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**MISSISSIPPI WOMAN**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**RACCOON** — A woman reported missing was found less than nine hours after state police sent notifications to local media outlets.

Geraldine Watson, 45, of Raccoon in Pike County, was reported missing to state police around noon Sept. 16 by family members.

At that time investigators started the search, saying shortly afterwards that no leads had been uncovered as to her whereabouts.

A photograph was sent Wednesday along with a press release to local news stations, which aired Watson's disappearance that evening.

Kentucky State Police spokesman Mike Goble notified the media through a press release at approximately 9 p.m. the same day that Watson had been found and had not been harmed. Goble said the tip that led to her being discovered came from a caller who had seen the broadcast about the Raccoon resident.

Further details were not released explaining the circumstances that led to Watson going missing.

## 8 accused of staging car wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

LONDON — Eight Floyd Countians were indicted in federal court yesterday on charges of conspiracy and mail fraud.

A grand jury in London indicted the eight Floyd natives for allegedly arranging a staged automobile collision in order to collect insurance payments.

Junior Little (also known as Baaney), Luther Johnson Jr., Robin D. Shumaker, Dannie Lee Bentley, Green Berry Newman (also known as G.B.), Troy L. Fields, Burnett Little and James Clarence Hall each received one count each of conspiracy.

Newman, Little, Bentley, Fields and Shumaker were also charged with additional counts of mail fraud for allegedly using the postal service to deliver

mail for the purpose of furthering the alleged scheme.

According to the federal indictment, the eight agreed to cause damage to insured vehicles owned or otherwise driven by others within the alleged conspiracy.

The indictments claims they would then file claims and make false statements to law enforcement, insurance companies and medical personnel

regarding the circumstances surrounding the accidents and their injuries.

Those directly involved on a given accident claim would then agree to share the money with others in the group of eight, according to federal prosecutors.

Specifically, the indictments alleges that on June 18, 2006, Little, Johnson

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## LOOKING AT THE SCORES

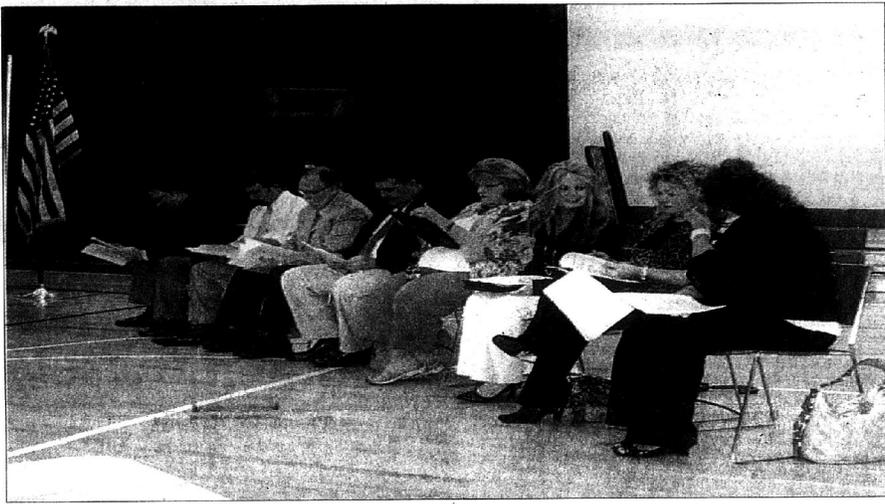


photo by Jarrid Deaton

Principals from all of the schools in the district addressed the Floyd County Board of Education during a special called meeting on Wednesday to discuss the No Child Left Behind and KCCT Interim Performance results.

## Board hears latest test results

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The mood was one of celebration at a special called meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education at Prestonsburg Elementary on Wednesday.

The meeting was called in order to discuss the districts assessment based on the 2009 No Child Left Behind and the KCCT Interim Performance Reports, with Floyd County moving from a state

rank of 66 to a rank of 57 out of 175 districts.

"I'm very proud to say that our district continues to make progress," said Supt. Henry Webb. "We want to celebrate the work that is taking place in the schools and the accomplishments made over the past year. I hold the expectation for consistent improvement so that we may better educate the children of Floyd County."

The principals from each school were present at the meeting and addressed the

board and those in attendance concerning the scores and each schools plans for improvement.

May Valley Elementary was once again named as the top elementary school in the state, and May Valley and Duff Elementary also rank number one for elementary social studies.

"Although we are experiencing wonderful success academically, the teachers and administration at May Valley are

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## Feds file complaint against Pike man

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County man arrested locally at the beginning of this week saw a federal complaint and warrant brought against him in connection with the case Thursday.

An arrest warrant was issued Wednesday through U.S. District Court in Pikeville against Darrel J. Swiney, 37, of Wolf Belcher Road at Shelby Gap, on charges of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute oxycodone.

The complaint and arrest warrant came through federal channels following a sworn affidavit from Kentucky State Police Det. James R. Hunter, a member of KSP's Drug Enforcement and Special Investigation Office.

Local law enforcement, including Det. Hunter, conducted a search of Swiney's home this past week and recovered more than 750 oxycodone and Oxycotin tablets, a stolen dirt bike and more than \$6,500 in cash. Also taken into evidence from a nearby residence and now linked to Swiney were three ATVs that police later discovered had been reported as stolen.

The investigation into Swiney was a four-month long process, according to

(See DRUGS, page eight)

### 2 DAY FORECAST

**Today**  
Partly cloudy  
High: 77 • Low: 58

**Tomorrow**  
Partly cloudy  
High: 81 • Low: 56

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see [floydcountytimes.com](http://floydcountytimes.com)

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## Conn releases video with Stanley, 'Obama Girl'

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

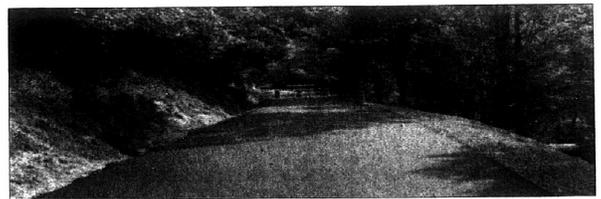
STANVILLE — Eric C. Conn's video campaign to attract the attention of President Barack Obama in an attempt to be appointed to the Social Security Advisory Board is now online, and features bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley, Amber "Obama Girl" Ettinger and "The Dancing Outlaw" Jesco White.

The video features an altered version of "Man of Constant

Sorrow" with Ralph Stanley opening over for the remainder of the video by lip-synching the lyrics that are sung by a female vocalist. White is shown doing his famous clog dancing in some of the scenes.

The song features lyrics such as, "I know a man who'll help Obama, a superhero without a cape. His name is Eric C. Conn, he learned Spanish off of a tape."

(See VIDEO, page eight)



Heavy rainfall on May 9 opened up an old break in Route 1086 at Sizemore Hill that had been repaired several years ago. The new break was worse and caused officials from Highway District 12 to close the road. Repair work was completed last week by Mountain Enterprises and the road is now open to all traffic. Matthew Moore, Prestonsburg section engineer for Highway District 12, said the old break was fixed several years ago with railroad steel. "The break failed because suitable bedrock was not found within the limits of the railroad steel. The maximum depth for railroad steel is 39 feet." Moore explained that this time crews excavated the failed material and backfilled the break with rock that fits the structural need. The amount of the contract was \$156,156.

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# Obituaries

## Floyd Bates

Floyd Bates, 66, of Prestonsburg, a native of Letcher County, died Sunday, September 20, 2009, at the Riverview Health Care. Born May 10, 1943, in Letcher County, he was the son of the late Floyd and Bonnie Conns Bates. He was a contract laborer. Graveside services will be held Friday, September 25, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Family Cemetery, in Homaker, with Richard Greene officiating. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

## Madgie Bryant

Madgie Bryant, age 69, of Albion, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at her residence. She was born June 22, 1940, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Leonard and Linda (Mullins) Compton. On October 6, 1967, she married Oliver Bryant in Clintwood, Virginia; he preceded her in death November 30, 1999. She moved to Albion in 1980. She was a member of Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Albion. She loved her children; many grandchildren, and country music. Survivors include six daughters: Brenda (Jerry) Collins of Printer; Carolyn Johnson of Port Clinton, Ohio; Linda (Rex) Naugle of Bowling Green, Ohio; Patty (Mark) Lonsbury of Tiffin, Ohio; Debora (Chris) Lawley of Oak Harbor, Ohio; and Charlotte (Lee) McConnell of Port Clinton, Ohio; three sons: Donald Bryant of Homer, Michigan; Danny (Maggie) Bryant of Drift; and Rickey (Robin) Bryan of Albion; a daughter in law Cibbie Bryant of Homer, Michigan; 24 grandchildren, including Sgt. Matthew Kaiser serving with the U.S.M.C. in Afghanistan; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; sisters: Maxine Perry, Alberta Delauder, Roselee Stanley, and Vickie Clabaugh; five brothers: Russell, Ronnie, Bill, Willie, and James Compton. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jesse Bryant; a son-in-law, Mike Johnson; three brothers: Thomas, Luther, and Tracey Compton; and one sister, Joann Oakes. Visitation for family and friends was Saturday, September 12, at the J. Kevin Field Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion; and on Sunday, September 13, at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 16680 East Michigan Avenue, Albion. Funeral service was Monday, September 14, at 2:30 p.m., at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Earl Martin officiating. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Albion. Memorial contributions can be made to: Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 16680 East Michigan Avenue, Albion, MI 49224. (Paid obituary)

## Jesse Harold Goble

Jesse Harold Goble, 65, of David, died Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born March 18, 1944, in Johnson County, he was the son of the late John and Lida Howens Goble. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church. He was twice married, first to Laura Belle Rees, and later to Charlotte Jones Goble. They both survive. In addition to his wife and ex-wife, survivors include six sons: Jesse Goble of Johnson County, John Goble of

Maytown, James Reed of Kentucky, Scott Barnett of North Carolina, Steve Barnett of Prestonsburg, and Sheldon Barnett of Lexington; four daughters: Allie Adams and Brenda Newsome, both of Johnson County, Sheri Jervis of Prestonsburg, and Shonda Barnett of Floyd County; one brother, James Goble of Johnson County; 31 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Sam Barnett; and two brothers: Frank and Hillard Goble. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Will Hunt, and others, officiating. Burial was in Gethesmane Gardens, in Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Hila G. Blackburn Hinkle

Hila G. Blackburn Hinkle, 73, of Sebring, Florida, died Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She was born November 28, 1935, in Shelbiana, moving to Sebring in 1963, from McDowell. She was a retired bookkeeper for First National Bank of Sebring, and later worked in the cafeteria at Sebring Middle School. Hila kept books for her late husband, Kenneth, at Hinkle's Garage. She was a former member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, and a member at Whispering Pines Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Grace Virginia Blackburn; a grandson, Heath Ezell; and her husband, Kenneth Hinkle. She is survived by her loving family: a son, Kenneth (Cherry) Hinkle of Okeechobee, Florida; a daughter, Brenda (Steven) Ezell of Sebring; a brother, Roy (Debi) Blackburn of Sebring; sisters: Florence Burcham of Tennessee; Jo Velasquez of Sebring; Bobbi (Edgel) Moore of Arcadia, Florida; and Rosalee (Wayne) Buchanan of Vero Beach, Florida; her grandchildren: Chris (Kelly) Frederick; Steven (Tosha) Harnage; Stefanie (Jeremy) Shaw; Alesha and Heather Hinkle; great grandchildren: Valerie, Kayla and Taylorann Frederick. Visitation was 6-8 pm, Sunday, September 20, at Morris Funeral Chapel. Services were held 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 21, at Morris Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Trinkle and Rev. A.C. Bryant officiating. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery, in Lake Placid, Florida. Memorials are suggested to: Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908. (Paid obituary)

## Rebecca Frances Salisbury Meade

Rebecca Frances Salisbury Meade, 79, of Printer, died Thursday, September 17, 2009, at her residence. Born March 5, 1930, in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late George and Arizona Hamilton Salisbury. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Spurlock



Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Meade. Survivors include two sons: Glenn Meade of Winchester, and Jerry Meade of Jackson, Michigan; two daughters: Teresa Rose of Paintsville, and Audrey Hass of Colon, Michigan; one brother, Joe Salisbury of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and two special friends: James Howard and Irene Conn. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Gleason; and two brothers: Lee Arnold Salisbury and Norris Hamilton Salisbury. Funeral services were held Monday, September 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating. Burial was in the Meade Cemetery, in Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Darrell Dean Preston

Darrell Dean Preston, died Tuesday, September 15, 2009, in Olney Springs, Colorado. Born September 4, 1936, in Callins, Stanton, he was the son of Forrest King Preston and Margaret D. Dameron. He had a bachelors degree from the University of Kentucky in Engineering and Mathematics. He taught high school mathematics at Virgie High School in Virgie, and also drove the school bus for many years. In his later years, he became a custom builder and contractor of his own company, and worked in both Colorado and Kentucky. He moved from Kentucky to Colorado, in 1982, and resided in Denver for several years. After a serious illness, he has resided for the past 16 years with his daughter and her family. He is survived by a son, Gordon Dean Preston of Nashville, Tennessee and his daughter, Lesa Ann Ceverian-Saucedo; one son-in-law, Catalino Ceverian-Saucedo; his six grandchildren: Dara, Francisca, Christina, Jodie, Jesse and Shannon; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Madge (Dewey) Greer. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 26, at the Lucas & Son Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

## Jack Stephenson Jr.

Jack Stephenson Jr., age 52, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at his home in Landrum, South Carolina, surrounded by his family. He was born December 5, 1956, in Mansfield, Ohio, and was the oldest of three children of the late Jack Sr., and Angie Stephenson. He graduated from Ohio

University with a Masters in Math Computer Science in 1981, and began his software development career with AT&T. In 2008, he left the software development industry to pursue his interest in golf, and enjoy the Carolina upstate community. He fell in love and married his soul mate, Annette Branham, on March 31, 1984. They shared a wonderful life together, and were not only husband and wife, but were best friends. Jack is survived by Annette, his wife of 25 years, of Landrum, South Carolina; a sister, Debbie Stephenson of Gahanna, Ohio; and a brother, Brent and (Lori) Stephenson of Lexington, Ohio, and two nieces, Katie and Michelle; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Lizzie Branham of Harold; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Anna and Brian Mercedes of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and a niece, Elizabeth, and a nephew, Kevin; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Julie Branham of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and nephews, Spencer and Cooper. Visitation will be held at 6 p.m., on Friday, September 25, at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. Jack's funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 26, at Hall Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Newman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. (Paid obituary)

## Eva Mae Pitts Whitaker

Eva Mae Pitts Whitaker, 59, of Martin, died Monday, September 21, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Born May 3, 1950, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Newberry and Cynthia Thomas Pitts. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Caney Bible Church, in Caney. She is survived by her husband, Roy Roger Whitaker.

Other survivors include a son, Roger Whitaker Jr., of Hueysville; a daughter, Cynthia Whitaker Akers of Martin; and two grandchildren: Shāmara Akers and Kaiba Akers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John Paul Pitts. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 24, at 11

a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Russ Taylor, Ted Shannon, and others, officiating. Burial was in the Jim Pitts Family Cemetery, in Hippo, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## In Appreciation

I would like to take this time to thank the Allen and surrounding community for their thoughtfulness and kindness during the loss of my husband, James Thomas Settles.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for the food, flowers and visits.

It is a comforting feeling to be a part of such a wonderful community. James would have been proud to know how supportive his friends have been.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Settles

# For the Record

**Marriage Licenses**  
 Amanda Marie Holbrook, 31, of Martin, to Nathan Allen Shelton, 39, of Martin.  
 Denise Hamilton, 37, of Dana, to Byron N. Prater, 37, of Hueysville.  
 Nancy Lou Moore, 59, of Langley, to Ronald J. Cook, 59, of Langley.  
 Mary Elizabeth Bentley, 23, of McDowell, to Bobby Wayne Akers, 30, of Wheelwright.  
 Nicole Renee Rister, 37, of Martin, to Gregory Smith, 43, of Martin.  
 Jilleyln Lee Brown, 29, of Prestonsburg, to Christopher B. Darby, 31, of Pikeville.  
 Marsha Lynn Hicks, 36, of Garrett, to Jeffery Tuttle, 46, of Garrett.

**Civil Suits Filed**  
 Christina Spencer vs. Richard Lewis; petition for healthcare insurance.  
 Grace Taylor vs. Heather

Collins; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.  
 Jennie Howard vs. Robert Howard; petition for healthcare insurance.  
 Randy Reynolds vs. Charles T. Collins; complaint.  
 Household Finance Corporation II vs. Larry Taylor; complaint.  
 Brenda Hall vs. Tabitha Carter; complaint.  
 Edward Handshoe vs. Miller Brothers Coal; complaint.  
 Samantha Stone vs. Joseph Stone; petition for healthcare insurance.  
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Penny Gunnells; complaint.  
 BAC Home Loans vs. Ronnie Hamilton; complaint.

**Small Claims Filings**  
 Dolores Osborne vs. Teresa Collins; debt collection.  
 Ronnie Yates vs. Winston Dillon Jr.; debt collection.  
 Floyd Compton vs. Jimmy

Burchett; debt collection.  
 Ashland Office Supply Inc. vs. Austin Outdoor Advertising; debt collection.

**Charges Filed**  
 Martin Phillip Newsome, 38, Louisville; alcohol intoxication.  
 Justin M. Endicott, 29, Allen; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, prescription not in original container.  
 Joe Lowe, 48, Auxier; public intoxication.  
 Millard Daniel Newsome, 28, Louisville; alcohol intoxication.  
 Crystal Gayle Vanover, 32, Auxier; endangering the welfare of a minor.  
 Jesse Oakes, 23, Russell; criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication.  
 Michelle Hall Giordat, 39, Bevsinsville; harassment.  
 William A. Stephens, 78, Prestonsburg; terrorist

threatening.  
 Larry David Castle, 33, Hueysville; alcohol intoxication.  
 Jason Aaron Tackett, 29, Blue River; menacing, disorderly conduct.  
 Tony Craft, age unlisted, Raccoon; harassing communications.  
 Timothy Bryant, 46, Pikeville; harassment.  
 Clay Yates, 35, Wheelwright; second-degree wanton endangerment, criminal trespassing.

**Property Transfers**  
 Randy Adkins to Leatha Adkins, property not listed.  
 Jon Drew Anderson to Sabrina Scott, property not listed.  
 Pluma Branham to Brandi N. Clark and John T. Clark, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Paul Branham to Brandi N. Clark and John T. Clark, prop-

erty located in Prestonsburg.  
 Maria Crisp to Charlotte Keathley, property not listed.  
 Charles Orville Dotson to Johnie Adams, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Japalene A. Dotson to Johnie Adams, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Timothy Ray Dye to Donna Dye, property located at Left Beaver Creek.  
 Catherine Hamilton to Donna Compton, property not listed.  
 Emmit Hamilton to Donna Compton, property not listed.  
 Floyd Skeams to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property not listed.  
 Tony Skeams to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property not listed.  
 James V. Stratton to Janet Honeycutt and Rick Honeycutt, property located at Woodland Heights Subdivision.

# Regional Obituaries

**FLOYD COUNTY**  
 Patricia A. "Patty" Burton, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday morning, September 22. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 26, under the direction of Sparks Funeral Home, Grayson.

Christine Click, 76, of Martin, died Friday, September 18, at the Highland Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Click. Funeral services were held Monday, September 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Curtis Hall, 72, of Lexington, a native of Harold, died Friday, September 18, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, September 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Margaret Jean West Handshoe, 56, of Hueysville, died Saturday, September 12, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, September 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

George R. Hansford, 92, of Wayland, died Thursday, September 17, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

George Carl Mahan, 65, a Wheelwright, native, died Friday, September 18. A memorial service was held Wednesday, September 23, under the direction of Milward Funeral Home.

Clabe Mosley, 89, of Wayland, died Thursday, September 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Fred Mosley, 65, of Harold, died Sunday, September 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Jill Newsome Mosley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Bertha Newsome Rummel, 86, of Beaver, died Saturday, September 5, at Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 8, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry.

James Thomas Settles, 94, of Allen, died Wednesday, September 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks Settles. Funeral services were held Friday, September 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys Howard Shepherd, 88, of Hippo, died Sunday, September 20, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Helen Burké Wells, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, September 20, at Riverview Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Danny Ray Beaver, 56, of Dwarf, died Friday, September 11, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Lorretta Jane Beaver. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 15, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Martha Gayheart Cornett, died Monday, September 7, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Friday, September 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Maurice Ray Hall, 72, of Topmost, died Thursday, August 27, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Margaret Jean West Handshoe, 56, of Hueysville, died Saturday, September 12, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, September 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Billy Joe "BJ" Jacobs, 23, of Pippa Passes, a native of Martin, died Wednesday, September 9, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Daniel Ray "Boone" Shepherd, 43, of Mallie, died Sunday, September 6, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Barbara Ann Stone, 64, of Larkslane, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, September 12, at the St. Joseph Martin Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clevis Sparkman, 78, of

Garner, died Thursday, September 10, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Orlie Caudill Sparkman. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Irene Fridmore Thompson, 83, of Hindman, died Tuesday, September 1, at Madisonville. Funeral services were held Friday, September 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

James Darin Thomsberry, 35, of Kite, died Friday, August 28, at Mallie. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

**PIKE COUNTY**  
 Ruth Compton, 92, of Southgate, Michigan, a native of Helier, died Friday, September 18, in Michigan. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 24, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Chastity Anita Hall, 31, of Millard, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, September 19, at her mother's residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 22, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Jonna Leigh Hatfield, 21, of Hardy, died Sunday, September 20, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 24, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

George M. Helm, 84, of Forest Hills, died Saturday, September 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Helm. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 22, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Darrell Dean Preston, 73, of Olney Springs, Colorado, a native of Calling Station, died Tuesday, September 15, in Olney. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Lucas & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Freddie Ray, 80, of Virgie, died Friday, September 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
 Aaron Ryan Ferguson, infant son of Virgil and Kandy Horn Ferguson of Flat Gap, died Thursday, September 17, in Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Joycelyn Sisco, 88, of Tipp City, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, September 16, at Spring Creek Nursing and Rehab Center.

Huber Heights, Ohio. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ida Wireman, 100, of Paintsville, died Sunday, September 20. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 23, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**  
 William H. Dillon, 84, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 20, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 23, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

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## Guest View

### Good reason to be cautious

According to statewide news outlets, doctors' offices in Kentucky have been flooded with patients fearing the effects of what is now called Type A flu, but more commonly known as swine flu or H1N1. As cooler weather is set to blanket the Commonwealth in the coming weeks and with the revelation of a confirmed case in Perry County, it behooves us all to keep in mind that the spread of any type of influenza is preventable in most cases, often times with the simplest common sense practices.

Kentucky's Department for Public Health notes that the easiest way to prevent the contraction of the flu virus is simply to obtain a vaccination. Seasonal flu shots are already available in the local health department, and the swine flu vaccine should hit the market in the coming weeks.

There are other ways to help prevent the contraction or spread of the influenza virus. Simply washing your hands and, if you do contract the flu, stay at home and avoid others until your symptoms disappear and avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, and mouth during the duration of the illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 200,000 people are affected by seasonal flu each year, accounting for 36,000 deaths annually in the United States. And now national media outlets have reported that an estimated 90,000 people could die from the swine flu alone this year. In the face of those numbers, there is reason to be cautious and practice good hygiene, but there is even more reason to get vaccinated. The vaccines are usually inexpensive, locally available, and could mean the difference between becoming quite ill or continuing a flu-free existence until next year.

In this day and age it seems that there is an infinite number of diseases to contract, so it makes sense that while both the seasonal and swine flu vaccines will only control two of those copious amounts of illnesses, that's two you don't have to worry about.

— The Hazard Herald

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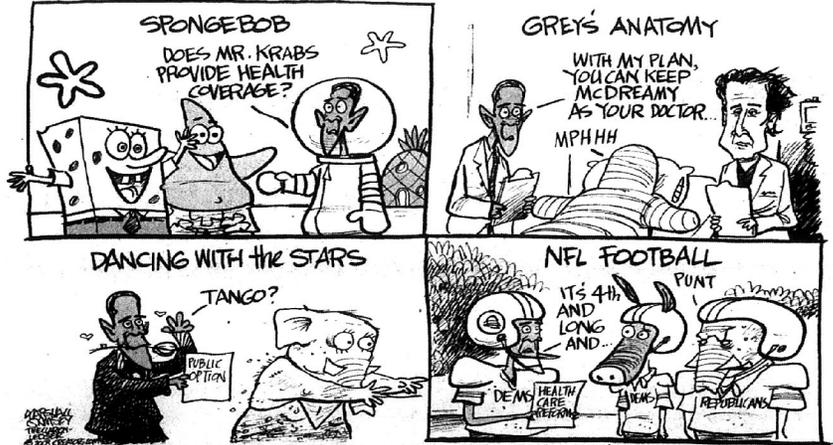
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## Worth Repeating ...

Coming home from very lonely places, all of us go a little mad: whether from great personal success, or just an all-night drive, we are the sole survivors of a world no one else has ever seen.

— John le Carre

## PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TV TOUR CONTINUES...



## Beyond the Beltway

### The degrading of debate

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I don't understand why people are criticizing Rep. Joe Wilson for shouting out "You liar" during President Barack Obama's speech to Congress last week. He has been denounced as rude, vulgar and worse. The House of Representatives has censured him. One liberal commentator even went so far as to call him un-American.

Nonsense, I say. Calling the president a liar is as American as protesting a war or burning the flag. The First Amendment to the Constitution gives every American the right to speak his mind, no matter how boorish, ignorant, and puerile that mind may be. Wilson, under pressure from his colleagues, recanted his action but he didn't seem very contrite. His constituents, on the other hand, loved it.

"I'm proud of my congressman," said one typical South Carolinian. And Rush Limbaugh endorsed his behavior, which, for a Republican, is like a Catholic getting a "well done" from the Pope.

It's not always easy for a politician to stand up for the right of every American to be as dumb as he wants to be, but someone's got to do it. It's the price we pay for freedom. The next time a protester stands up during a congressional debate on Iraq or Afghanistan and yells "Stop the war!" I'm sure that Mr. Wilson will rush to

his or her defense, on principle.

Obama's speech was pretty good I thought, but the reaction of the Republicans in the Chamber is what was priceless. They sat there looking like a group of sullen schoolboys being lectured on deportment by their headmaster.

They apparently were afraid to applaud any of the president's statements lest Limbaugh was watching. Sen. Lindsey Graham, another South Carolina Republican, was about to applaud once but caught himself and changed in mid-clap to a rubbing together of the hands, as though he were playing Pontius Pilate in a community passion play.

The Republicans seem determined to oppose everything Obama suggests, down to the announcement of National Doughnut Week. This, they think, will lead them back to power. They obviously have forgotten what they did with the power when they had it — lead us into two awful wars and bring the economy to the edge of disaster — and they're counting on the American people to do the same.

Maybe it will work. Nobody ever went broke underestimating the collective memory of the American people. However, let us consider for a moment the recent past:

It was Republicans who thrust us into the jaws of economic collapse and Obama who rescued us. Do the Republicans admit that? No. Does Obama get any credit for it? No. Instead, he gets complaints about bailouts, orchestrated protests against the deficit, angry people shouting down proponents of health care

reform.

Had John McCain won the election with a Republican majority in Congress, the deficit would be even higher and unemployment twice what it is now.

The Republicans did not and do not have a single idea for fixing things beyond cutting spending and hoping for the best. That's what Herbert Hoover did in the 1930s. How'd that work out, anyway?

I'm getting worried about the country. All of this turmoil we're having is neither healthy nor natural. It is hysteria reminiscent of the days of McCarthyism when to disagree with the Right was to be labeled a Communist. Moreover, there's a sense of violence in the air, with people appearing at political rallies carrying guns, both pro- and anti-abortionists getting murdered and protesters carrying threatening signs.

You know, virtually every controversial American leader for the past 150 years has been shot at, often fatally. Lincoln, both Kennedy brothers, Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan and Teddy Roosevelt all took bullets, while Franklin D. Roosevelt was fired upon.

It's the American way. There are way too many nuts out there with guns and the Republican idea of fun is to stir them up.

Very worried.

Donald Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. Email him at dkaul2@earthlink.net.

## Letters

### Job Corps to be commended

I would like to take this moment to commend the students and staff at the Perkins Job Corps Center for their excellent work these past few weeks. Over the course of the last several days, the Corps has gone above and beyond what our community has needed. On 9/11, over 50 students and staff participated in a PRIDE Riverside cleanup which netted over 120 bags of trash along our busy streets and back roads.

The next day, the Corps helped to organize a Prestonsburg Marathon for Faithrunners. This event helped to (1) bring awareness to colon cancer, (2) raise funds for research and screening, and (3) create a new event which draws dollars and tourists to our area.

The Corps also helped with event planning and security at the Highland Folk Festival with Prestonsburg Tourism this past weekend which realized at least 1000 visitors to the area.

Thomas Rainey and his staff should be proud of the work they are doing with the youth in our area. They are teaching them a valuable lesson



Job Corps students volunteered to assist with Prestonsburg's Patriot Day Marathon.

about life and also how to be future leaders. The job and social skills learned there will serve them well in future endeavors.

I would like to encourage everyone to visit their facility and see what they have built there with their own hands. You would be amazed and very proud

of this organization. It just goes to show what people can do when they have a positive attitude and then work together to accomplish a very worthy goal.

Brent Graden  
Economic Development  
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# Bellarmine finishes seventh in Great Lakes Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. — The Bellarmine University men's golf team shot a 36-hole total of 586 to finish in seventh place in the 24-team Great Lakes Region Invitational held at HawksHead Golf Links on Sept. 20 and 21. The Knights were led by the freshman tandem of David Shearn and Bryan Ratterman, who both finished in

a tie for 16th at 145 (+1). Wayne State University, which was tied with Bellarmine at 291 after the first round, blistered the Arthur Hills designed layout with team score of 282 (-6) in today's final round to win the team title with a 573 total. Northern Kentucky University's Danny Lewis was medalist with at -9 (135). Bellarmine's Doug Wilkinson had another solid

outing, posting scores of 74 and 73 to finish tied for 24th at 147. Senior Brooks Herrick, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, fired a 149. Nick Becht turned in a 156 for the Knights. The Knights will swing back into action Monday in the NCAA Division II Championship Preview at Sagamore Golf Course in Noblesville, Ind.

## Rebels visit Pikeville for pivotal game

District title is on the line

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — For a second straight week, Allen Central is set to play in its biggest game of the season. Last week, Allen Central defeated Paintsville for the first time in school history, winning 34-14. This week, Allen Central will face Pikeville with a district championship at stake.

The Allen Central one-two rushing punch of Hunter Crowder and Logan Crowder was too much for Paintsville last week. Offensively and defensively, Allen Central dominated the line of scrimmage.

"It was a great game,"

Allen Central Coach Jeremy Hall commented following the matchup against Paintsville. "We came out and played very hard and stuck to our game plan. I was very impressed by our defensive line play. We were expecting our secondary to try and contain the run and pass. Our defensive line stepped up and played a big part in the game. They got a good rush and made some big plays in the backfield. We played several different line-man up front and each came out and played good football. Bradley Fields, Blake Salisbury, Jon Carraway and Cory Conn, played exceptionally well on the defensive line. Without their hard work the game could have had a whole different look. We also had great secondary play out of Mickey Parsons from the safety position, leading the team with eight solo tackles and

three assists. Our linebackers Hunter Crowder, Sheldon Rice and Shane Hamilton all stepped up and played very aggressive hard-hitting football."

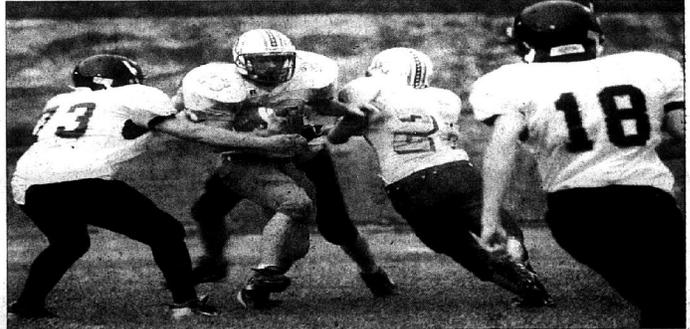
Last season, Pikeville managed to edge Allen Central on the Rebels' home field. That game, a district championship and the fact that Allen Central has never defeated Pikeville has fans on both sides highly anticipating the latest matchup.

"We've been prepare for a very good Pikeville team," Hall said. "We are still looking one week at a time. We have to come out and play a good, turnover free football game. We have to play to win."

Pikeville is 1-3 under the guidance of first-year head coach Ben Howard. Kickoff for the Allen Central-Pikeville game is set for 7:30 p.m.



OFFENSIVE DRIVE — Above: Micah Harlow handed off to Jacob Bentley during Monday night junior varsity game versus South Floyd. Below: Allen Central running back Mickey Parsons picked up yardage against the Raiders.



### 16TH REGION BOYS' SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Record
South Laurel	13-3-0
Letcher County Central	8-1-2
Pikeville	7-2-0
Prestonsburg	7-5-1
Paintsville	6-3-1
Perry County Central	5-3-1
Johnson Central	5-3-2
Corbin	5-8-1
Oneida Baptist Institute	4-6-1
Shelby Valley	3-5-3
Hazard	3-6-1
Belfry	2-9-1
Middlesboro	1-4-0
North Laurel	1-11-1
Buckhorn	0-2-0
Pike County Central	0-10-0

### 16TH REGION GIRLS' SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Record
Paintsville	9-1-2
Letcher County Central	9-1-1
Johnson Central	9-3-1
Pikeville	7-3-1
North Laurel	7-4-2
Corbin	6-2-3
South Laurel	6-7-2
Perry County Central	4-4-1
Belfry	3-5-1
Pike County Central	2-5-0
Middlesboro	2-5-1
Hazard	2-7-0
Shelby Valley	2-8-1
Prestonsburg	2-11-0
Sheldon Clark	1-7-0



MICAH ON THE MOVE

Allen Central junior varsity quarterback Micah Harlow (15) looked to pass against the South Floyd JV defensive unit. The Rebels defeated the Raiders 26-0 in the junior varsity high school football game.



MAKING THE HIT: Allen Central defender Mickey Parsons halted the progress of Paintsville ballcarrier Nehemiah Doderer Friday night.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**  
**Joseph Jamerson, Prestonsburg Football**  
**Kelsey Jones, Allen Central Volleyball**



## SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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### History

has taken to calling Frosty Davis's history teacher because he too points out the same fact. Pikeville has never lost to Allen Central. Jamey doesn't think that matters.

But if it's a close game with five minutes or so left, it'll be the most important stat of the night.

— Don't tell the guys in the clubhouse, but on Wednesday the Reds were only four games out of third place in the National League Central.

— Says here Kentucky fans shouldn't focus on trying to beat Florida tomorrow — although it would be sweet to see — and enjoy watching one of the absolute great players in college football history. And if you have to ask which one, you don't follow the sport too closely.

— I've missed commenting on something these last few weeks and would like to rectify that situation right here.

I was born in the state of Michigan, and while I left most of it behind when we moved — I mean, I was only five, how

deeply could it be embedded in me? — one thing I retained was an interest in the Tigers. And it's been kind of difficult to get terribly excited about them most of the time. I've always been a fan of the voice of the franchise.

Ernie Harwell was firmly entrenched in the Motor City well before I was born in one of its suburbs all those years ago, and in my estimation will always be on the short list of the game's greatest announcers. Listening to him call a game of his beloved "Tig-ahs" was like having a time-inning conversation with an old friend.

I'm a fan of Detroit columnist Mitch Albom. I'm a follower for former Tiger manager Sparky Anderson. Ask around and you'll find many who aren't. Say something remotely negative of Harwell in Michigan and you'll likely have a fight on your hands.

Recently it was announced that the 91-year-old Harwell has a cancerous tumor in his bile duct and has decided

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against aggressively treating it. It's heartbreaking, really, that one of the true legends has made this decision. But at his age, he no doubt feels as if radiation, chemo and surgery would be more harmful than beneficial.

A couple of weeks ago the Tigers had another Ernie Harwell Night, and gave him another opportunity to again address the legion of followers he once conversed with every summer's night. He was graceful, he was charming, and he was overcome with emotion. It was Ernie at his best.

It was also tremendous of the Tigers to give him a chance to say goodbye in all probability, for the last time. He deserved it, there's no doubt.

And as a tribute, allow me to close with one of his most famous sayings, a phrase he'd often turn when a player took a called third strike: "He stood there like a house by the side of the road."

Thanks for your time, Mr. Harwell.



At the urging of his young son, Blaise, Randy Frasure put his car back together after a crash in the previous week and went on to win his first feature event of the season on Saturday evening in the Corbin Speedway Super Street Series. Frasure is a native of Floyd County and his father, Randell, who lives in McDowell, serves as his crew chief.

photo by Strader Motorsports Photography

## Midnight Madness tickets available Oct. 3

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tickets for the 2009 Big Blue Madness at Rupp Arena will be available Saturday, Oct. 3, at 6 a.m., at the Memorial Coliseum ticket windows on Euclid Avenue and online at UKathletics.com and Ticketmaster.com. Madness, the first open practice opportunity for Kentucky's 2009-10 men's and women's basketball teams, is Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Fans will be allowed to enter Rupp Arena beginning

at 6 p.m. the night of Big Blue Madness.

Tickets are free again this year, and there will be a limit of two tickets per person at Memorial Coliseum. Online orders will have a minimal service fee attached, and there will be a limit of two tickets per household.

At the request of campus public safety officials, fans wishing to line up ahead of time at Memorial Coliseum are asked to do so no earlier than 8 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Athletics Department

will provide portable restroom facilities, but safety concerns will prohibit the use of permanent, wooden-type structures, and propane tanks or other open flames used in cooking.

This will be the fifth time Madness has been held at Rupp Arena.

Stone returns to UK: Former University of Kentucky men's basketball player Landon Stone has returned to UK following a brief transfer to Morehead State University.

## UK to host 2013 NCAA Tournament

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky and Rupp Arena were selected to host first- and second-rounds of the 2013 NCAA Tournament as announced by the NCAA on Monday.

Recognizing that 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the championship, the committee selected venues and cities which have served as the backdrop to great tournament moments such as North Carolina's triple-overtime win in the 1957 championship game in Kansas City, Villanova's upset of Georgetown in Lexington in the 1985 title game, the

Kentucky-Duke classic in the 1992 East Regional final in Philadelphia, and hundreds of other plays, players and games that are deep-seated in tournament history. "Through our partnership with Rupp Arena and the Lexington Center, we're excited about the opportunity to host the NCAA Tournament once again, especially in lieu of it being the tournament's 75th anniversary," said UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart. "As NCAA policy precludes us from competing in our home arena during the event, it's a great opportunity for UK fans, and basketball fans in general, to experience the atmosphere of the NCAA

tournament. Throughout the years, the Lexington community has shown a strong support of the tournament and, in addition to the historical significance of Rupp Arena, that played a part in being chosen as a host site again."

In addition to Lexington, Auburn Hills, Austin, Dayton, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, and San Jose were selected to host first- and second-rounds, and Indianapolis, Los Angeles and North Texas were chosen for the regional rounds. One regional site will remain unnamed while details are being finalized.

The 2013 Final Four will be played in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia.



photo by Chris Belcher

SCOTT LEMASTER (SALYERSVILLE) was a feature winner at Riverside Raceway Saturday night.



Blackcats Tori Hammonds (16), Clara Osborne (4) and Kate Herrick (7) awaited a Pikeville penalty kick in the first half of action Monday evening.

## Kinzer finishes sixth in ASLMS feature

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The weekend yielded a sixth-place finish for veteran driver Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports team. Mother Nature drove the Kinzer Motorsports team north to the K-C Raceway in Chillicothe, Ohio, Saturday night. The O'Reilly All Star Late Model Series (ASLMS) sanctioned a \$5,000-to-win

one-day show at the south-central Ohio venue. Kinzer ran second in heat race action and later drew the pole position for the A-Main.

The Floyd Countian was running strong in the second position behind fellow Eastern Kentucky native Eddie Carrier, Jr. in the main event when the race director called out an inadvertent caution over the Raceceiver. The Allen driver slowed down anticipating

the yellow flag period, which never came from the flagman. Before Kinzer could get back up to speed, he had fallen back to the sixth spot, which is where he eventually finished behind Carrier, Jason Montgomery, Rob Blair, Rod Conley and Donnie Moran.

The Kinzer Motorsports team is scheduled to race at Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway Friday and Saturday.

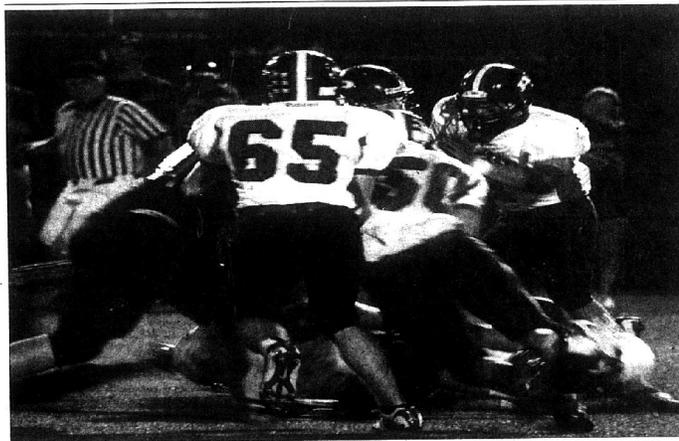


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PRESTONSBURG held Pikeville to one touchdown last Friday night.



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**Conspiracy**

and Hall met and planned to stage an automobile accident. Five days later, on June 23, Shumaker rented a U-Haul with money provided by Hall.

Around this same date, prosecutors says Little provided furniture and other household items to be loaded into the U-Haul to give the staging of the collision an appearance of legitimacy.

The indictment then says Shumaker drove the loaded U-

Haul into a 2000 Crown Victoria driven by Little. Newman was a passenger in the U-Haul and Fields and Bentley were passengers in the Crown Victoria, the indictment alleges.

Each count in the indictment carries a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine and five years of supervised release.

**Drugs**

place. The same source also told investigators she had driven Swiney to St. Louis to buy upwards of 800 to 1,000 Oxycotin tablets, saying Swiney would carry a handgun with him on these trips.

This information was used to later set up a controlled buy, Hunter said. Undercover officers met with Swiney in the parking lot of the Eagle Masonry building in Pikeville and bought 27 Oxycotin tablets for \$1,700.

Undercover agents conducted three more controlled buys in June and August before Swiney was arrested during a traffic stop along Caney Road in Pike County and charged with drunk and reckless driving. A passenger, Timothy D. Rich, was a passenger of Swiney's at the time and investigators say he was under the influence of drugs and had in his possession Oxycotin tablets. A handgun was also found during the stop.

The search of Swiney's residence and the recovery of the evidence currently being held on Swiney followed the traffic stop.

The complaint filed in federal court Thursday estimates Swiney allegedly imported more than 10,000 oxycodone tablets into Pike County in total, with primary areas of distribution being Pikeville, Shelby Gap, Rockhouse and Regina.

**Board**

constantly researching and refining the best practices to ensure May Valley students are receiving the best education we can offer," said Tonya Williams, principal at May Valley. "We are thrilled, excited and extremely proud of the progress May Valley Elementary has made and continues to make each year. Our students, teachers and administration worked rigorously every day to achieve tremendous success."

Three schools, Allen Central High School, South Floyd High School and Prestonsburg High School, did not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress goals for the No Child Left Behind Act.

Also at the meeting, it was

announced that two schools, Betsy Layne High School and the middle school of Stumbo Elementary, were the top in the state for High Attendance Day.

The statewide competition is sponsored by The Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel. The event encourages and stresses the importance of school attendance with categories of competition in the elementary, middle and high schools. The two winning schools receive a cash prize that will be presented at the next board meeting.

The next meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education is scheduled for Monday at Stumbo Elementary School in Grethel.

**15 deaths on state roads last week**

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 15 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 20.

Twelve of the crashes involved motor vehicles and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Calloway (2), Daviess, Lee, Meade, Muhlenberg, Oldham, Pike, Scott, and Warren (2) counties. The crash in Meade County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

A triple-fatality crash occurred in Wolfe County that involved a motor vehicle and a motorcycle. The motorcyclist and his passenger were wearing helmets and the driver of the motor vehicle was wearing a seat belt. The motor vehicle was attempting to make a left turn on Route 15 heading south. The motorcyclist and his passenger were traveling north on Route 15 when the vehicle struck the front of the bike with the drivers side door.

One pedestrian fatality occurred in Marion County and involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Sept. 20, preliminary statistics indicate that 572 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 17 more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There were 457 motor vehicle fatalities and 246 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Twenty-nine pedestrians have been killed. Sixty-eight fatalities involved a motorcycle and 14 fatalities involved an ATV. Fifty-seven crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. A total of 127 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

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  - limited access to appropriately trained pain specialists;
  - limited pain research funding;
  - negative stereotypes about pain patients that prevent early and aggressive treatment

- Barriers disproportionately affect women and minorities:**
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  - Disparities exist among racial and ethnic minorities in pain perception, assessment and treatment for all types of pain

- Improving access to care makes sound financial sense:**
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# FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Furnace'

A possessed oven haunts a prison that rocks a troubled history, in this better-than-average direct-to-video effort.

It all begins with an homage to those old RKO Pictures. They were famous for using a series of newspaper headlines in the openings of their films to provide the back-story. Here they go with a montage.

The camera glides over a scrapbook devoted to the ghoulish happenings that have occurred at a correctional institution. Those who don't mind reading their

movies will soon learn that the history of Black Gate Prison goes back to Colonial America, where it got off to a lousy start as the site of a certain lost colony.

The newspaper articles get more current and soon establish that "Black Gate" excels in areas that would inflame liberals. No self-respecting warden is proud of the fact that his or her jail has the highest rate of suicide, but it really burns when the chosen method is self-immolation.

The film does not require reading glasses from this point on, though you will be asked to suspend disbelief as the latest series of events unfolds.

It all starts with a detective

(See LAGOON, page three)

## This Town, That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.*

At this point in time—ever heard that?—I am certain of one thing. The Floyd County Times will not be printed again in Maysville this week.

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Morning after the Cincinnati Reds (remember when it wasn't patriotic to call them Reds?) won the western division title. The Cincinnati Enquirer had one of the headlines. I wish I had written. It read:

"How the West was Won."

### WARNING

"Now that we've turned to baseball, I rise to remark that if the rumor heard hereabouts turns out to be true, fans should boycott the team. This rumor runs to the effect that the Reds will trade Tony Perez before the 1974 season begins. I'll do my part. I will even threaten to stop thinking about going down to see them play.

### WHEN HURTIN' HELPS

The man was doing just to'able, but said he was thankful for all his aches and pains. "If didn't have 'em," he explained, "I wouldn't be sure, sometimes, if I was still alive."

### JUDGE COLT

The smell of sagebrush with a touch of hemp hangs around this

(See ALLEN, page two)



# HOPE ON THE WIND

## Big Sandy CTC students take part in Pinwheels for Peace

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—The campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College is currently covered in colorful pinwheels made by the students in the art classes of Tim Smith, and these creations are part of a nationwide project titled Pinwheels for Peace.

"It's really a community celebration which benefits and brings together students, teachers and children," Smith said.

According to the Pinwheels for Peace website, "Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project started in 2005 by two art teachers, Ann Ayers and

Ellen McMillan, who teach at Monarch High School in Coconut Creek, Florida, as a way for their students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. The project was quickly embraced by their students and the entire school community and by millions of art teachers, teachers, parents, children and adults who desire peace in our world. This is not political. Peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war, it can be related to violence/intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind.

"To each of us, peace can take on a different meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: a state of calm and serenity, with

no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."

Pinwheels for Peace began in 2005, and the displays appear in more than 1,300 locations throughout the world. In 2005, 800,000 pinwheels were installed. That number grew to over 2 million last year, and participants in the project hope to see the number rise even greater for this year, with current estimations putting the number at close to 3 million.

For more information on the Pinwheels for Peace project, including how to design and construct pinwheels, visit <http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com>.

## HCTC's Kudzu wants your stories

Kudzu, an annual literary publication of Hazard Community and Technical College, is now soliciting submissions from the general public as well as students and HCTC employees for its 2010 issue.

A Jan. 15, 2010 deadline has been set for submissions of poems, pen and

ink art work, short stories, and personal essays. The short stories and personal essays should not exceed 4,000 words.

With the submissions, please include a few biographical facts, town or county of residence, occupation and/or interests. Please provide a

return address, telephone number, and email address (if available). No simultaneous submissions, please.

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### DINNER DIVA

## Breakfast



As you start to get your breakfast on every morning, you will find yourself eating less, feeling better and possibly losing some body clutter off your "bottom line". This is how we start our engines every morning...with breakfast. We all know that if we don't get the car started in the morning, the car goes nowhere. How true this is for our own engines as well!

Keeping all of that in mind, I've got some groceries for you to get with brand names, so you can stock your pantry, fridge and freezer for breakfast. For those who live in different countries than the

US, some of this stuff may be hard to find. But a good deal of it you will be able to find or make substitutions for, no sweat!

Here's an easy breakfast grocery list based on some good for you stuff that I like to keep on hand:

For the freezer: frozen waffles (Van's is a good brand without trans fats, they're whole grain with quality ingredients), frozen berries and fruit (for smoothies), blueberries for lemon yogurt, yum!), frozen concentrated juice.

For the Fridge: yogurts, yogurt smoothies (my favorite brand for both of

this is Stoneyfield Farms), kefir, Egg Beaters, eggs, whole wheat tortillas, single slices of 2 percent lower fat cheese in sharp cheddar (great on a muffin. Kraft makes low-fat cheese the best in my opinion), salsa (for breakfast burritos), scrambled eggs or Egg Beaters, slice of cheese and some salsa all wrapped up in a tortilla), butter, cream cheese, peanut butter (if you're buying the right kind of peanut butter, it needs to be refrigerated).

For the Pantry: Thomas' Light English Muffins (only 100 calories and EIGHT

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GOOD HEALTH

# Whooping cough not just for children

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a construction worker, age 53, and have been healthy all my life. I caught what I thought was an ordinary cough. It stayed and stayed, and it really disturbed my sleep. I would wake up many times through the night, coughing my lungs out. Finally I saw a doctor, who had me get an X-ray, which was normal. He gave me cough medicine that didn't work. I saw another doctor. This doctor took blood and swabbed my throat. I had whooping cough. Isn't this a kid's illness? -- H.C.

ANSWER: In most everyone's mind, whooping cough is a childhood disease, but it strikes adults too. It seems that these days more and more adults are coming down with it. Childhood whooping cough is a three-stage illness. The first stage, which lasts about a week, features symptoms similar to an ordinary cold -- runny nose and a slight cough. The second stage is heralded by outbursts of violent coughing. At the end of a cough, children draw in air and make a whooping sound. This phase lasts from one to six weeks. The third stage is the convalescent period, where the cough gradually abates and eventually resolves in two to three weeks.

Adult whooping cough

doesn't usually go through these stages, and adults rarely make the whooping sound so characteristic of this condition in children. They have a cough, like yours, that just won't go away. Everyone with a long-lasting cough should consider the possibility of whooping cough.

Your second doctor did the test that establishes the diagnosis. He took a swab of the throat (or the nose) and sent it to a lab, where the whooping cough germ was identified.

If caught in its earlier stages, antibiotics can shorten the course of the illness.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have used aluminum waterless cookware since 1958. When I simmer tomato sauces in it, I notice that the pot is shiny afterward. Yikes! Does that mean aluminum has gone into the sauces and into us? Is that harmful? Does it lead to Alzheimer's disease? -- L.P.

ANSWER: Traces of aluminum have been found in the brains of some Alzheimer's patients. To date, there has been no conclusive link between aluminum and Alzheimer's. Furthermore, aluminum cookware releases very little of this metal into the food cooked in it. Most experts do not advise peo-

ple to stop using such cookware.

Alzheimer's disease is a tragedy for the patient and the patient's family. The booklet on it describes what it is and how it's treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 903W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What causes skin tags? They hang from my neck and under my arms. -- D.H.

ANSWER: Their cause isn't known. Your doctor can clip them off without any fuss. By age 69, 60 percent of us have one or more of them.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Health newsletters also may be ordered from www.drmdm.com.



Maggie Hall celebrated her 90th birthday with a red carpet party at the Suntree Country Club in Melbourne, Florida. Those attending the party were daughters Suetta and Husband Troy Curry, Patti Rose, and Maggie's son, Terry Hall. Granddaughters Rita Wilcoxson, director of Launch Vehicle Processing for NASA, and husband Jim, Robin Rose, vice president of Gibson City Hospital, and Rick Amburgey, grandson, Todd Patterson, business entrepreneur, and fiancé Jennifer, and grandson Chad Hall, federal parole officer. Great-grandchildren attending the party were Erica and Grant Wilcoxson, Tara and Shelby Patterson, Isabella Rose Amburgey, and Chantz Cole. Also present were Dillon Amburgey and nephews Bobby Hall and son Stan, and grandson Jeff and daughter Laura. The family spent the week at Cocoa Beach at the Hilton. The family will be flying to Phoenix in March for Todd and Jennifer's wedding.

## Allen

report from the Detroit Free Press, of a Texas trial, back in 1894:

The dispenser of the finest brand of western justice sat on a soap box with a law book spread before him on an upended whiskey barrel. "Who arrested this man?" he asked, as the prisoner stood up before him.

"We did," responded half a dozen citizens standing around.

"What's the charge?" "Hoss stealing." "Kin you prove it?" "You betcher life we kin. We ketcht him in the act." The judge looked ugly.

"Will you swear to it?" he asked. "Course we will, ketcht him we just tell you we ketcht him at it!"

"All right, gents," said the judge blandly, as he laid his gun across the law book. "I'll

fine each and every one of you ten dollars and costs for contempt of court in fetchin' him here, and dismiss the case agin the prisoner. You oughter strung him up when you ketcht him."

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I expect to be missing, after a fashion, this week-end. No questions, please, when I return.

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Elisha and Jeanette Branham, of Harold, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They were surprised with a cake at the Pilgrims Home Church. They celebrated with family and friends and received many gifts. Their children are Patty, David and Steve. They have five grandchildren, Candice, Matthew, Cody, Megan and Jessica. Elisha has been a minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church for more than 38 years. He serves as moderator for the Pilgrims Home Church.

## Diva

grams of fiber!! You can spread cream cheese or peanut butter on them for a great breakfast. Thomas Mini Whole Wheat Bagels (mini is the key word!) Did you know that bagels of today are 30 percent larger than they were back in the 1970s? good whole grain bread (I'm partial to Rudi's Organic Bakery Bread,

particularly the 7 Grain with Flax). I also have a nice big fruit bowl with bananas in it and in the fridge, some fresh blueberries I bought on sale. There's a cool Produce Saver container that Rubbermaid makes that keeps the berries fresher longer (33 percent longer). Love those berries mixed in

with Greek yogurt, a squeeze of lemon juice, blue agave sweetener and a touch of vanilla. YUM!

I am a HUGE believer in breakfast... you need to be too if you want to feel good, battle your body clutter and set a healthy example for your family!

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# Salome's Stars

## Weekly Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what actually will be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard until you need to be prepared for what else could happen.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most negative naysayers. An old friend might seek you out for some advice.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine. But leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)

Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving that pesky problem so that it doesn't re-emerge at a later date. Good luck.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to do the research that will help you uncover those irrefutable facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or alteration.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You like to face challenges that others might be afraid to try, and by so doing, you set an example of courage for all.

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# Green options for hybrid batteries

by TOM and RAY  
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
In looking at "green" options for the future, I have a question about the environmental impact of disposing of hybrid car batteries. We live on the Big Island of Hawaii, and currently — to our knowledge, anyway — they do not have a site here that will accept these large car batteries when they are used up. So the question is, Will hybrids really help the environment or are they just creating another mess of a different kind? I would be very curious about your take on this one. Thank you, and love you guys! Aloha, Ginny

TOM: It's a good question, Ginny. Based on what we know, hybrids appear to be a net positive for the environment.

RAY: The best hybrids get 50 percent to 100 percent better mileage than nonhybrid

cars, and the battery packs seem likely to be recycled.

TOM: So far (and it's still relatively early), hybrid battery packs appear to be lasting the life of the average car. But when one has to be replaced, Toyota, for example, will sell you a new one for about \$2,300 and give you a couple hundred dollars for your old one.

RAY: I don't know many people who will say, "Nah, I think I'll keep my old one and toss it in a landfill instead."

TOM: And even when the car is junked, my guess is that the casing, electronics and other elements will have some value.

RAY: Right. Even plain old lead-acid car batteries have value when they're dead. So, automotive dismantlers make a point of pulling them out before the cars get crushed. And I would imagine that there will be at least as big a market for the larger, more

complex hybrid battery packs.

TOM: Now, will there be an occasional one that slips through the cracks and gets crushed along with a car? Probably. But we don't see it becoming an environmental disaster, Ginny. You know, like leisure suits.

**Are speedometers false advertising?**

Dear Tom and Ray,  
My 9-year-old son asked me why the speedometer on cars indicate speeds much higher than legal driving speeds. If it is illegal to drive 100 mph (or faster), then why indicate that the car can travel that fast in the first place, not to mention the fact that most cars can't reach these speeds in the first place? I didn't know the answer, so I thought I'd ask a car company. Toyota wrote back with:

Thank you for contacting Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.,

Inc. We appreciate this opportunity to address your inquiry. Some states within the United States have higher speed limits than other states. We hope you will find this information helpful. Thank you for taking the time to contact us with your inquiry.

Sincerely,  
Toyota Customer Experience

Which was a stupid response. Nissan wrote:

Thank you for taking the time to contact Nissan North America, Inc. and allowing us the opportunity to read and respond to your e-mail inquiry. All vehicles are designed in this fashion, regardless of make or model. If you are seeking an exact reason as to why vehicles are designed this way, no further information can be provided.

I apologize if the response given is not satisfactory. Unfortunately no further information regarding vehicle/speedometer designs can be offered.

Sincerely,  
Nissan North America, Inc.



characteristic for most people — to have way more power than you need.

TOM: It's like the ads that show SUVs climbing up the sides of city buildings, or blasting through eight feet of snow at 60 mph. Ninety-nine percent of people use their SUVs to commute to the office and back. But the image of being able to break out of your mundane life is what sells these vehicles. A 140-mph speedometer works the same way.

RAY: It's like my bathroom scale. I may use only 160, but it's good to know I can go up to 350 if I need to!

TOM: I mean, there are some pseudo-practical reasons for doing this. If a manufacturer makes some cars that go faster than others, it's easier and cheaper to make one speedometer for all their cars. But the top speeds on speedometers are still higher than any of the cars can go, and far higher than anyone is allowed to go.

RAY: So we have to conclude it's a sales tactic. Robert, I apologize if the response given is not satisfactory. Unfortunately no further information can be offered.

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## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A good week for mature tastes saw two comedies, one horror flick and an animated film hit the shelves.

■ "Observe and Report" — Audiences expecting another "Mall Cop" yolk-fest got more than they bargained for with this story about a frustrated security guard who suffers from bipolar disorder. The character jumps at the chance to aid a young woman who gets flashed at the mall, but his intentions are suspect and so are his methods (evidenced by the profound beatings he is quick to hand out to pesky skateboarders). The comedy comes from the characters more than the situations in this one and that's evident from the casting, which includes Seth Rogen as the guard and Ray Liotta as a cop who feels saddled with him.

■ "Battle for Terra" — One rebellious teenager takes a

stand when her planet is eyed by homeless earth people as a potential colony. This is not your typical animated film since we're the bad guys, but give it a chance and you'll be surprised. The ending is a bit trite but the animation is exotic and the cast is killer. The voices are provided by a bevy of folks you just don't see anymore and include James Garner, Beverly D'Angelo and Rossana Arquette.

■ "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" — Like many people I avoided this romantic comedy like the plague when it was released. It looked typical and that's because the ad campaign sold it that way. It's actually a thoughtful film about a Romeo who relives his past loves while attending his brother's wedding with the sole purpose of talking him out of getting married. The cast is good and includes Matthew McConaughey as the lothario and Jennifer Garner (well cast as his first his true love who he

couldn't keep). Better than any Rom-Com starring these two has any right to be. A real bonus here is a hilarious turn by Michael Douglas as the "Hugh Hefner" like uncle whose ghost shows up for a "Scrooge" like tour of McConaughey's past.

■ "Book of Blood" — Two of Clive Barker's best terror tales get merged in this effort about a paranormal expert who lands in a home that is on the path that souls cross on the way to the afterlife. This one gets 1970s-style weird and it's been too long since a film left me scratching my head so I have to recommend it on principle. There's also a cameo by Doug "Pinhead" Bradley, so its got that going for it.

Next week look for a colossal battle of "Monsters vs. Aliens" and check out Comedy's latest flick, which teams up Batman and Superman in an adventure ripped from their team-up books.

An equally dismal response. GM and Ford did not respond at all. Can you help answer this question? — Robert

TOM: Hang on a second, Robert. I'm just taking some notes. I think we can use some of those response lines in future columns.

RAY: The answer is marketing, Robert. Most of us drive our cars between zero and 80 miles per hour. But by placing a 140-mph speedometer right in front of your face, the manufacturer is suggesting to you that you COULD go a lot faster.

TOM: Right. It suggests you're showing admirable restraint by holding this "crouching tiger" to the speed limit.

RAY: That's an appealing



Della Cooley and Linda Dyer, of the Prestonsburg Cash Express, traveled with cakes to local police stations, fire departments, and rescue squads on Sept. 11, to thank the officers and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the community.

## Strange ... but true

by SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It was British novelist Terry Pratchett who made the following extremely sage observation: "Some humans would do anything to see if it was possible to do it. If you put a large switch in some cave somewhere, with a sign on it saying 'End-of-the-World Switch. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH,' the paint wouldn't even have time to dry."

■ You probably don't think much about the fees charged at ATMs, but maybe you should start. That \$1 here, \$2.50 there really adds up -- to more than \$4 billion every year in the U.S. alone.

■ Do you suffer from

prospagnosia? Unless you've suffered some kind of injury to your brain, probably not. Also known as face blindness, prospagnosia is the inability to recognize familiar faces.

■ The Goliath frog of West Africa can reach up to a foot in length and weigh more than 7 pounds.

■ Wimbledon, played in the United Kingdom and one of the four Grand Slam events, is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. Every year at the event about 42,000 balls are used.

■ If you're a fan of the tiny, rubbery candy known as the Gummi Bear, here's some good news for you: The world's largest Gummi Bear is now on the market, available for about

\$30. The equivalent of 1,400 regular-size bears, the giant candy weighs 5 pounds.

■ The Campbell's Soup paintings by Andy Warhol have become iconic, with collectors paying up to \$11.7 million to own one. The very first one ever sold, however, cost only \$100. That was way back in 1962, and the buyer was actor Dennis Hopper.

Thought for the Day  
"Why is it that our memory is good enough to retain the least triviality that happens to us, and yet not good enough to recollect how often we have told it to the same person?" — Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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## Lagoon

being called in to investigate the jail after a guard commits suicide. It's a riveting scene that sees the young man ignore his "Penthouse Magazine"-styled wife and proceed straight to the bathroom after returning from work. The wife is not deterred and coos at the door, saying that it's time to celebrate their anniversary. Her attempts at seduction have an unusual effect, however, and she soon hears a gunshot.

This brings in Det. Turner. He's a tortured soul who is still reeling from the violent deaths of his wife and child, who were murdered by a felon seeking revenge on the cop.

Turner is bothered by the fact that the guard was missing several fingers and had hastily bandaged his hand before coming home to take his own life. His investigation soon reveals that there are a lot of things going wrong at the prison and they all began when

an old wing was reopened to make room for out-of-state prisoners.

Turner soon uncovers the wing's history and it isn't pretty. He discovers that the wing houses a furnace which figured prominently in the disappearance of a previous warden's daughter.

Meanwhile, people are dying all over the facility from heat-related injuries and those deaths leak out of the jail and begin to affect people working on the case.

It all comes down to a fiery finale that pits Turner against a sadistic guard and a vengeful spirit. It's a lively finish that perks up the picture after a stagnant middle section which fails to address the time-honored question in haunted house flicks — Why don't they just leave?

This one gets by with a mix of talented thespians and tight direction by William Butler.

Mr. Butler knows from horror movies and has appeared, as an anchor, in some of the biggest franchises (the apparently got tired of running from zombies, Jason and Leatherface).

Butler's also good with actors and he actually gets a good performance out of Tom Sizemore (despite the fact that the edgy star stomped off the set a few times and was wrapped up in his legal hassles at the time). Michael Pare ("Streets of Fire") anchors the film as Turner and manages to carve a character out of a wooden script (there's a Poocheyo joke in there some; where, but I couldn't find it).

There's also some good gore here, but skip the last 10 minutes, which hint at an unnecessary sequel.

Best line: "He's got residue in all the right places."

2006, unrated.

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 Rev. Harlow Minister

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Attention Church Organizations, send in a picture of your church, pastor or youth leaders.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**First Assembly of God, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.  
**In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gay Stanley, Pastor.  
**New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.  
**Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**  
**Allen First Baptist, Allen:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
**Auxiliary Baptist, Auxier:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
**Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousley Ky:** Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Karmel Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.  
**Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.  
**Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863 ext. 67267.  
**Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.  
**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.  
**Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

**Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.  
**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.  
**Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services:** Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.  
**Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.  
**Endicot Freewill Baptist, Buffalo:** Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:00 a.m.; Wed. evening

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. First Sat. evening Service, All Welcome 7 p.m. Pastor Mark Hunt, 606-478-2698**  
**Faith Baptist Church, an independent Baptist church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.  
**Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eglpt. on Rt. 1428:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Elder Donnie Patrick, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Garrett:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howser, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed, 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.  
**Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branchman's Creek Rd.):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett:** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Grace, pastor; Assistant, Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.  
**Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist:** Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.  
**Jacke Creek Baptist, Bevinville:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.  
**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chad Blair, Pastor.  
**Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.  
**Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.  
**Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church** across from Garth School, 4th Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am. Odd Saturday 8:00 pm.; Gary Compton, Pastor.  
**Liberty Baptist, Denver:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Morie Little, Minister.  
**Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.**  
**Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, (Indian Bottom Association) Services: 1st Saturday & Sunday 9:30 a.m., 2nd Saturday 9:30 a.m., 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m., 4th Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.  
**Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
**Marytown First Baptist, Main St., Marytown:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.  
**McDowell First Baptist, McDowell:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.  
**Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; William L. Hunt, Minister.  
**Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister; home phone 285-3395.  
**Peace Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Mark Tackett, Pastor.  
**Prater Creek Baptist, Banner:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendall Crager, Minister.  
**Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett:** Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Grace Jr., Assistant Pastor.  
**Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick Huelysville:** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.  
**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Phillip Ramey, Pastor.  
**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Lavne Brothers):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.  
**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judy Spencer, Minister.  
**Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist:** Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
**United Community Baptist, Hwy 7, Huelysville:** Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.  
**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

**CATHOLIC**  
**St. Martha, Water Gap:** Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.;

**Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Damron, pastor, CHRISTIAN**  
**First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
**Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E. Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
**Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428:** Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kiddler, Ministers.  
**Harold Church of Christ, Harold:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.  
**Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Huelysville Church of Christ:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harold Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.  
**Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Martin Church of Christ, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.  
**Marytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Marytown:** Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
**Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek Road:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Weeksbury Church of Christ:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; John Burke, Minister.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23:** Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.  
**Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin:** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.  
**First Church of God:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.  
**Garrett Church of God, Garrett:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Family Training Hour, Thursday 7 p.m.; Bill B. Tussey Jr, Pastor.  
**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.  
**Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.  
**The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

**EPISCOPAL**  
**St. James Episcopal, 1100 S. Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.;** Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.  
**LUTHERAN**  
**Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Baynes Room Carriage House Main, Paintsville:** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (500 am) 10:05 p.m.; Roland Bentzen, Minister.  
**METHODIST**  
**Auxiliary United Methodist, Auxier:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Mearl Mearl, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.  
**Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaire, Minister.  
**Community United Methodist, 147 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Nealey St.):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Glenn Hays, Minister.  
**Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 679, Beaver:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.  
**Emma United Methodist, Emma:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profit.  
**First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Service 6 p.m.; Rev Jim Adams, Pastor.  
**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Judy Carr-Back, Minister.  
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**Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.  
**Vogel Day United Methodist Church, Harold:** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.  
**Drift Pentecostal, Drift:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.  
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**Figs Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campers:** Sunday Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton:** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Saftian, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.  
**Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David:** Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.  
**Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin**

**County Line:** Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister, 297-8262.  
**Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaile:** Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Drift Presbyterians:** Route 1101, Drift: Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
**First Presbyterians, North Lake Drive:** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
**Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway:** Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459; leave message. Everyone welcome!  
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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:** Sacrament Mtg., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Preethood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Richard Salisbury, Bishop.

**Pastor Altha Johnson** welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM, KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.  
**Drift Independent, Drift:** Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg** (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-9095.  
**Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Steward, Minister.  
**Faith Revelation, Harkins Ave. West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs, 7 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.  
**Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky, Sun. School, 10 a.m.;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m.; Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.  
**Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville:** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Nelson, Minister.  
**Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.  
**Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.:** Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.  
**Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge:** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Curt Howard.  
**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.:** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.  
**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin:** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Sun. Morning, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John W. Fattor, Minister.  
**Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1000.  
**Town Branch Church:** Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month, Tom Nelson, Minister.  
**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.  
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**Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright:** Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
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**Rising Sun Ministries, 114 Rising Sun Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653:** Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor D.P. Curry.  
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## Family Medicine

**Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.**  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine

**Q** A couple of weeks ago my right foot started hurting in the middle of the night. It was so bad it woke me up. I had not injured my foot, and it was not swollen or red; it just REALLY hurt. It finally went away after a week or so of taking over the counter anti-inflammatory meds. I didn't go to the doctor but my husband says it was probably a gout attack. What is gout, and how can I keep from ever having another attack?

**A** Gout is perhaps the most painful form of arthritis. It runs in families and is caused by high levels of uric acid in the blood. Some of the risk factors for having gout are diabetes, obe-

sity, high lipid levels in the blood, kidney disease and alcohol use. Men are more likely than women to suffer from gout, although the disease can afflict anyone.

Your case sounds like a textbook description of a gout attack: occurring at night, extremely painful and located in the foot. While gout can occur in any joint in the body, it strikes the knuckles of the big toe most frequently, followed by ankle joints. Gout can also affect the knee, and wrist joints and fingers are also occasionally affected. Gout generally only affects just one side of the body at a time.

For most people, the pain

of gout is so severe that they end up in the emergency room in the middle of the night, or come into the doctor's office at first light. A cortisone shot can help calm things down, and so can a prescription for powerful anti-inflammatory medication. However, prevention is the key to managing gout.

Gout occurs when too much uric acid builds up in the blood. Uric acid can harden into small crystals that lodge in joints, causing the severe pain and inflammation associated with the disease. Uric

# Gout attacks can often be controlled through diet

acid is the byproduct of foods that are high in purines. Purines are found in many foods, but especially in protein-rich foods.

Most people can eat a small to moderate amount of high-purine foods without precipitating a gout attack. But if you are prone to gout, foods like meats, liver and kidneys (sometimes called "sweetbread"), and seafood should be eaten only very moderately and in limited quantities. Although the reason is unclear, some high-purine plant prod-

ucts, like spinach, peas and beans do not seem to elevate the uric acid level of the blood.

Alcohol also is known to elevate uric acid levels, leading to a gout attack, so gout patients should avoid alcoholic beverages.

If you have only experienced one isolated gout attack, long-term medication is usually not recommended, but the dietary modification I have described above is advisable. If you suffer chronically high levels of uric acid or frequent gout attacks, consult your fam-

ily physician. He or she may want to consider long-term medications in order to lower your uric acid levels and prevent ongoing attacks.

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*Family Medicine* is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicinenews.org.

## Local student receives Presidential Scholarship at University of the Cumberlands

**WILLIAMSBURG** — The University of the Cumberlands has announced that 47 students, one of whom is a resident of East Point, have been named recipients of the 2009 Presidential Scholarship.

Brittany Holliman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Scott Holliman, is pursuing a major in biology.

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Brittany Holliman receives her Presidential Scholarship from Dr. James H. Taylor, President of University of the Cumberlands.

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Bill and Linda Salisbury, of Martin, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Jonathan Dale Salisbury, 29, of Prestonsburg, to Stephanie Nicole Todd, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Jonathan is a graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College and is currently employed as a driver at UPS. Stephanie is enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the Respiratory Therapy Program where she plans to graduate in May.

An open wedding is planned for Oct. 10, at the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg at 5:30 p.m. Following the honeymoon, the couple will reside in Prestonsburg.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

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The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.51 miles north from KY 194 Cow Creek Road's junction with KY 1428. This amendment area includes Sand Branch of Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer UGS 7.12 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company and Tri-Star Development. The amendment will underlie land owned by Alma Land Company and Tri-Star Development.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th of August, 2009 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 8th day of October, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying on Wilson Branch and Spring Branch of Caney Creek at Middle Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT 1:**  
Beginning at a stake near Cornigals mill corner to B. H. Ousley, thence up the right fork with B. H. Ousley N 81 W 311 ft. to a stake S 81 W 258 ft. to a beach in the branch S 82 30 W 169 ft. to a stake S 81 45 W 201 ft. to a large rock S 71 W 242 ft. to a stake S 71 30 W 61 ft. to a large beech S 73 W 147 ft. to a stake at the fence S 50 W 128 ft. to a stake in the branch S 48 15 W 99 ft. to a stake, thence up the hill N 77 S 0 W thence to a small chestnut oak, corner to B. H. Ousley the old Sammie Stephens line, thence with his line to a large chestnut oak on the point, corner to S. M. Ousley, thence with his line to a locust N 10 E 153 ft. to a stake N 27 E 220 to sourwoods N 30 45 E 261 ft. N 72 E 174 ft. to a stake N 24 E 220 ft. to a dogwood on beach N 42 30 E 111 ft. to a crooked dogwood N 60 30 E 157 ft. to a large sourwood N 50 E 184 ft. to a X on a rock, thence down the hill N 68 E 214 ft. to a stake on the hill side N 65 30 E 128 ft. to a stake in the branch, thence down the branch N 25 E 180 ft. to the beginning, containing 43 acres, more or less.

**TRACT 2:**  
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**TRACT 3:**  
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Being the same property conveyed to Mont Ousley by the following deeds: Deed from Sam and Arville Ousley by deed dated December 19, 1919 of record at Deed Book 55, Page 312; deed from W. J. Ousley dated December 20, 1919 of record at Deed Book 55, Page 340; by deed dated December 19, 1919 of record at Deed Book 56, Page 228 (duplicate by deed dated June 4, 1935 of record at Deed Book 102, Page 598, and reference is also made to the Joint Affidavit of Descents of Mont Ousley and Mira Ousley of record at Deed Book 201, Page 96, all in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. And being the same property in which Petitioner obtained a 2/11 interest pursuant to deed from AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC by deed dated November 12, 2004 and of record at Deed Book 505, Page 329, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if other than the Plaintiff, shall pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
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(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of record as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.  
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(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.  
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Revenues	Amount
Taxes (all categories)	\$ 333,418
Charges for Services	\$
Other Revenues	\$ 2,829
Interest Earned	\$ 10,026
<b>Receipts and Cash</b>	
Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year	\$ 948,778
Revolving Debt	\$
Transfers from Other Funds	\$
Transfers from Other Funds	\$
Borrowed Money (Notes)	\$
Total Receipts and Cash	\$
<b>Receipts, Cash &amp; Revenues Total</b>	<b>\$ 875,051</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Personnel	\$ 107,922
Operations	\$ 134,783
Administration	\$
Capital Outlay	\$ 20,397
Debt Service	\$
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 242,795</b>

I, the undersigned, Treasurer of the County District Cooperative Extension, Education, Family, Health, Youth and the above is a true and correct record of the accounts of the County District Cooperative Extension, Education, Family, Health, Youth and the undersigned, Treasurer, on 9/16/2009.

Kermit R. Howard  
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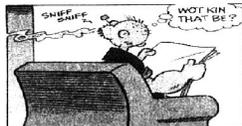
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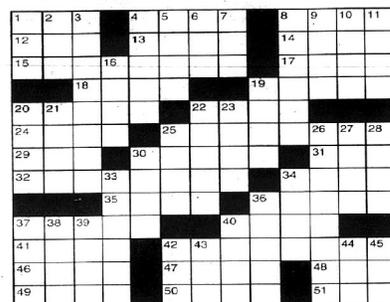
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- 4 Look-alike
- 8 Low range
- 12 Literary collection
- 13 Head light?
- 14 Easter flower
- 15 Redo
- 17 In due time
- 18 Uncomplicated
- 19 Mexican's ancestor, maybe
- 20 Squander
- 22 Exposed
- 24 Grounded flock
- 25 Luthor's enemy
- 29 Standard
- 30 Ancient Dead
- 31 Sea region
- 32 Carte lead-in
- 33 Hitchcock classic
- 34 Vail gear
- 35 Riddick of tennis
- 36 Performs, biblically
- 37 Home of America's largest urban zoo
- 40 Drink
- 41 Trickster god
- 42 Get amorous



- 8 Sports jacket
- 9 "— She Sweet?"
- 10 Plumlike fruit
- 11 Harmonization
- 16 Chow
- 19 Vicinity
- 20 Cried
- 21 Asian servant
- 22 Crony
- 23 Tarzan's clique
- 25 Irrational number
- 26 Indemnify
- 27 Settled down
- 28 One of CSN&Y
- 30 Hoodoo
- 33 Exile
- 34 Ground
- 36 Uncool sort
- 37 Let the cat out of the bag
- 38 Irritate
- 39 Gumbo need
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- 42 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 43 Oklahoma city
- 44 Compete
- 45 Will Ferrell movie

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What was the opening theme song from the comedy variety show "Sonny & Cher"?
2. MOVIES: What was the name of the scene-stealing cat in the movie "Bell, Book and Candle"?
3. MEDICAL: What is the more common diagnosis for rheumatoid?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What are the names of the four U.S. states whose corner borders meet in one point?
5. COMICS: What is the name of Snoopy's bird friend in "Peanuts"?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Maltese Falcon"?
7. PERSONALITIES: What is the size of basketball star Shaquille O'Neal's shoes?
8. INVENTIONS: In what year was Velcro invented?
9. AD SLOGANS: What cereal is known as the "Breakfast of Champions"?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the car driven by Speed Racer?

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This year's issue continues our focus on the issues about the coal industry, and the way of life surrounding it. With coal safety at the forefronts, we look at a life-long miner's journey below the surface. The big debate this year is on the **centerspread** and laid out for everyone as former Gov. Paul Patton and Ron Eller go toe-to-toe.

Finally, for a walk down memory lane, we have included historical photographs again this year. We offer our heartfelt thanks to those who entrusted us with their treasured photos, so that we could share them with all of our readers.

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# 'The good Lord's been good to me'

by Tonya Amburgey

With the noises of the belt and other machinery echoing throughout the mine, dust and water, in some instances, along with some tight locations and the possibility of an accident like roof falls some people would think of being an underground coal miner as a harsh, dangerous occupation, but Steve Hacker says it's a good living and he wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's a good living. I make good money at it. Where can a person go and make almost a hundred thousand dollars a year not having no more than a high school education?" Hacker, a superintendent with Perry County Coal asked. "I'm thankful for my living. The good Lord's been good to me."

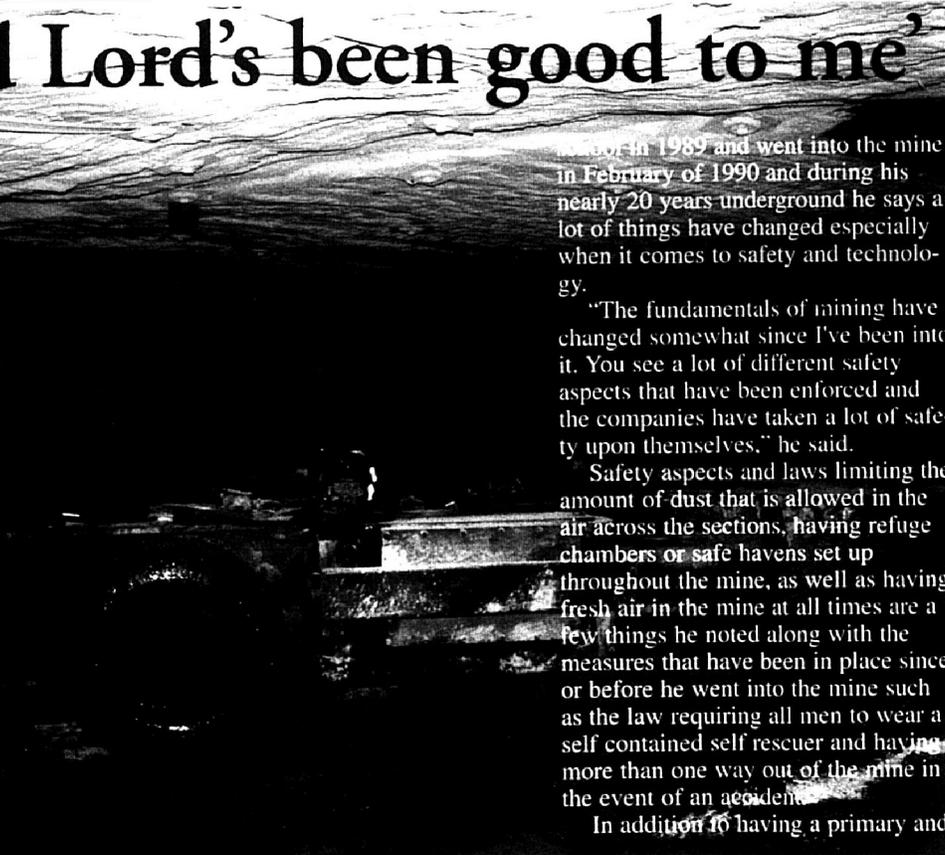
Hacker graduated from high

school in 1989 and went into the mine in February of 1990 and during his nearly 20 years underground he says a lot of things have changed especially when it comes to safety and technology.

"The fundamentals of mining have changed somewhat since I've been into it. You see a lot of different safety aspects that have been enforced and the companies have taken a lot of safety upon themselves," he said.

Safety aspects and laws limiting the amount of dust that is allowed in the air across the sections, having refuge chambers or safe havens set up throughout the mine, as well as having fresh air in the mine at all times are a few things he noted along with the measures that have been in place since or before he went into the mine such as the law requiring all men to wear a self contained self rescuer and having more than one way out of the mine in the event of an accident.

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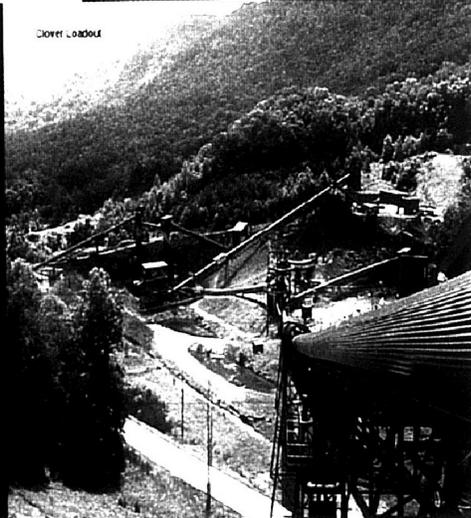
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secondary entryway into the mine, these openings have a continuous line, a line that is suspended from the ceiling and marked with reflectors, running through the mine to these two openings to help the men find their way out in the event of an emergency.

The men are also equipped with gas detectors that detect how much gas is in the air. Hacker said they become concerned when the detector reads 1 percent or more, but on Thursday about 1.3 miles into the mine and 250 feet under the earth, in a section that had between a 60 and 70 inch height clearance surrounded by a 30 inch coal seam, the meter read one-tenth of a percent where Johnny Fields and Jimmy Combs were using a double head roof bolter to install roof bolts.

The machine is one of several technologically advanced pieces of equipment that can be found in an underground coal mine and it is equipped with safety features as well. It's two large metal arms raise up and support the roof while it's drill makes a hole in the roof, then the glue is inserted and finally the bolt with the plate on it are put into place. The bolts, which are strength tested as to the amount of down pressure they can withstand, are used to create a bridge that supports the roof.

Fields, who has been installing roof bolts for five years, and Combs, for 14, say they have one of the most important jobs in the mine because they have to make sure the roof is stable.

"After being familiar with it they can tell you when they hit a crack before they find it. They can tell you more about the stability of the roof than anybody on the section because they are drilling through it everyday. They've got a very important job these guys have," Hacker said.

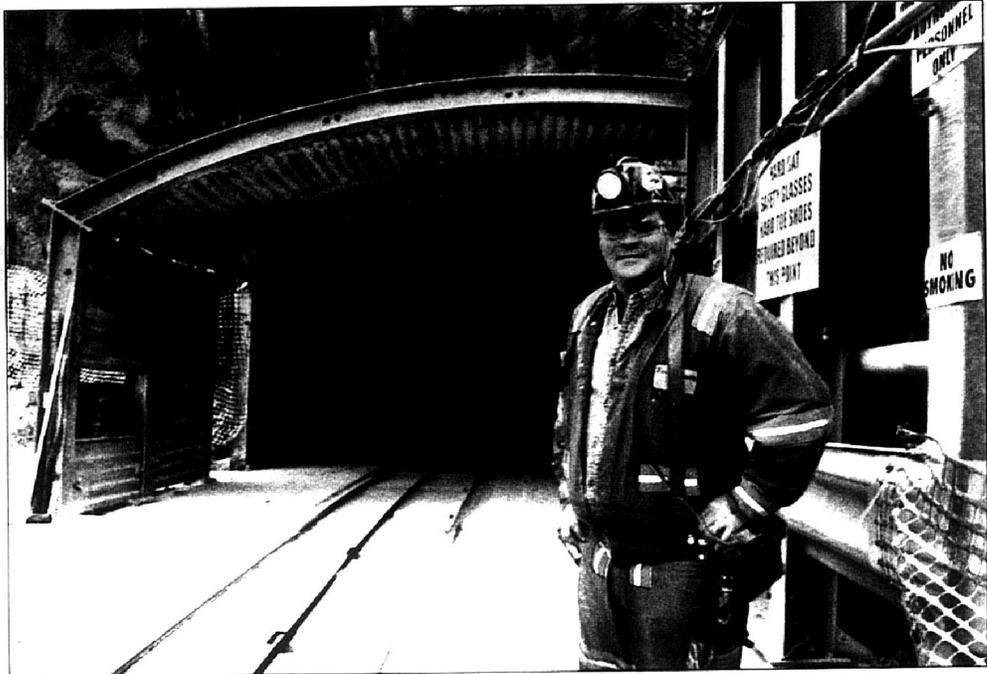


photo by Tonya Amburgey

**Steve Hacker a mine superintendent with Perry County Coal, waited for the man trip, which was inside the mine at the time, to pick him up so he could take some supplies to the men inside last Thursday morning. Hacker began working underground straight out of high school.**

Hacker says even though the occupation isn't easy, the roof bolter along with the other pieces of equipment such as the scoop and continuous miner have taken some of the manual labor out of the job.

The days of the pick and shovel are gone as they have been replaced by a battery operated scoop, that is capable of hauling 12 tons of coal in one load, and the remote controlled continuous miner with its large rotating head containing hundreds of teeth, that can fill a scoop with eight tons of coal in about 21 seconds.

Clellan Hensley, with Perry County Coal said the technology along with the safety measures are the biggest changes he's seen since he went into coal mining 35 years ago as well. He said that when he first started they used the drill and shoot method and now the equipment is more modern and more of it is computer operated while Hacker reiterated

that by saying, "It's a lot safer now than when I started. I feel just as safe working down here as I do driving down the Daniel Boone Parkway."

Hacker says a normal day for a miner on first shift at what is called their E-4-2 mine involves them arriving at the mine site around 5:15 or 5:30 in the morning with their shift starting at 6 o'clock when they will get on the man trip, a passenger train car-like, metal vehicle with a low ceiling on a rail, and go down the 16 percent slope into the mine, a trip that takes about 7 minutes with the man trip operating at high speed. From there they get on the rail runner, another vehicle on a rail that can haul 15 miners, and ride through the rock dusted mine to the section where the coal is being extracted and start to work according to what their job is, which could be anything from a scoop operator, car driver, or miner operator to a section foreman, roof

bolter, belt shoveler, diesel mechanic or an electrician. The rock dust is used to coat the ceiling, walls, and floor to help with visibility and reduce the contents of a methane explosion, Hacker pointed out.

Hacker said he's held a variety of jobs during his time underground including everything from shoveling belts, and doing belt work and maintenance type work to running a scoop, the roof bolter, continuous miner, bridge carriers, and cars, to being a mine foreman and his current job of superintendent.

And Even though Section Foreman Rodney Kilburn admits that it isn't a clean job, as they deal with dirt, mud, and coal and rock dust, he says, "There ain't but one thing I would rather do and I can't make a living fishing," while Director of Operations for Perry County Coal Paul Jackson added, "We all want something that is clean. If there was something better we'd be all for it."

# Arkansas student's work focuses on coal camps

by SHELDON COMPTON

WHEELWRIGHT – The interest in the prominent role that coal mining has had for Floyd Countians does not stop with locals and those who have lived in the coal camps.

Just ask Arkansas student Lisa Perry.

Talking to her, hearing her enthusiasm for the city of Wheelwright and its residents, you might think Perry was a lifelong resident herself with generational ties to the city.

But Perry is a native of West Virginia and a doctoral candidate at Arkansas State University. Her ties and love for the city are relatively new, and also a source of her studies.

"I kind of new what I wanted and I started looking for communities," said Perry. "A fellow in Whitesburg had mentioned two or three places and Wheelwright was one of them."

What started out, then, as a subject for her dissertation became a nearly two-year stay in the city and direct involvement with the continued growth of Wheelwright.

The dissertation Perry says is less than 100 pages long at this point, will focus on the Wheelwright of the 1920s and 1930s, before the coal company entered the picture. The true crux of the work, says Perry, will be the incredibly positive shift the city took after Inland

*"There's always an interest in things about Wheelwright, especially among people who grew up here and it was a very well off community."*

## Arkansas student Lisa Perry

Steel came into the picture.

"At one time Wheelwright was a very violent community before the 1930s," she said. "It was a place where they mopped up the blood on Monday morning. It wasn't this wonderful, beautiful place it has become then."

The change that occurred in the city after Inland Steel moved in is the focus of her dissertation, but lately Perry has been concentrating more on another project that started up about a month ago.

"Someone asked me if I would be making anything that would be available to people," said Perry. "There's always an interest in things about Wheelwright, especially among people who grew up here and it was a very well off community."

The idea now is to put together a pictorial history of not only the model coal camp of Wheelwright, but other camp towns throughout the county.

"I knew the dissertation would be written for an academic audience and that it might not be accessible for everyone," she said. "So the idea for the pictorial history was started."

Now Perry is encouraging people to share their photographs from around the county to be included in the book, which will have accompanying text for the photographs. And, for now, Perry will continue to live in Wheelwright, but that will soon change, she said.

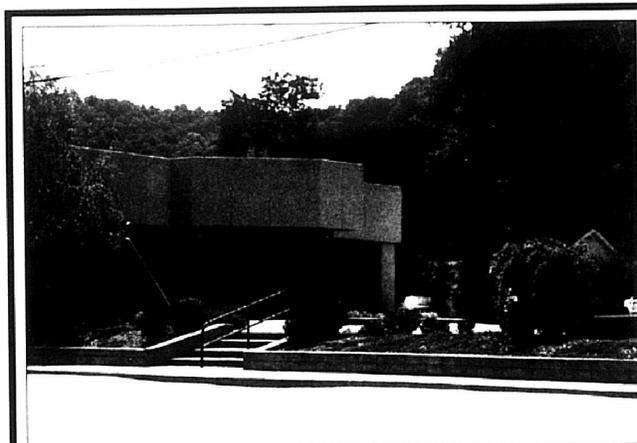
"I have been here for a year and half and I've written under 100 pages," Perry said. "I'm going to have to go back to campus sometime in the next month or two."

Perry first started her visits to Wheelwright as monthly visits to the city from Arkansas and soon become more closely

involved. For the past year and a half she has oversaw day-to-day operations at the Wheelwright Historical Society. But she must soon leave that post, which she has volunteered at during her time in the city.

"Once I leave here, I'm not gone for good," Perry said. "I'll be driving back and forth on a regular basis. I just won't be residing here. This place has been an amazing experience and working with the historical society has allowed me to get insight on the people who have remained here after the coal company left I would have never had otherwise."

Those who may have photographs they would like to share with Perry for the upcoming book can reach her by email at [lisa@coaltowns.net](mailto:lisa@coaltowns.net). Twenty percent of the total sales from the book will go back into the historical society, Perry said.



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## Coal Miner's daughter never forgets her roots

**L**oretta Lynn was born in Butcher Hollow (pronounced "Holler"), on April 14, 1934. The second of eight children born to Ted and Clara Webb, Loretta was welcomed with open arms, by the young couple. With her parents blessing and encouragement young Loretta soon found her voice and a place where it would be appreciated. During the first twelve years of her life, she sang in churches and at a variety of local concerts.

At age thirteen, Loretta married Oliver "Mooney" Lynn. Within the first few months of marriage, Mooney and Loretta's brother, Jay Lee Webb, Jr., hitchhiked to Washington looking for work. Thirteen year old pregnant Loretta stayed behind until Mooney sent money and a train ticket several months

later. Settled into a new state, fourteen year old Loretta gave birth to her first child, Betty Sue, in Custer, WA. As a young mother and housewife, Loretta stopped singing publicly and shared her passion for music with her young daughter, singing to her regularly.

By the time she was seventeen, Loretta had four children. Inspired by his wife's vocal abilities, Mooney bought her a guitar on her eighteenth birthday, and Loretta began to teach herself to play. Within a few months, Loretta was writing her own music and with her husband's encouragement, she began singing with a local band on the weekends.

Loretta's big break came when Mooney entered her in a local talent contest. Not only did she win, but she also received a personal invitation from Buck Owens to perform

on his television show. This was only the beginning of a ground-breaking career for Loretta which included numberless hit records and countless personal appearances.

Today, Loretta is a successful businesswoman who owns her own music publishing company. She also owns and operates a Dude Ranch and campground in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, which features a plantation-style home and an exact replica of her childhood home.

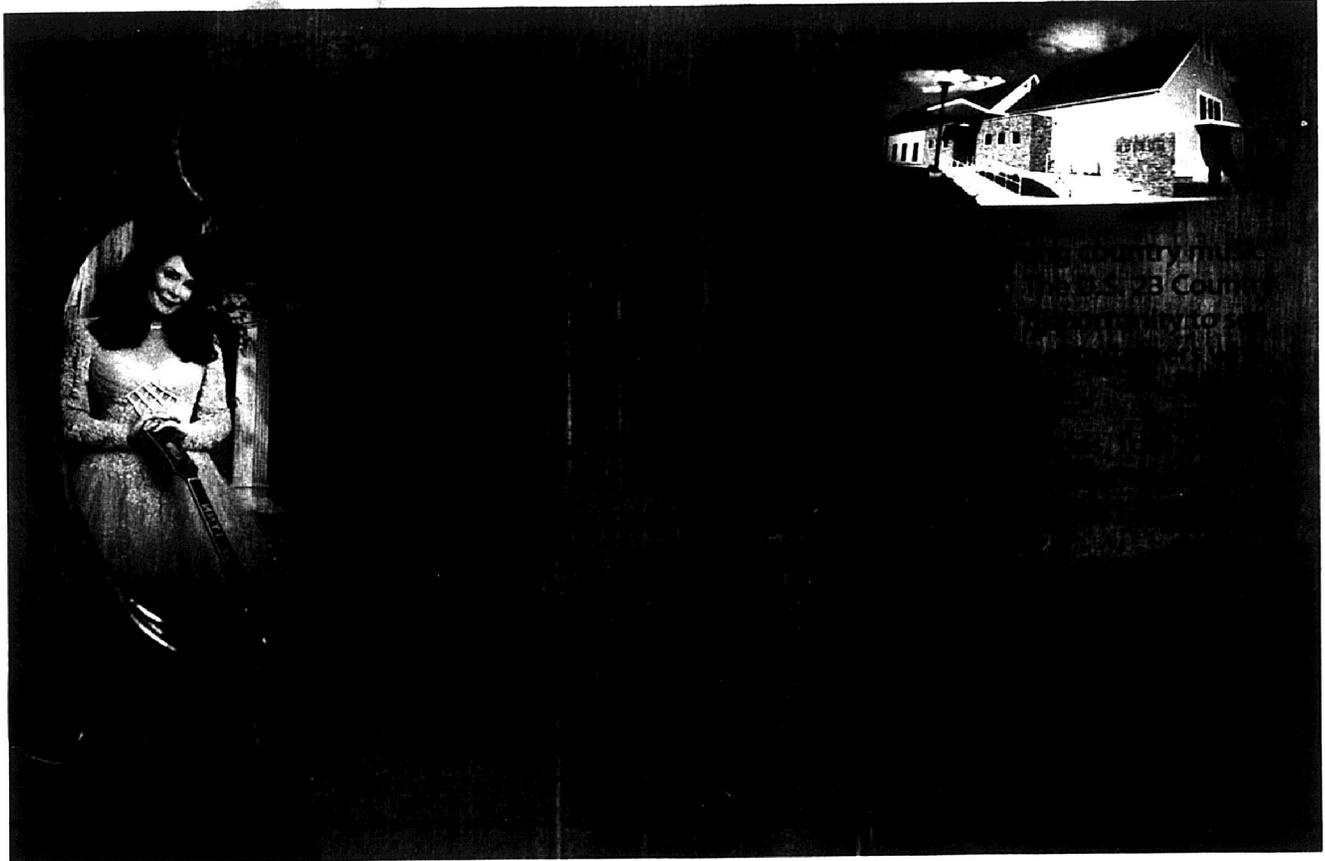
Crystal Gayle is Loretta Lynn's baby sister. Crystal was the youngest of eight children and the only one not born in the little cabin at Butcher Holler. Crystal jokes that her mother sensed she'd have trouble out of her and that's why she decided to give birth to her in the hospital.

Born Brenda Gayle Webb,

Crystal changed her name at the suggestion of her older sister Loretta, since there was already a "Brenda Lee" in the music industry. Complete with a brand new name, Crystal began a recording career envied by many.

One of Crystal's most beloved songs, "Don't it Make My Brown Eyes Blue", made her a household name from Louisville to Leningrad. Thanks to this song, Crystal became CMA's "Female Vocalist of the Year" for two consecutive years, and became a Grammy Award Winner for "Best Female Vocal Performance."

No matter how many awards she's won, Crystal never has forgotten her roots. She remains attached to the area in which she was rocked on the porch and sung to as a child.



# Patton, Eller disagree on coal's importance

BY JOHN JAMES SNIDOW

**W**hen Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty from the front porch of an unemployed Kentucky coal miner, three of every five families in Eastern Kentucky lived in poverty, and children ate chimney soot to ward off hunger. While considerable progress has been made since, Appalachia is still the nation's poorest region, and Appalachian Kentucky has more persistently poor counties than any other state.

The peculiar circumstances of Eastern Kentucky -- vast stores of mineral wealth, a fabled history of cultural and artistic achievement and a virtually all-white population -- have long drawn the interest of public figures and social activists. Robert Kennedy in 1968, Bill Clinton in 1999, John Edwards in 2007: each journeyed here in search of answers. But Johnson's poverty war has devolved into a series of local skirmishes, the idealism of the past has faded and discussion of the future brings uncertainty and debate.

University of Kentucky historian Ron Eller, author of the recent Appalachian history *Uneven Ground*, argues that tourism and other industries could replace coal mining and lead to greater prosperity. But former Gov. Paul Patton of Pikeville, now back in the mining business, says the region cannot support its current population without coal. Recent reports showing less recoverable coal in the region than presumed have only intensified the longstanding debate and made more urgent the answer to the old question, "What do we do when the coal is gone?"

In his keynote address to the East Kentucky Leadership Conference in April, Eller said he saw "growing potential for local and regionally coordinated tourism." He acknowledged in an interview that Kentucky has precious few "mountain vistas" like those in Tennessee and North Carolina, but the region could still have "cultural tourism based around folk traditions, music or arts and crafts." Eller also says the region could support summer camps, mountaineering sites and weekend escapes for young professionals who live in Kentucky's cities.

Eller is among those who want to wean Appalachia from its historical



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Former Gov. Paul Patton,  
from Pikeville

dependence on coal. "We have to do two things," he said when asked about the future of the Appalachian economy: "Look for other alternatives [to coal mining] and stop limiting those alternatives by destroying the terrain." In order to ready the region for transition to tourism, Eller urges the state to "stop giving out permits to surface mines above 2,000 feet" above sea level -- an act that would end most Eastern Kentucky strip mining.

The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, based in Berea, says promotion of entrepreneurship and "microbusinesses" with five or fewer employees is the key to the region's economic future. MACED President Justin Maxson argues, "If you add just one job at 10 percent of the microbusinesses in Kentucky, that's 5,800 new jobs in the state," and current economic-development strategies "overlook an important swath of entrepreneurship in the mountains."

For decades, the best-known entrepreneurs in the Appalachian coalfield were coal operators. Paul Patton was one. Eight years in Kentucky's highest office has made him less optimistic - or as he puts it, more realistic - about a non-coal economy.

Patton was never a strip miner, but says surface mining isn't an obstacle to economic diversification. "It's a trade-off," he says, holding up his hands like a pair of scales. "You can't have a modern society and a pristine environment. You can't say you want all the benefits [of development] and then ban something every time human life is affected. You just can't."

Patton dismisses Eller's visions of tourism for the region. Leaning over his desk as if to indicate he'd answered this question before, he said, "Travel has a minor -- and I mean minor -- place in

our economy. People in Cleveland don't want to come to Eastern Kentucky for vacation. We're too heavily populated, for one." Nor does Patton think that other parts of Appalachia, those without coal, serve as a realistic guide: "People ask, 'Why can't we just be like Gatlinburg?' . . . Well, there's already a Gatlinburg and we don't need two of them." Unlike coal, says Patton, "Tourism is just not viable as a base industry."

Asked about his own administration's progress on Appalachian development, he sat back in his chair for a moment. "Well," he smiled, "it's a lot harder than I expected. I didn't really get the results I wanted." Pressed to say what happens when the coal runs out, he was frank. "Virginia City," he said, naming the Nevada boom town that became a ghost town when its silver ran out.

Without mining in Eastern Kentucky, "The population will be severely decreased," Patton said. "There's not an alternative source of base income aside from coal. Transfer payments will be a source of income, but it will be a much older society. There will be lots of abandoned buildings, schools, houses." Asked if he meant to paint such a bleak picture, Patton shrugs his shoulders sadly, "Well, once the coal goes away, I just don't see what you do to keep the show going."

Sissy Cawood of Pineville, who helped oversee Family Resource and Youth Services Centers during the Patton administration, is also skeptical. "We have to come to terms with the fact that for much of Appalachia situated away from I-75 and any other major thoroughfare, there is not much hope for attracting industry," she says. "The infrastructure is in place in every little town and county with industrial development sites . . . but still they sit idle."

Still, Eller maintains, "public resources have not gone toward looking for an alternative to coal mining" for economic development in Eastern Kentucky.

Though they have different visions of Appalachia's post-coal potential, when asked to identify the biggest impediment to economic development, Eller and Patton both responded with a single word: "education." Cawood agrees, and says the push for job creation too often obscures the more basic problem. "When I hear county judges and chamber of commerce types speaking, it's not about our education system," she says. "It appears to me that they do not understand the connection between education and any kind of development or jobs-producing success in the region."

Unfortunately, most young people who leave Eastern Kentucky for a college education never come back. Patton said the "brain drain" in the region is "the same as in the cities. Once you get a core of poverty established, it's hard to get rid of and the distillation process starts. The less competent will stay near home where they feel more comfortable while the talented will leave." Eller agrees: "Without opportunities economically, it is easy for young people to lose a sense of purpose, especially when their options are (a) leave or (b) make do in a depressed area."

Besides education, Eller and Patton agree on at least one other thing: Local leadership is crucial. As Eller put it, "The greatest tragedy in Appalachia today is the absence of leadership that really has a vision for the future of the region -- and for the survival of its people."

Patton seems to agree. As he pointed out the modern amenities of Pike County, he was asked if other mountain counties are as nice. He grinned and responded with a joke -- a telling one. "No," he laughed, "the other counties aren't nearly this nice. But you have to remember -- none of those other counties have ever had a governor."

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## Our View

### The middle path

The accompanying story represents two divergent viewpoints on the future of Eastern Kentucky, particularly in relation to coal mining.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The big payday promised by tourism is quite literally a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

You can chase it all you want, but

you will only end up running around in circles.

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

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

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

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

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

# Beshear energy plan: Coal-to-liquid

by **SHELDON COMPTON**

A comprehensive energy plan set out by Governor Steve Beshear last year seeks to cut greenhouse emissions by 20 percent and create 40,000 in the energy industry.

None of this can be done by turning an eye away from coal, the state's top crop so to speak for generations.

The key to keeping coal in play during a time when coal has been getting hit hard by environmentalist groups with a bone to pick?

Coal-to-liquid.

It's the new catch phrase in the coal industry and, therefore, throughout Kentucky as well. Part of Beshear's energy plan revolves around expanding research into carbon capture and sequestration in addition to the development of large coal-to-liquids industry. The plan proposes a goal of 50 million tons of coal used per year to produce some 4 billion gallons of liquid fuel per year by 2025.

"Kentucky can be a national leader in energy technology and production," Beshear said short after unveiling the 150-page plan in November. "We can help the country move toward greater energy self-reliance. I intend to put us on such a path."

Coal, which can be converted into gasoline or diesel, exists in sufficient reserves in the U.S. to meet the nation's needs for more than 100 years at current rates of coal consumption, mainly for electric power.

It should not be assumed, however, that there will be enough coal mined to support the demands for both electrical power and transportation fuels. Providing coal-based liquid fuel for transportation would require significant increases in coal mining activities.

The U.S. transportation sector consumes 14 million barrels of oil per day. If coal mining activities in the U.S. increase by 50 percent — an additional 580 million tons of coal mined

each year — up to 3 million barrels of fuel per day could be produced. To achieve this, two or three new coal-to-fuel plants would need to be built each year over the next 20 years, the report says.

"A lot of work remains to be done before these alternative fuels can make up a significant share of the U.S. transportation fuel market. Making the transition will require financial investments and technological developments," said Michael P. Ramage, retired executive vice president of ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Co. and chair of the committee that wrote the report. "Newer, more efficient technologies and strong policy measures will be needed to drive market penetration. These fuels will not be cost competitive at current oil prices. They could be competitive with the higher oil prices we've seen in recent years, although it will take focused research, development, and policy efforts to get there."

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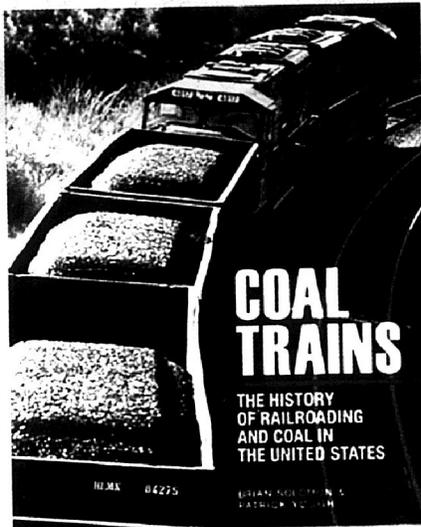
# Coal Trains

Solomon's book looks at often over-looked importance

BY JARRID DEATON

The image of trains hauling coal across Kentucky brings back feelings of nostalgia for many residents of the state who remember when it was the primary mode of transportation for the natural resource, and a new book by Brian Solomon documents the history of coal trains in the nation along with multiple color photos.

According to a release from Voyageur Press, "From the first, U.S. railroads have carried coal from mines to docks, steel mills, and power plants across the country. In this authoritative book spanning the whole of that history, from the mid-nineteenth century to present, noted rail author Brian Solomon explores the railroads and hardware that have transported the fossil fuels that made America work. Brilliant period and contemporary photographs convey the drama of the enterprise: the very long-and very heavy-trains powering up mountain grades and



Courtesy image

The book 'Coal Trains' by Brian Solomon documents the history of coal trains in the nation.

thundering across barren prairies. At sites from the eastern and western U.S., past and present, readers see giant double-headed Norfolk and Western steam locomotives moving Appalachian coal in Virginia; modern CSX diesels dragging unit coal trains over the well-groomed former Chesapeake & Ohio main line; Rio Grande locomotives snaking through the Rocky Mountains; and coal trains working full-throttle up Colorado's Tennessee Pass, cresting the Continental Divide at 10,000 feet above sea level. Taking up topics ranging from the colorful but now-defunct "anthracite roads" of eastern Pennsylvania to today's AC-traction diesels that work Wyoming's thriving Powder River Basin, Solomon reveals how for 150 years the unique demands of coal-and America's demand for coal-have prompted new railroad technologies."

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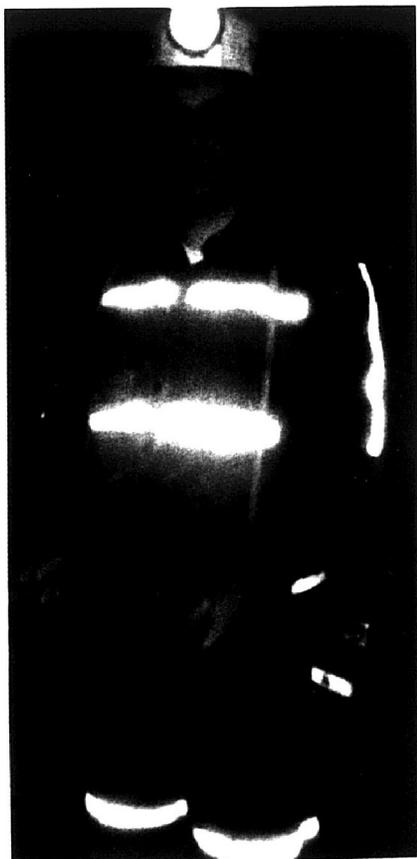
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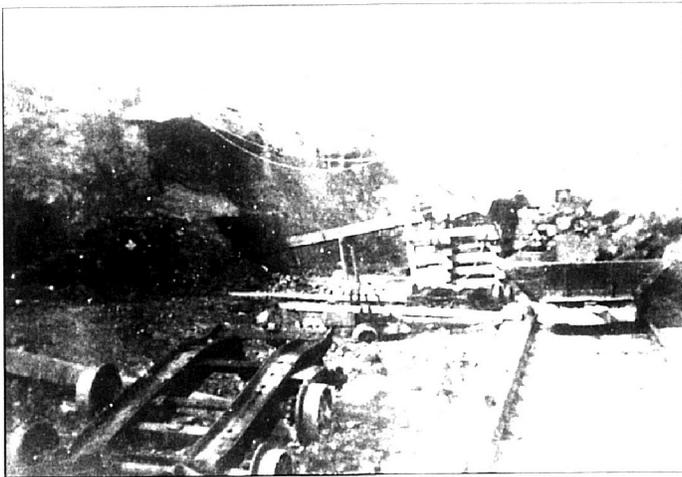
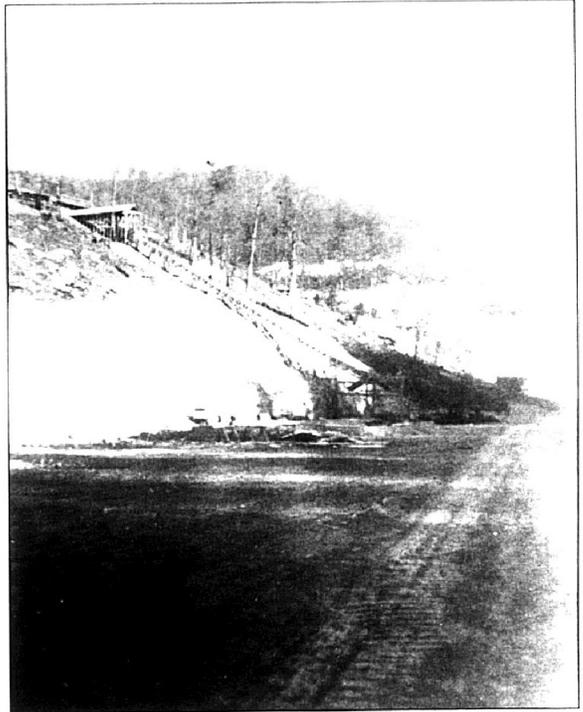
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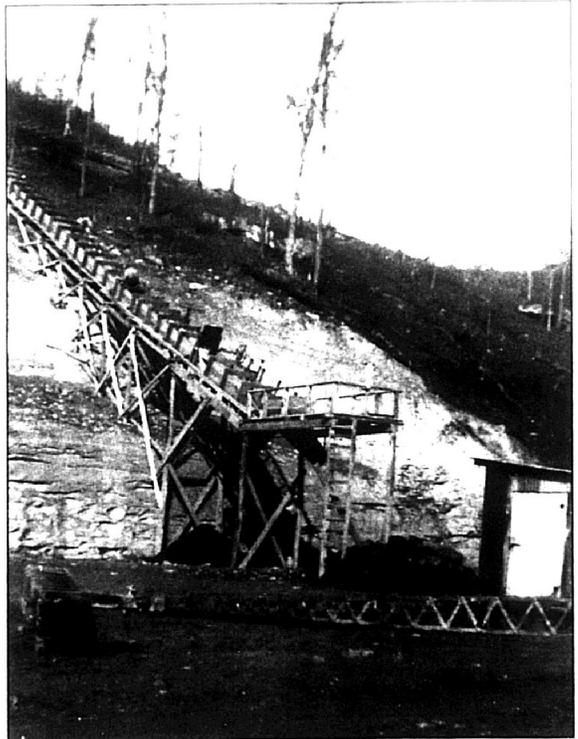
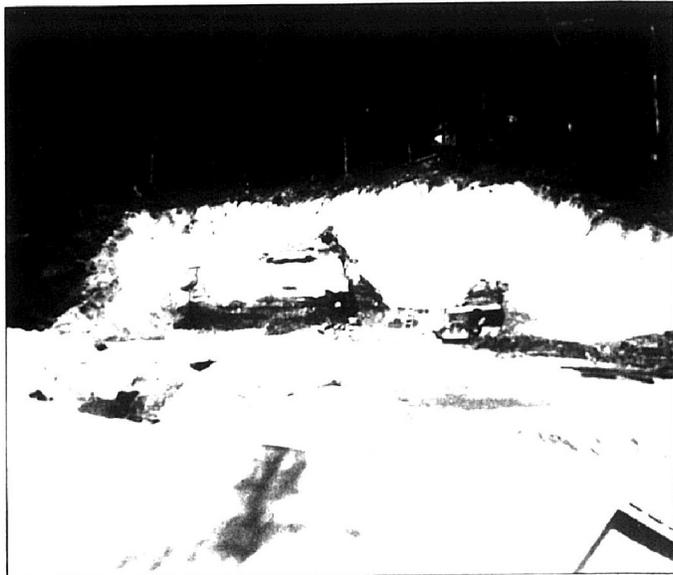
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# CAER consortium brings together best minds

by JARRID DEATON

**T**he University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research team brought together the best minds in the coal and energy industries in order to find a way to produce cleaner energy and continue the rich history of coal production in the commonwealth in April.

CAER created a consortium with government agencies, electric utilities and their research organizations to seek cost-effective technologies to reduce and manage carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Officials anticipate that Kentucky state government and the industrial partners will provide \$24 million over 10 years to support the



*"Kentucky, as a major coal producing state, must stay in the forefront of energy issues and develop technologies to reduce carbon emissions."*

**State Rep. Rocky Adkins,  
from Sandy Hook**

research.

According to representatives with CAER, the consortium is designed to split the cost of research into large-scale carbon dioxide capture systems, which often has shown itself to be too expensive and high risk for a single utility or government agency to undertake. By teaming the state, UK, several electricity-generating companies and the utilities' national research organiza-

tion, the consortium will share the costs and risks over the 10-year life of the project.

The founding industry members of the consortium are E.ON US, Duke Energy, Kentucky Power Co., East Kentucky Power Cooperative and the Electric Power Research Institute. Each member will contribute \$200,000 a year to the consortium.

The Kentucky

Department of Energy Development and Independence has shown its support with a one-to-one match up to \$1 million annually, as approved by the Kentucky General Assembly in the 2008 budget.

State Rep. Rocky Adkins, from Sandy Hook, has sponsored legislation relating to clean energy.

"I am proud to have sponsored legislation that addresses carbon capture research and creates this new consortium," Adkins said. "Kentucky, as a major coal producing state, must stay in the forefront of energy issues and develop technologies to reduce carbon emissions. This collaboration will help us do that by continuing the work of the CAER on an even larger scale."



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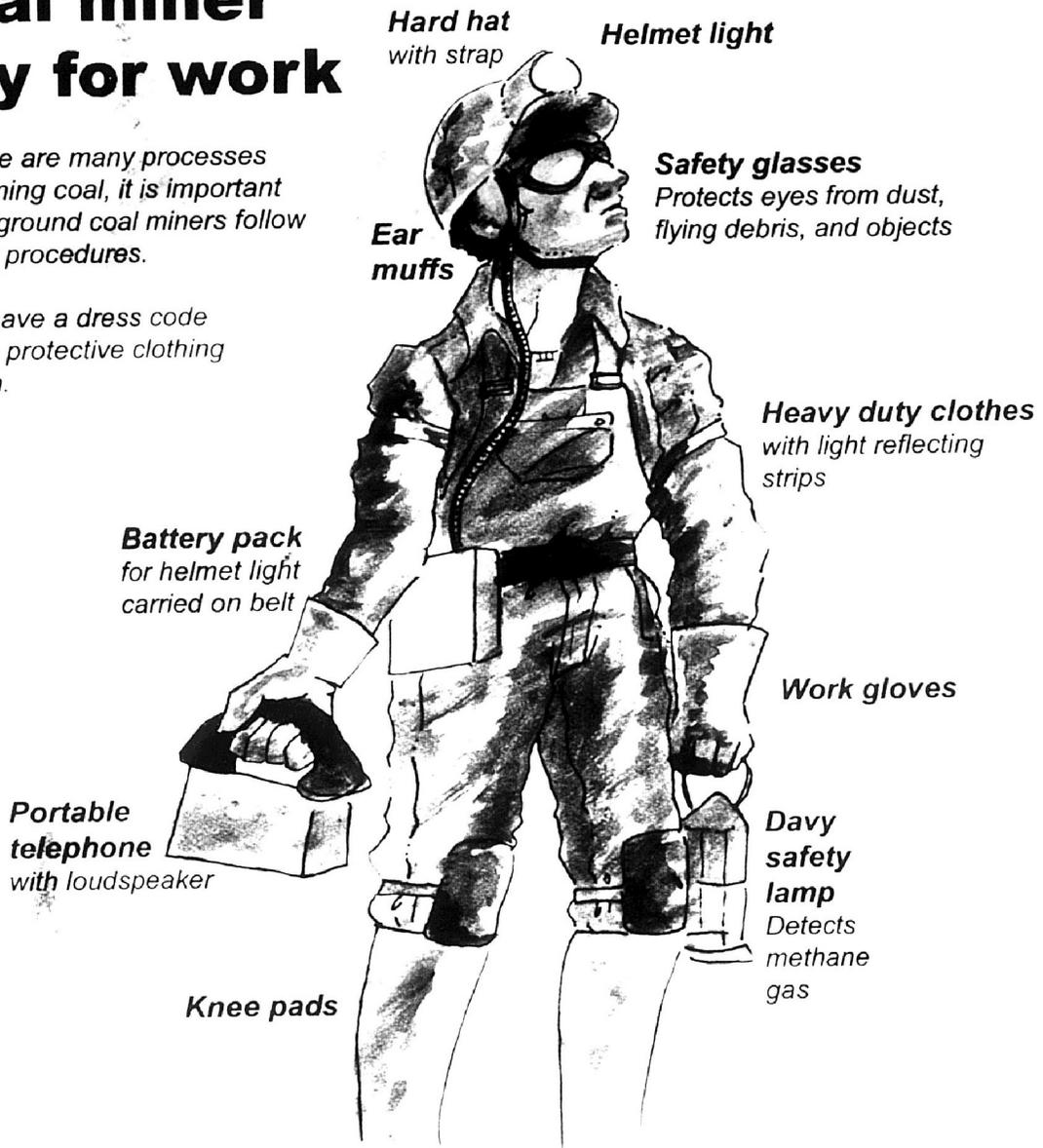
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with strap

**Helmet light**

**Safety glasses**  
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**Ear muffs**

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## In the darkness

Ceiling may be 3.5 ft or lower



■ **Deafening noise:** From machines and falling rock

■ **Heat:** Often reaches 90°F or more

■ **Toxic gases:** Seep from coal as it is cut free

■ **Dust:** Coal dust; blown onto walls to reduce fire hazard; miner may have to wear air filtering mask

Source: U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA). Illustration: Brandy Parsons (Brandy.Parsons@Gmail.com)

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# Kentucky Coal Timeline

- 1748** - First recorded United States coal production
- 1750** - April 13th, Dr. Thomas Walker was the first recorded person to discover and use coal in Kentucky.
- 1755** - Lewis Evan's map showing coal in what is now the Greenup County and Boyd County area of Kentucky.
- 1758** - First Commercial U.S. coal shipment
- 1792** - Isaac Shelby becomes the first Governor of Kentucky (1792-1796).
- 1820** - First commercial mine, known as the "McLean drift bank" opened in Kentucky near the Green River and Paradise in Muhlenberg County. 328 short tons mined and sold in Kentucky.
- 1830** - 2,000 tons of Kentucky coal production.
- 1850** - 150,000 tons of Kentucky coal production. Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad proposed. Kentucky Geological Survey established.
- 1860** - Pre-civil war Kentucky coal production record of 285,760 tons.
- 1861** - Kentucky born Abraham Lincoln becomes the 16th President of the United States (1861-65).
- 1870** - Post Civil War Kentucky production decline to 150,582 tons. St. Louis and Southern Railroad completed from Henderson to Earlington, KY.
- 1872** - First train off the Big Sandy Railroad.
- 1877** - Coal mined with steam powered shovel.
- 1879** - One million tons of Kentucky coal production.
- 1880** - Mine ventilation law. First train from Williamson, West Virginia to Pike County, Kentucky. Coal mining machines come into general use. N&W Railroad's first mine at Goody in Pike County. Hopkins County in western Kentucky was the leading coal producer in the state for 18 straight years.
- 1890** - Miner pay law. United Mine Workers of America formed. Machines developed to undercut coal beds. 5,000 kilowatt steam turbine generates electricity.
- 1900** - Child labor law. Edgewater Coal Company's first production in Pike County. First train off the Lexington and Eastern Railroad. Independent Geological Survey established.
- 1910** - First train from the Cumberland Valley railroad. Fordson Coal Company's first production at Pond Creek. Pike/Floyd Coal Company's first production at Betsy Layne.
- 1914** - World War I increases the demand for coal pushing Kentucky production to 20.3 million tons. Short flame or "permissible" explosives developed. Mine Safety Law.
- 1918** - First pulverized coal firing in electric power plants.
- 1920** - Federal Mine Leasing Act. 42.1 million tons of Kentucky coal production.
- 1923** - All time high U.S. employment of 704,793 bituminous coal and lignite miners. First drag line excavators built especially for surface mining.
- 1929** - Stock market crashes beginning the Great Depression.
- 1932** - Walking drag line excavators developed.
- 1940** - World War II - coal production in Kentucky rises to 72.4 million tons for the war effort. Auger surface mining introduced.
- 1942** - Republic Steel Company's first production at Road Creek, Kentucky. Post War Marshall Plan-production rises to 88.7 million tons in Kentucky. Continuous underground mining systems developed. Kentucky Water Contamination Legislation.
- 1947** - Kentucky Coal Association founded.
- 1956** - Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Railroads converting from coal to diesel fuel. Roof bolting introduced in underground mines.
- 1960** - Railroads began using unit coal trains. First long wall mining with powered roof supports. Kentucky Surface Mining Legislation.
- 1963** - Kentucky coal production exceeded 100 million tons.
- 1966** - C&O Railroad to John's Creek constructed in Pike County.
- 1969** - Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act.
- 1970** - Federal Clean Air Act.
- 1972** - Kentucky Coal Severance Tax established. Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Kentucky becomes the leading coal production state.
- 1973** - OPEC oil embargo-Coal production and prices rise.
- 1976** - Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act.
- 1977** - Federal Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act.
- 1980** - Industries spend over \$1 billion on Air Pollution Control Equipment.
- 1983** - OPEC cuts oil prices for the first time. Martha Layne Collins becomes Kentucky's first female Governor (1983-87). U.S. Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Program established \$2.5 billion in Federal matching funds committed to assist the private sector to develop and demonstrate improved clean coal technologies.
- 1988** - Wyoming displaces Kentucky as the leading coal producing state.
- 1990** - Kentucky record production - 179.4 million tons.
- 1993** - CEDAR, Inc. (Coal Education Development and Resources) formed in Pike County.
- 1996** - Worker's Comp Reform Laws are passed in Kentucky.
- 1997** - The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to reintroduce elk into 14 East Kentucky counties on post mined lands, citing mountain top removal areas and old mine benches as good elk habitat. This will be the only large free ranging elk herd in the Eastern United States.
- 1998** - Mountaintop mining comes under attack.
- 2000** - 210 million gallons of coal slurry from Martin County Coal Corporation spill into waterways in Inez, spreading throughout the state.
- 2001** - Martin County Coal Corporation pays \$225,000 to replace an estimated 2 million fish killed in the coal slurry spill in 2000.
- 2004** - Kentucky ranks third in the United States in coal production with 114.2 million tons.
- 2006** - An explosion in Darby Mine no. 1 kills five miners in Holmes Mill Kentucky.