teacher, Sunday at Canton; Maudie Hicks, 78, of Hippo, last Wednesday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Cora Mullins Caudill, 71, of Lackey, last Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Hobert Lumpkins, 60, of Martin, last Wednesday, at Grundy, Va.; Everett Bailey, 37, former Floyd resident, last Thursday, at his home in Fairborn, Ohio.

brick and block structure. Present freezer facilities will be increased. They already have 18,000 cubic feet of freezer space... Sniping with rifles and the hurling of dynamite, stepped up the violence of the eastern Kentucky coal field this week, as miners sought to organize scores of non-union truck mines in the area... The Floyd County Board of Tax Supervisors, last Thursday, voted to levy a \$516,000 property tax on the United Mines Workers Memorial Hospital at McDowell, which thus became the first UMW Hospital in Kentucky to have a tax levied against it... A new two-way radio system will soon be added to the growing number in use in this county. Latest one planned to be installed will be by Hall Brothers Funeral Home, of Martin... The number of seniors graduated, or being graduated this week, from the nine Floyd County high schools is 539. This is the highest number ever to be graduated in this county... There died: Steve Collins, 93, native of Floyd County, at his home in Plymouth; Emma Stone, 71, of Dema, at the home of a brother; James Monroe Crisp, 82, of Martin, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Miranda McCoy, 97, Floyd County native, at the home of a son in West Virginia.

\$16,000,000 added to the \$19,000,000 fund now available through state sources... Prestonsburg's City Council, at its meeting, Monday evening, took initial steps toward annexation of suburban Prestonsburg, all the way from the highway bridge at Cliff, to Ball Alley, at the nether end of the community... Surfacing of the Prestonsburg-Salyersville highway was begun, this week, from the Prestonsburg end, with contractor's employees starting at the junction of the highway with the David road... Fire which destroyed the Central Service store, and a neighboring residence, caused damage estimated at \$50,000 at Estill, early Tuesday morning... There died: George W. Rorer, 69, at his home at Lancer; Maynard Hall, 14, of Hippo, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hall.

Seventy Years Ago
(May 18, 1939)

The Mountain Ridgerunners, a string band composed of local musicians, made their initial radio appearance, Tuesday morning, over station WBTH, Williamson, W.Va., and at 9:15, each Tuesday morning, will occupy a 15 minute "spot" in the station's schedule; the band is composed of Dave Sizemore, Thomas and Pershing Perry, Floyd Warrick and Woodrow Perry... While Harlan County coal operations went on under the watchful eye of several hundreds of national guards, Floyd County's 6,000 miners prepared, Wednesday to return to work. A contract was signed, Tuesday, and as a result of the agreement, 14,000 miners of this section will return to

Sixty Years Ago
(May 19, 1949)

Federal aid to education, already approved in the Senate, and now facing House hearings, will almost double funds for Kentucky's schools, it was estimated here this week. If the House concurs in the Senate measure providing \$300,000,000 a year to schools, the result would be

Fifty Years Ago
(May 21, 1959)

The Brown Produce Company building, on Third Street, is undergoing work, which will convert it into a two-story

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

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

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.
 Call 874-2296 or 888-1006 for more information.

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

UNITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?
Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the

Science

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Lignin is a key source of fiber strength and energy storage. It's been very difficult until now to manipulate lignin levels, but new studies suggest that plum stones contain extremely high levels of lignin.

A better understanding of how those stones accumulate so much lignin could open the door to new ways to enhance wood properties in trees—or develop high-energy-density biofuel crops. That's even better news than a pitless cherry!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at

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center for meeting times.

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

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

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

"Community Weight Loss Support Group" - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info, call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings

being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

"Domestic Violence Hotline" - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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

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

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7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

"PARENTS!" - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

"East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers" - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.
"Narcotics Anonymous (NA)" - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info, contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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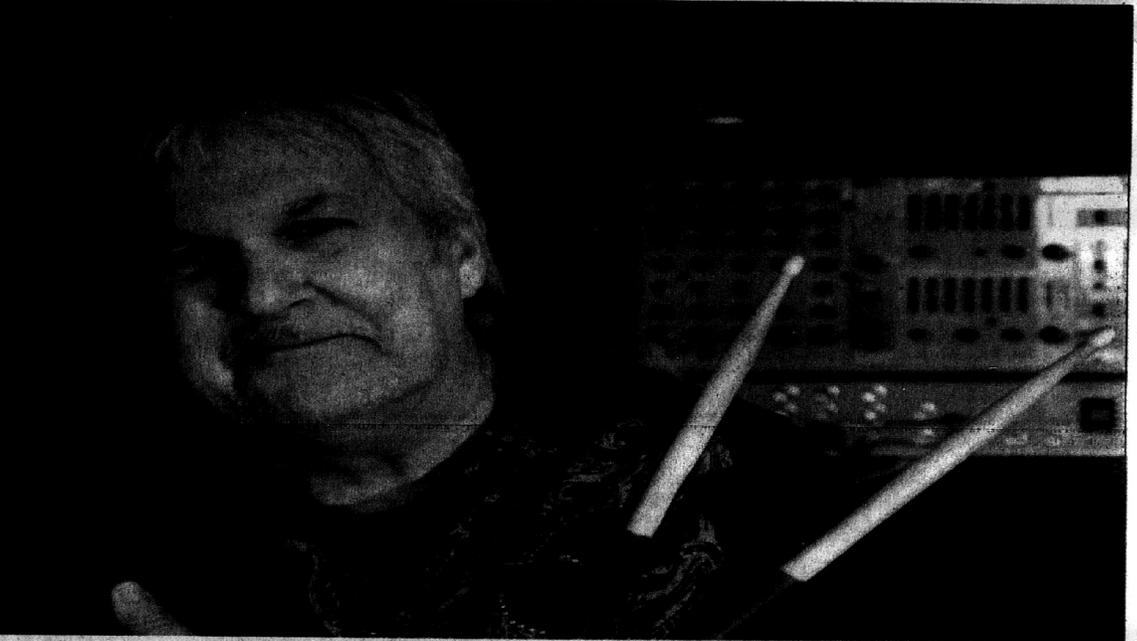
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The Beat Goes On

Drummer keeps on pace with minimally invasive heart surgery at King's Daughters Medical Center

To learn that King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) offers minimally-invasive heart bypass surgery — providing a quicker recovery and less trauma to the chest area — was a bit of good news for Ironton, Ohio, resident Terry Lowe.

"A heart attack was the last thing on my mind. It is scary to think this was working on me and I didn't know it."

Lowe has been a drummer for more than 40 years, traveling all over the country and on cruise ships in the Bahamas with various musicians to make his living. Except for a bout with acid reflux and a hiatal hernia in 1992, he has been healthy.

scar of about 10 inches up and down the breast bone. The minimally invasive procedure is more challenging for the surgeon as he is given a limited view, but the patient benefits from a quicker recovery and less pain, less chance of infection, and less operative trauma. Generally, these patients can return to normal activity — work and driving — within three weeks.

But this past winter, while walking on a treadmill, the 58-year-old Lowe felt pressure in his throat that kept coming back. After endoscopic tests showed no additional problems in the digestive tract, Lowe underwent a series of tests that lead to a cardiac catheterization with cardiologist Richard Paulus, M.D. Lowe soon learned he had suffered a heart attack and his heart was working only at 25 percent capacity — to improve his situation, he would need open heart surgery.

As predicted, three weeks after surgery, Lowe was back behind the drums and feeling good. "As a drummer, my upper body is my livelihood. I feel very lucky to have been in the right place at the right time," he said.

"I had not experienced chest pain or left arm pain," said Lowe. "A heart attack was the last thing on my mind. It is scary to think this was working on me and I didn't know it."

To share your story...
 Do you have a success story about King's Daughters Medical Center that you would like to share with others? If so, please let us know by calling us at 1.888.377.KDMC or e-mailing us at info@kdmc.net, or visit kdmc.com/stories

Dr. Paulus referred Lowe to cardiothoracic surgeon Marcos Nores, M.D., who discussed the minimally invasive procedure. Minimally invasive open heart surgery is not ideal for every patient, Dr. Nores said, but for Lowe less trauma to his chest was music to his ears.

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Dr. Nores performed the minimally invasive procedure through a three-inch incision between the ribs on the side of the chest. This small incision is in contrast to the traditional full sternotomy with a

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