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HIGH SCHOOL
Special Olympics
on tap for Saturday

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Special Olympics will be taking place on Saturday in Prestonsburg, and Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall issued a proclamation making April 17 "Special Olympics Day" in Floyd County.

"Floyd County is proud to commend the Special Olympics families, coaches, friends and volunteers for their year-round dedication and efforts to make athletic training and competition possible at state and local levels," Marshall said.

The Floyd County Special Olympics event is scheduled to start at 9:15 a.m. at Prestonsburg High School.

For more information on the Special Olympics in Kentucky, visit <http://www.soky.org>.

Murder victim remembered

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

SHELBIANA — Both coworkers and residents at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Shelbiana have been mourning the loss of Tonja Stone, the woman shot and killed Monday by her estranged husband, David "Crazy Dave" Stone.

Stone was a CNA at the center for the past five years and formed strong bonds with both other

workers and residents during her time there, said administrator Angela Owens.

"Tonja was such a caring and kind person," Owens said. "She always had a smile on her face and she always looked at things from a positive, glass-half-full point of view."

Stone was shot as she was leaving a beauty shop in Bevinville Monday evening by her husband, David Stone, who then later shot himself as police were preparing to take him into

custody.

Police said Stone's husband arrived at the beauty shop just as she was leaving, blocked her from leaving the parking lot with his vehicle, and then went to where she sat in her van and shot her with a handgun, left and returned with a rifle and shot her again before leaving the scene.

The shock of Stone's death was dealt with at her workplace in the days following her murder

(See SLONE, page eight)



photo courtesy of Karen Newsome
Tonja Stone with Kelma Tackett, one of many residents she cared for at Parkview Nursing Home, in a picture she had developed and gave to Tackett the day before she was murdered by her estranged husband David Stone while leaving a beauty shop in Bevinville.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss tax receipts from the previous year and grant requests from local businesses and organizations. Johnny McKinney, the restaurant representative of the board, resigned from his position due to health concerns.

Tourism board sees unexpected boost

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Prestonsburg Tourism Board were pleasantly surprised at a meeting Wednesday, with the release of the tax receipt history for 2009.

According to the history, the tax receipts were up 2.66 percent from the previous year, at a total of \$846,798.86.

"I was surprised, but I was also optimistic," said Fred James, director of tourism for Prestonsburg. "I

think there has been a little more confidence locally. It's good news."

Members of the board said they were concerned the numbers would be down due to the sluggish economy, but were happy to see that was not the case.

The receipts are for the restaurant and hotel tax in the city. The total for the months of January and February of 2010 is \$126,564.41.

Also at the meeting, James suggested the grants Prestonsburg Tourism gives to local events be capped

(See TOURISM, page eight)

Child porn indictment returned

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man arrested on child pornography charges earlier this year has now been indicted on one count of possessing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Donald J. Salisbury, 44, of Harold, was arrested in February

following a series of events that started with the alleged victim coming to police and claiming she had discovered that Salisbury was in possession of a photograph taken of her when she was between the ages of 8 and 12.

According to prosecutors at the time, the alleged victim had found the picture, a Photoshopped depiction of her on the cover of Playboy magazine, and then went to police.

Officers then did a walkthrough of Salisbury's home after the allegation and said they discovered, in particular, a computer desk in his bedroom that matched a description of one the alleged victim had given them during her statement.

With this information, a search warrant was obtained and police searched the home, finding three

(See PORN, page eight)

Owens files to fill late husband's seat

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — Jackie Edford Owens' widow has filed as a write-in candidate to fill her late husband's seat on the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Hattie Owens filed her paperwork earlier this week, just days after the late magistrate's sister, Ina Owens Robinson, endorsed their niece as a candidate for the empty District 2 seat.

Jackie Edford Owens, who served for more than 20 years as a county magistrate, died April 1 in Lexington after collapsing from a brain aneurysm while giving a mine training course two days before.

Owens would have faced a larger-than-usual field of opponents in this upcoming May primary, including Marie Martin-Holbrook, his niece.

Hattie Owens said her reasons to file were in

(See WRITE-IN, page eight)

Grand jury issues abuse indictment

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Alonzo "Lonnie" Bradley, the 37-year-old Conley Fork man charged in March with beating and imprisoning his wife over the course of the past year, was indicted this week by a grand jury in the case.

Bradley now faces numerous felony counts in the indictment, including three counts of first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree assault, first-degree unlawful imprisonment and third-degree terrorist threatening.

Though the indictment only indicates the past year, prosecutors said after his arrest in

(See ABUSE, page eight)

Surveillance tape leads to car break-in arrest

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

LANGLEY — A Langley man has been arrested and charged with theft and criminal mischief for an alleged series of vehicle break-ins at Warco Housing.

Christopher Patton, 34, was arraigned on charges of first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal mischief and theft on Monday.

According to the police report, Patton allegedly caused damage of \$500 or more by taking items from three vehicles belonging to tenants at Warco Housing on April 2, and video surveillance footage reportedly shows Patton going from vehicle to vehicle. One of the vehicles reportedly received \$1,000 or more in damage. Patton was arrested on April 12.

Patton has an extensive criminal history, including charges of harassment, burglary, probation viola-

tions, possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and theft.

According to court documents, Patton was sentenced to two years in prison on a third-degree burglary charge on March 25, but the sentence was suspended and Patton was credited with 374 days and placed on three years of supervised probation.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 21. Patton's bond was set at \$2,500 cash.

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Obituaries

Tonja April Stone
Tonja April Stone, 44, of Bevensville, died Monday, April 12, 2010, at her residence.

Born February 13, 1966, in Troy, Ohio, she was the daughter of Nellie Pitcher Moore of Hi Hat and the late Herschell Moore. She was a CNA for Parkway Nursing Home and a member of the Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to her mother, include two sons: Josiah Hurst of Salisbury, North Carolina and Joseph Ellerbee of Hi Hat; one daughter, Starr Shoaf of Salisbury, North Carolina; one brother, Terry Moore of Pikeville and two sisters: Teana Cook of Salisbury, North Carolina and Tina Branham of Pikeville.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m., at the Church of God of Prophecy, in Hi Hat, with Don Fraley, Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the Moore Family Cemetery, in Hi Hat. Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

1950, at Middlesboro, Ky., a daughter of the late William and Nell Bryant Redmon.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and neighbor, Virginia was a postal clerk, having worked for the US Post office; and was of the Baptist faith.

She leaves to honor her loving memory and mourn her passing, her loving husband, Ellis Branham; a daughter, Lisa (Mike) Casebolt; her brothers: Donald Redmon; Roger Redmon; sisters: Ann Hensley; June Marx; Billie Frisbee; Connie Bradley; her grandchildren: Hunter; and Olivia.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Burial was in the Troy L. Branham Cemetery, in Grethel.

Phelps Funeral Home, in Pikeville, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Ruth Spence Compton

Ruth Spence Compton, 96, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at her residence.

Born March 1, 1914, in Menifee County, she was the daughter of the late Floyd Forest Spence and Sally Lyons Spence. She was a former L.P. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and was the oldest member of the Vogel Day United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters: Billie Huffman of Prestonsburg, Georgia (Doug) Hyden of Prestonsburg and Loma Harris of Prestonsburg and one sister, Lavonne Price of Debray, Kansas; four grandchildren: Deborah Kinney, Doug (Suzanne) Hyden, Kara Henson and Tyler Harris and four great-grandchildren and

four great-great-grandchildren; and a longtime friend, Queenie Epling.

In addition to her parents, she preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters and one grandson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dennis Love officiating.

Interment was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Pallbearers: Tyler Harris, Doug Hyden, Joe Stanley, Jim Henson, Kermit Chaney and David May.

Contributions suggested to: Appalachian Hospice, P.O. Box 3457, Pikeville, Ky. 41502; or Vogel Day United Methodist Church, 163 First St., Fox Bottom, Harold, Ky. 41635.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Polly Jane Conn

Polly Jane Conn, age 88, of Printer, widow of Harlie Conn, passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born April 4, 1922, in Printer, the daughter of the late Maryland Conn and Mary Magelne Branham Conn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Arkansas Church of Christ.

Survivors include five sons: Johnny Conn, Merlin "Bogey" Conn, Harlie Conn, Jr., (Rhonda) Clyde Conn (Francis) all of Printer, Willard Conn (DeAnna) of Pikeville; three daughters: Norcie Frazier (Bill), Juanita Branham both of Printer, Theda Hackworth of Martin; two brothers: Virgil Conn of Allen, Maryland Conn, Jr. of Martin; four sisters: Alberta Blackburn of Drift, Myrtle Hall and Artie Rose both of

Printer, Susie Rickman of Michigan; 22 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by a son, Howard Franklin Conn, Sr., and infant son, Johnny Conn; two infant daughters: Jane Conn and Janette Conn; four brothers: Ike Conn, Fred Conn, Nelse Conn, Arthur "Buck" Conn; a sister, Margie Greck; infant sister, Polly Conn and a grandson, Meredith Allen Conn.

Funeral services for Polly Jane Conn will be conducted Saturday, April 17, 2010, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conn Family Cemetery, in Printer, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Thursday at Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Joe Michael Ferguson

Joe Michael Ferguson, 54, of Auxier, died Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born June 18, 1955, in Lawrence County, he was the son of Lola Simpkins Ferguson of Flat Gap and the late of Russell Ferguson. He was a retired Forestry Department employee.

He is survived by his wife, Zondra Marie Meade Ferguson. Other survivors include three sons: Joe David Conley Ferguson of Salyersville, Paul Ferguson and Matthew Ferguson, both of Paintsville; two stepdaughters: Rachael Watts and Joshua Woods, both of Auxier; two brothers: Gary Ferguson and William Ferguson, both of Flat Gap;

two sisters: Brenda LeMaster of Chillicothe, Ohio and Vivian Davis of Bakersfield, California; three grandchildren: Chyanne Meade, Connor Watts and Paul Russell Ferguson, II.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 13, at 1 p.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel with Jeff Blanton and Bobby Jo Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Ferguson Family Cemetery, Conley Creek, in Flat Gap.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Liza Jane Johnson

Liza Jane Johnson, age 95, of Bevensville, widow of Noah R. Johnson, passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born June 17, 1914, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Dave Burke and Sophia Isaac Burke.

Survivors include three sons: Clifton Johnson, Cline Johnson, and Roy Johnson, all of Bevensville; four daughters: Gracie Harris, Aileen Hall, Emily Jane Johnson and Barbara Ann Johnson all of Bevensville; a brother, Walter Burke of Bevensville; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Calvin Johnson of Bevensville and two daughters: Berta Hall and Cora Lee Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Johnson Family Cemetery, in Bevensville, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, at Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

David Lee Stone

David Lee Stone, 51, of Bevensville, died Monday, April 12, 2010, at his residence.

Born January 21, 1959, in McDowell, he was the son of Hazel Stone of Bevensville and the late Dave Johnson. He was a disabled coal miner.

Other survivors include two sons: David Scott Gearheart of Huntington, Ohio and David Christopher Stone of Bevensville; two daughters: Cristy Stone of McDowell and Haley Nicole Stone of Knott County; one stepdaughter, Priscilla Collins of Hillsborough, Ohio; two brothers: Vernon Stone and Michael Stone, both of Bevensville; one sister, Vonda Stone of Bevensville and one granddaughter, Hannah Akers.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Timothy and Henry, Jr. Stone.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 16, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Bevensville; with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevensville.

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



Virginia Lynn Branham

Virginia Lynn Branham, age 59, of Harold, Ky., departed this life on April 7, 2010, at Riverview Healthcare Center of Prestonsburg, KY.

She was born on July 23,

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Virginia Lynn Branham, 59, of Harold, Ky., departed this life on April 7, 2010, at Riverview Healthcare Center of Prestonsburg, KY.

Maudine Caudill, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 12, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Spence Compton, 96, died Tuesday, April 13. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, with burial in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rennie "Sweet Bee" Conn, 62, of Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, April 8, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 11, under the direction of Hi Hat Funeral Home.

Arnold Crider, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Lafferty Crider. Funeral services were held Friday, April 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Laken Taylor Johnson, infant daughter of Wallace and Melissa Hall Johnson of McDowell, was born April 8, 2010, and died April 8, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Sunday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Millie H. Prater, 97, of Edgewater, Florida, formerly of Tuscawilla, died April 8, at Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, in Edgewater, Florida. Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Paul Edgar Robinson, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 10, in Johnson County. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Claude A. Ryan, 81, of Banner, died Sunday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roselee Stanley, 55, of Bevensville, died Sunday, April 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Stanley. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Begley

PIKE COUNTY

Curtis Gene Coleman, 76, of Powells Creek, died Tuesday, April 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Marie Coleman. Funeral services were held Friday, April 9, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Ruby Dameron, 79, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 6, at Parkway Nursing & Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Inogene Hampton, 67, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 13, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at Grace Fellowship Church. Funeral services will be held under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Scott Allen Hawkins, 48, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, April 10, in Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Cindi Vanover Hawkins. A memorial service was held at a later date. Arrangements are under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ethel Kathy Hunt, 46, of Kimper, died Wednesday, April 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

George Johnson, 65, of Jackhorn, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 6, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Harland, W. Va. Funeral services were held Friday, April 9, under the direction of Carty Funeral Home of Fleming, Va.

George Washington "Cap" Johnson, 84, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 8, at the Wellmont Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Nell Johnson. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 11, under the direction of Carty Funeral Home of Fleming, Va.

David Berlin McCoy, 71, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 13, at Paintsville Lake State Park. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Alisha Mae Mollette, infant daughter of Chastity Nicole Thacker and Ryan Lee Mollette of

Stone, was stillborn, Sunday, April 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Helen Mullins, 70, of Long Fork, died Tuesday, April 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Chester Mullins, 86, of Big Stony, died Saturday, March 20, at Heritage Hall, Big Stone Gap. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mullins. Arrangements were under direction of Gilliam Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap.

Hurley Mullins, 61, of Poor Bottom, died Tuesday, April 9, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Faye Bentley Mullins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Herby Gene Nichols, 75, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Pauline "Lena" Lowe Nichols. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Elmer Eugene Osborne, 80, of Hazel Park, Mich., formerly of Virgie, died Wednesday, April 7, at Beaumont Hospital, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn June Burchett Osborne. Funeral services were held Monday, April 12, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Viola Phillips, 82, of Left Fork of Island Creek, died Tuesday, April 13, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Vivian Carol Price, 54, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, April 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10, under the

direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Wade Rathif, 83, of Kimper, died Monday, April 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Clara Marie Blackburn Rathif. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dell Rowe, 72, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 6, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Beatrice Sanders, 89, of Martinsburg, died Monday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Terry Donald Sealf, 53, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m., under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Della Rhea Smith, 55, of Phelps, died Wednesday, April 7, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 11, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Ray Vene Spears, 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 12, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Connie Louise Tackett, 64, of Demosville, a native of Dorton, died Tuesday, April 13, at the St. Elizabeth South Hospital, Edgewood. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 16, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Peoples Funeral Home Chapel, Butler.

Wesley Walker Taylor, 88, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, April 12, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family of Virginia Lynn Branham would like to say "Thank-you" to all our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped in any way during this difficult time, and to those who sent flowers, food, or came by to share our loss. Also special thanks to the Pilgrim's Home Church and all Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; to Phelps Funeral Home for their efficient service; and Dr. Leslie and staff at Riverview Health Care. Also to Magistrate, Ronnie Akers, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their special services.

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Manchin calls for a day of mourning

by MICHAEL BROWNING.
LOGAN BANNER

CHARLESTON — Gov. Joe Manchin has seen three mine disasters happen in his time as governor of West Virginia.

First, in 2006, there was the Sago explosion that killed 12 miners. Then, just a few days later, there was the Aracoma mine fire that killed two more.

And just last week, the Upper Big Branch mine explosion killed 29 miners.

Manchin, on Wednesday, asked for all underground miners to observe a day of mourning today in honor of the 29 fallen miners and to commit the day to making their work place as safe as possible.

Manchin said that all West Virginia underground mine operators cease production for one day.

The "Day of Honor and Mourning" gives the operators, miners and the state the opportunity to focus solely on mine safety, while mourning for their fallen coal miners, Manchin said in a press release issued during the press conference in the Governor's Reception Room in the State Capitol in Charleston.

"I am asking every underground mine operator and miner to go to work on that day and commit to one day focused completely on making their workplace as safe as possible in honor of the miners lost at Upper Big Branch. No other family should experience the loss that the UBB families are experiencing."

Manchin said no miner should ever have to fear going underground.

"Not at all, they should not be in fear," Manchin said. Safety should be first and

foremost and if there is something of a serious nature that hasn't adhered to, they should have the right to stop and shut it down."

Manchin said he's not just asking for a day to stop production, he is wanting operators and employees to focus strictly on safety measures they've been taught and on safety inspections during their regular work shifts.

The governor signed an executive order stating that immediate action is warranted to identify and remedy conditions in underground coal mines in the state that create a risk of combustion or explosion. The order specifically encourages each operator of an active underground coal mine in West Virginia to take whatever actions are needed to ensure the mine's compliance with health and safety standards.

"This was a deep mine explosion and those can be horrific," Manchin said. "In a deep mine explosion, there's no way to protect anybody in the mine. All you can do is prevent it from happening. What we're trying to do is, in their honor, re-evaluate everything we do and the practices we use to make it safe. Not one person should have to work in unsafe conditions. Everyone should expect to go home at night or in the morning."

In addition, Manchin has ordered immediate state closure of all underground mines, starting with the mines that have had the greatest number of violations for combustion risks.

Mine health and safety laws are in place to protect our coal miners, but it's clear that a breakdown occurred and we lost 29 miners who should be

with us today," Manchin said. "While the state and federal investigations of this horrific accident will be carried out the next several months, I strongly believe that stopping production to focus specifically on mine safety gives our miners and their employees the opportunity to identify problems that need corrected immediately."

"I'm also directing our state mine safety inspectors to turn their attention to mine ventilation, rock dusting and electrical equipment issues that could pose a hazard. They'll start with the mines that have been cited repeatedly for those combustion risks during the last year and take immediate steps to ensure compliance with the law."

Office of Miners' Health and Safety Director Ron Wooten said the Upper Big Branch mine is currently shut down and won't reopen until the investigation into the explosion is complete.

"We don't know what happened, but we're going to work hard to try to find out precisely what happened," Wooten said. "In my 40 years in this industry, this is the biggest thing I've seen, so we've got to find out and it's going to take a while."

Two charged with burglary

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Christopher P. Bryant, 19, of Wheelwright, allegedly broke into a home in a neighboring town and stole several items before a witness and the alleged victim helped lead police to him earlier this week.

The investigation into the burglary also resulted in Edgery Collins being named as a second suspect and reports indicate that warrants were issued for both men. However, there were no records currently on file to reflect if Collins had been taken into custody in connection to the case.

According to the police citation from Bryant's arrest, on April 5 the Wheelwright teen, along with Collins, allegedly broke into the Bypro home of Katrina Thornsby, taking two computers and an iPod Touch from the residence.

A witness told police she had seen a vehicle around the home and gave a description of the vehicle during a follow-up interview. Police said that during questioning, Thornsby was then told of the witness' description and said she knew someone who drove a vehicle

of that type. Thornsby then gave investigating officers the names of Bryant and Collins and told them several locations where they could possibly be found.

State police later recovered the stolen items at a home in McVine. The residents said Bryant and Collins had the items, but added they had no knowledge at that time they

had been stolen, the report said.

Bryant was arrested along Route 306 at about 8 p.m. less than a week after the initial complaint from Thornsby and charged with one count of second-degree burglary and jailed on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Bryant pleaded innocent at his arraignment and is next scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on April 21.

Mother charged with endangerment

IVY CREEK — Randi Lynn Parsons, 40, of Ivel, was arraigned Tuesday in Floyd District court on a single charge of endangering the welfare of a minor.

Parsons pleaded innocent to allegations that she had allowed her 7-year-old child to wander a half-mile from her residence. The child was found without injury, according to emergency medical responders, who checked the child at the scene.

The mother was later found close to the scene. Authorities said at that time she appeared to

be under the influence of medication.

Police said the incident occurred around 2:15 p.m. on Monday afternoon, and Parsons was later arrested at 2:48 p.m. by local authorities.

A background check reflects that Parsons had no prior offenses. Family service court ordered Parsons to have no contact with her child following a social service order.

Parsons' bail was set on a \$250 cash bond, which she posted Wednesday afternoon. She is next to appear in court on June 21.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses
Elizabeth G. Price, 19, of Louisa, to Charles B. Tucker, 18, of Louisa.

Freda Johnson, 49, of Grethel, to Terry J. Hamilton, 54, of Teaberry.

Judy Rae Waldron, 33, of Van Wert, OH, to Catlin Edward Boyd, 24, of Emma.

Amber Nicole Marshall, 25, of Prestonsburg, to Christopher Jason Holbrook, 26, of David.

Civil Suits Filed
Robin Day vs. Sanford D. Day; petition for healthcare insurance.
Sallie Begley vs. Richard Mullins; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

PACCAR Financial Corporation vs. Roger Combs; complaint.
Fifth Third Mortgage Company vs. Carolyn Hall; complaint.

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. vs. Aaron Ousley and Rebecca Ousley; complaint.

Robert Stanford vs. Thomas Evans; complaint.
Christal Gilliam vs. Gina K. Holbrook; complaint.

Nicholas McCoy vs. Tiffany L. McCoy; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Jessica Slone vs. Ezra L. Robinson; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Billie J. Keens vs. Johnnie Messmer; petition for healthcare insurance.

Charges Filed
Angela Osborne, 42, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, third-degree assault of a police officer.

Christopher P. Bryant, 19, Wheelwright; second-degree burglary.

Brantley M. Hatfield, 29, Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport.

Christopher Patton, 33, Langley; two counts of criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking.

Charles Lee Sherman, 38, Wittensville; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no operator licenses, failure to wear seat belt, first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

stance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container.

Janece Greer, 19, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Tena R. Mosley, 42, Paintsville; public intoxication.

Jonathan N. Mosley, 26, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.

Wesley M. Senters, 26, Dana; harassing communications.

Carol Rose Boyd, 35, Dana; two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

Kimberly Hall, 24, Harold; criminal trespassing.

Andy W. Akers, 51, Wheelwright; criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.

Teresa Belle Adams, 44, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Angelina M. Slone, 28, Pikeville; harassing communications.

Barbara Collins, 44, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.

Rachel M. Blair, 26, Hager Hill; public intoxication.

Randi Lynn Parsons, 40, Ivel; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Cati Case, age not listed, Pippa Passes; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Michael Berchett, 22, Geneva; disregarding traffic control device or traffic light, possession of marijuana.

Rodney Holbrook, 37, Prestonsburg; harassment.

Inspections
Martha Pizra and More, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of numerically sealed thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, suitable dispensing utensils not being used by employees for handling food,

non-food contact surfaces not properly maintained, food contact surfaces not properly maintained, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, toilet room doors not self-closing. Score: 89.

In a Poke, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of numerically sealed thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, toilet room doors not self-closing, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair. Score: 92.

Long John Silvers, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, in-use food dispensing utensil not properly stored, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not clean. Score: 94.

Property Transfers
Charles Wayne Bates to Brittany H. Bates, Deanna Bates Hall, Jacob S. Hall, Kendra S. Hall, Karen Sue Bates Hansford, property not listed.

Roselle Calhoun to Barbara Tuttle and Cornelius Tuttle, property located at Maple Street.

Heleen Collins to Dana Michael Fraley and Regina

Gail Fraley, property not listed.

Helen Collins to Faye Mullins and Jeffrey Mullins, property not listed.

Helen Collins to Perry Jones, Jr., property not listed.

John Donaldson to Eddie Paige and Jackie Paige, property not listed.

Frank E. Dotson to Deonna Dotson, property not listed.

Sharon Dotson to Deonna Dotson, property not listed.

Charles Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Hattie Lou Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

John Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Linda Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Mary Alice Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Michael David Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Ruth Marie Dutton to Carolyn Dutton Maynor and Jerry Dean Maynor, property not listed.

Bernice Gibson to Dianna Hilton and Robert A. Hilton, property not listed.

Teddy Hall to Margaret Hall, property not listed.

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HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R), Mon-Sun, 7:15-9:30, Fri 9:30, Sat-Sun (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 2—Held Over
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:00-9:15, Fri (4:15) 7:00-9:15, Sat-Sun (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 3—Held Over
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 6:30-9:20, Fri (4:20) 6:50-9:20, Sat-Sun (1:55-4:20) 6:50-9:20.
Cinema 4—Held Over
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:05-9:25, Fri (4:20) 7:05-9:25, Sat-Sun (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20.
Cinema 5—Held Over
WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG), Mon-Sun, 6:50-9:20, Fri (4:20) 6:50-9:20, Sat-Sun (1:55-4:20) 6:50-9:20.
Cinema 6—Held Over
THE LAST SONG (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:00-9:25, Fri (4:20) 7:00-9:25, Sat-Sun (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25.
Cinema 7—Starts Friday, April 16
DEATH AT 700 (R), Mon-Sun, 7:15-9:30, Fri (4:30) 7:15-9:30, Sat-Sun (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, April 16
KICK ASS (R), Mon-Sun, 7:00-9:25, Fri (4:20) 7:00-9:25, Sat-Sun (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25.
Cinema 9—Held Over
DATE NIGHT (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:15-9:30, Fri (4:30) 7:15-9:30, Sat-Sun (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 10—Held Over
BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:05-9:25.
LETTERS TO GOD (PG), Fri (4:26), Sat-Sun (2:00-4:26).
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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

People should have had their say on EPA guidelines

There has been a clear message coming from Washington, D.C. in recent months: coal is bad, and surface mining is worse.

Last week, the EPA announced a new set of guidelines by which coal companies will begin operating in regard to water quality. These guidelines go into effect immediately, though there will be an opportunity for public comment later this year. It would have been better to issue the new guidelines for public review before putting them into effect. As it is, the people of Central Appalachia will only have their say after the fact.

There is little doubt that companies looking for surface mining permits will have a hard time in the future getting the necessary paperwork through to put people to work. As a result, we can expect there to be less jobs available for the people of this region.

For a country that derives about 50 percent of its energy needs from coal, this type of talk is increasingly becoming a dangerous position to take in regard to the economy. Granted, there are certainly environmental issues with the extraction of coal in Central Appalachia. Anyone in eastern Kentucky, many of whom are still without a potable water supply because of contaminated wells due to a variety of factors, know full well the importance of clean water. But at present the coal industry also props up the local economy. In short, without the coal industry, which according to the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) provided 16,000 jobs in Kentucky in 2007, the most recent data available, the eastern Kentucky economy will collapse. To deny mining permits based upon a new set of guidelines is to force hundreds of miners to potentially choose between remaining in the region or leaving it in search of employment. That's hardly a step forward and a dichotomy our people should not have to face.

Why our economy has become so dependent on the coal industry is currently not the point. What is important now is that there simply is nothing to take its place on such a large scale. In Perry County, according to OMSL, more than 800 people were employed in surface mines in 2007. For a county with just under 30,000 people, that's a lot of employment coming from a single industry, and that's not counting the underground miners. Where are many of these families expected to go if the jobs disappear? That's a question for which no one has an answer, especially not the EPA.

In an economy where the nation has continued to shed jobs by the thousands each month, and in a region already nationally known for high levels of poverty, that's not a very good fiscal policy.

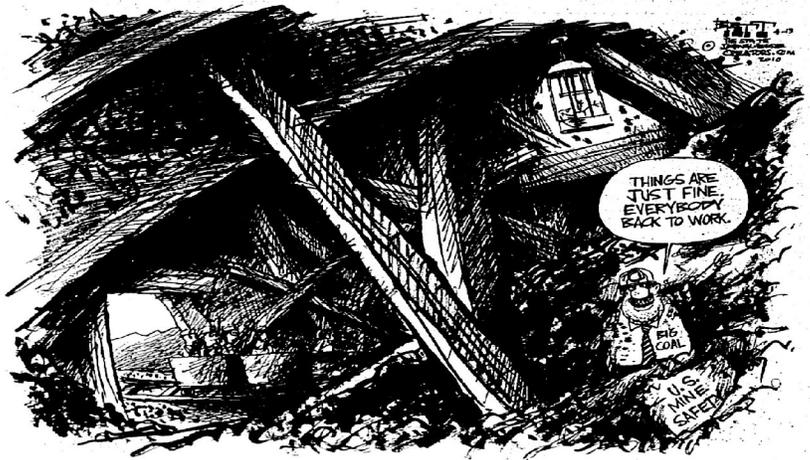
While we appreciate that the EPA is looking out for the best interest of our environment, what will be the real price tag in terms of economic health with which these new guidelines carry with them? Losing jobs is something we couldn't afford before, and it's certainly something we can even less afford now.

— The Hazard Herald

Worth Repeating ...

Skiing combines outdoor fun with knocking down trees with your face.

— Dave Barry



Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

With state revenues down and demand for services up, state lawmakers are looking for every penny we can find this session to maintain the educational progress Kentucky has made in our public schools since the early 1990s.

We have so far managed during this Great Recession to avoid cuts to base school funding known as SEEK when most of state government has endured cuts of 20 to 25 percent in the face of massive state budget shortfalls. The questions we have to ask ourselves this session are can we continue to hold our schools harmless from cuts when we face our state's worst budget shortfall in recent history? And, if we cannot, what is the best course of action to take?

The House says eliminating two days from the 177-day public school calendar is the best idea, while the Senate supports reductions in the very base school funding (SEEK) we lawmakers have fought for years to protect. If you ask me, neither idea is a good one, but I also know we have a constitutional duty to balance the state budget and have virtually no other means besides spending cuts to do so since no new revenue has been created this session. Still, somehow I doubt that taking "the road less traveled", to quote the great Robert Frost, will "make all the difference" in this situation.

No agreement had been reached on the state budget bill as of early last

week, so I cannot tell you at this time what cuts, if any, will be made to base school funding by session's end on April 14 or 15. What I can tell you is our state's expected budget shortfall of roughly \$1.5 billion between 2010 and 2012 will make it very, very difficult to avoid cuts to public schools this budget go-around.

It is hard to imagine any silver lining to this stormy budget situation. But if you look hard enough, you can find one. I found a much welcome silver lining in the funding that the Kentucky Lottery provides year after year for education in our state. Next to state education dollars from SEEK and local and federal dollars spent on public education in Kentucky, a huge source of education funding is—you guessed it—the Kentucky Lottery, which to date has provided more than \$1.35 billion for college scholarships and grants for students statewide.

Did you know that 100 percent of Lottery's proceeds go toward scholarships and grants, with 55 percent of proceeds allocated for need-based scholarships and 45 percent allocated for the KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship) merit scholarship program? I'm sure you have heard of KEES, which provides every Kentucky high school student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher with up to five years of college or technical tuition assistance on a graduated basis, depending on their high school GPA. Thousands of local students have benefited from KEES in the program's 11-year history, and thousands more will in the years to come.

KEES and the other scholarship and tuition grant programs paid for by Lottery revenues are making a big difference in education in our Commonwealth. Some proof of this

can be found in the Kentucky Lottery Corporation's 2009 Annual Report, which reports a 32-percent jump in Kentucky's college attendance rate since 1999 when the state began requiring that 100 percent of Lottery proceeds be used to fund the scholarships and grants.

What's more, data on the KEES program indicates that more of Kentucky's best and brightest students are staying in Kentucky to attend college thanks to financial support from the Lottery.

I am very happy that our Lottery has been proven and continues to prove itself as an engine of our state's education system, particularly in these tough times.

If you are curious about the financial condition of the Kentucky Lottery, you will be pleased to know that the Lottery is booming. The President and CEO of the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, Arch Gleason, reported recently to every lawmaker that last fiscal year was a record-setting year in sales for the Lottery. Over \$800 million in sales were reported by the Lottery for the first time in its history last year, ensuring that this 20-year source of state education funding is alive and well with a successful fiscal year 2010 in the works.

If you would like to learn more about the Lottery, you can call the Lottery Corporation's Prestonsburg office at 886-9883 or go online to www.kylottery.com. Please come back here next week for a report of any budget action taken during the final two days of the session, including information about any impact a potential budget could have on our education system.

Until then, enjoy the warm days of April.

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Census is important to Kentucky families

by GOV. STEVE BESHEAR

Do you know how many people in Kentucky are age 65 or older? In the year 2000, that number was 504,793.

How about the number of Kentucky homes that heat with electricity? 38.8 percent.

Kentucky's household size? ... 2.47 people.

Median age? ... 35.9

And the percent of families with children 5 and under who live under the poverty level? 21.6 percent.

How do I know all this? The 2000 U.S. Census.

Call up the Census Web site and you are quickly overwhelmed with an avalanche of data of all kinds, shapes and sizes.

It's a dream come true for statisticians and a veritable playground for anybody who likes to crunch numbers.

But it's much more than that.

It's also a treasure trove of data whose value goes far beyond mere trivia.

Census numbers suggest trends, describe demographics and help policy makers make thousands of decisions from where to build schools to what size road to build to gauging the need for social services.

In a myriad ways, Census figures are useful.

That's why it's critical that Kentucky and Kentuckians take seriously the 2010 Census count currently underway.

Across the state, Census questionnaires have been mailed to households. Households who don't return the form should expect to receive a visit from a Census worker.

The process is a daunting challenge—but it's absolutely critical that every Kentuckian be counted.

Preliminary estimates show our overall population has increased by more than a quarter of a million people since the 2000 Census. We need to verify and quantify that growth.

The reasons are well-known but they bear repeating:

■ Among other things, Census data decides how many representatives we have in Congress.

■ It helps dictate how big a slice of the federal government divvies up some \$400 billion in financial aid for states and communities.

■ And it provides the basis for a number of policy and funding decisions on a community and state level related to housing, economic development, social services and infrastructure.

"Be Counted in 2010" is the slogan this year, and it's never been quicker or easier. The questionnaire is short and painless, just some 10 questions.

It's all confidential too.

So as Governor of a state where every citizen is important, I urge all Kentuckians to fill out their Census questionnaires and return them as quickly as possible.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is "Coyote Den Inc." The nature of the business will be Dancing, Bands, Pool Tables, Beer by the drink, carry out beer and wine coolers, location is 2813, Ky., Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permit shall file with the County Clerk no later than April 22, 2010, in writing allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.090, a hearing has been scheduled for April 22, 2010. At the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear, evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

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For sale: 1979 Buick Wildcat. Excellent condition. Yellow with blacktop. \$13,500 firm. Call: 358-6123.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal, Inc., PO Box 524, Hindman, KY 41822, has applied for Phase 2 and Phase 3 Bond Release on Increment numbers 1 and 2 of permit number 836-5459 which was last issued on September 21, 2007. The application covers an area of approximately 5.1 acres located 0.5 miles south of Price in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.9 miles north from Kentucky Route 122's junction with Kentucky Route 979 and located 0.1 miles east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 24 minutes, and 21 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, and 42 seconds.

The bond now in effect for increment number 1 is a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$1,900.00. The bond now in effect for increment number 2 is a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,400.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$30,600.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: final backfilling and grading, topsoil/stratinate, topsoil redistribution, mulching and seeding with approved grass and legume species to provide adequate vegetative cover and achieve the approved post mining land use, completed October 15, 2006.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 20, 2010.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 21, 2010, at 9:00 am or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 20, 2010. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4028, Renewal No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666/Pikeville, Kentucky 41602 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.6 miles northwest of Owsley in Pike County. The operation will disturb 20.25 surface acres and will underlie 2616.54 acres for a total acreage of 2636.80. The operation is located in both Pike and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.50 miles southeast of US 23's junction with KY 1384 and is located 0.20 miles west of Hurricane Creek.

The operation is located on the Broadbottom and Pikeville USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Justice and Henry Adkins Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by Larry Thomas Fortenberry, Robert C. Billips, Dawson James, William and Lisa Warner, Ver-Debra K. Stapleton, Henry Jr. and Kathryn B. Moore, John Salisbury, George F. Salisbury, George F. and Lorraine Salisbury, Joe Salisbury, Selena Rogers, Joe Ross Keathley, Kate Weddington Estate, Suda Weddington, Joe Keathley, Elyx Salisbury, Robert C. Billips, Dawson James, William and Lisa Warner, Veronica Overstreet, Wayne and Beryl Spears, Jessie Stevens, Ronnie and Wanda Jean Stevens, Bruce and Beanita G. Coleman, Kenneth Allen, Tilda Lawson, Bob and Nola Belle Hamilton, Lathene Allen Howell, Clifton Jewel and Anna M. Howell, Cecil and Dottie Rogers, Melvin M. Stevens, Milford and Wanda Sue Stevens, Herbert and Kaye Keathley, Kenis Tackett, Eddie and Doris Rowe, Hubert Meade, Roger and Melinda Skeens, Judith Ann Elswick, Colin and Virginia Mulldune, Peggy Hunt Maynard, Billy G. and Carolyn Patton, John Henry Justice, Jimmie and Dottie Rogers, Ned H. and Lucille R. Bush, Ted and Patricia B. Elkins, Sarah Hall Hamilton, Zella Mae Salisbury, Rhodabell King, Joig Ray and Teresa Stevens, Joig Ray Stevens, Phil Dean and Thelma Justice, Rosco Adkins, Bob Hamilton, Waldo Roberts, Kelly Ray, James M. Justice, Essie and David Ray, Ruth Justice, Gary R. and Violet Osborne, Mike and Marsha Huffman, Elmer and Betty Spears, Franklin and Angela Hamilton, Joe B. and Hattie Justice, Matthew and Eske Justice, Ocie Jane Justice, Edward Lee Adkins, Howard and Norma Jean Justice, Bobby E. and Caroline Justice, Mark and Marieta Daniels, James and Christina Daniels, Sterling and Teresa Blackburn, Eura C. Diels, Zell Harrington, Gary and Dreama J. Boyd, Jerry and Eva Boyd, Douglas and Robin Boyd, Darryl and Michelle Boyd, Tony and Lois Boyd, Amy Muddy, H.B. Ratliff, A.C. Mimms, Randy and Betty Stevens, Thelma Stevens, Burns and Marilyn Spears.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41601. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Malcolm Layne has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place a 28' x 64' office building in the floodplain of Levisa Fork located at S. Lake Drive and Graham Street in Prestonsburg, KY. Application #20170A any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a special meeting of the Prestonsburg Housing Authority Board of Commissioners at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Green Acres Community Building in Prestonsburg, KY.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes from the March meeting
2. Financial Reports
3. Dixie Water Heaters
4. Fire Loss
5. Updates

Prior to this meeting will be the Prestonsburg Housing Authority Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE (Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5536)

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120E, Indeva-Corp Energy, Inc., 5 Court St., Allen, Ky. 41601, telephone number (606), operating under permit number 836-5536, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 76.2 acres, located 0.5 miles Southeast from Daniels Creek Road's junction with U.S. 23 at Daniels Creek in Floyd County. The surface area to be disturbed by this permit is on Daniels Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and is owned by Vaney L. Clary, et al, LLC. The area is located on the Lancer and Harold Quadrangles, at approximate Latitude 37° 36' 39", Longitude 82° 41' 52". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur between 6:00 am and sunset on Monday thru Saturday, from 1/2 hour after sunrise to 1/2 hour before sunset.

Signs and barriers will be used to regulate entry to the blasting area. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes before each detonation. Before a blast is fired, a blast from a siren shall be given by the blaster in charge, who has made certain that all surplus explosives are in a safe place and all employees, vehicles, and equipment are at a safe distance, or under sufficient cover. The siren blasts shall consist of one (1) minute series of long blasts five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. The blast signal shall consist of a prolonged blast following the inspection of the blast area. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one-half mile.

The preceding is published pursuant to CFR 715.19, Surface Mine Reclamation and Enforcement Provisions, and the regulations relating thereto, Kentucky DNR Permit No. 810-5536.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5537, Renewal
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The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles southwest from US 23 and 460 s junctions with Mare Creek Road and located 0.01 miles east of Powell Branch.
The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by ACIN LLC and will underlie land owned by ACIN LLC, Stallard Martin, Clyde Blevins, Barbara Joann Campbell, Beulah Stone, William Stone, & Barbara Campbell, Ivelise Taylor, Marvin & Marie W. Lewis, George Robert Gardner, G.C. Blair, Clay Justice Estate, Pete Wilton Estate, Jessie Honaker Estate, Grady C. & Irene Tackett, Eugene & Julia Lawson and James A. & Archer B. Dale. The operation will affect an area within 100' of public road Powell Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Donna S. Goble of 110 Blue River Branch Road, Blue River, KY, 41607, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to dredge a section of Blue River Branch for residential purposes to prevent flooding. This property is located 1.4 miles from KY 114 on KY Rte. 404. Turn right on first side road on the right, known as Blue River Branch Road, aka M. Dempsey Hollow. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601.
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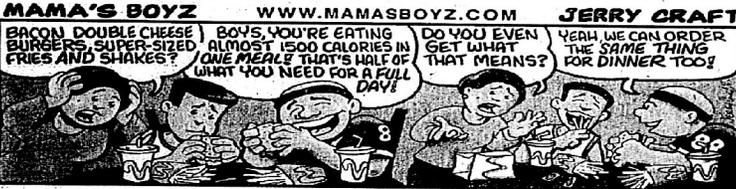
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- "Slippery" tree
- Regions
- Pismire
- Vast expanse
- Ballroom favorite
- Actress
- Myna
- Letter from the Vatican
- Cleopatra's slayer
- Floral garland
- Undeveloped stage
- Reacted in horror
- Lowway
- "Uh-huh"
- Thickness
- Dynamite inventor
- Alfred
- Sandbox
- Disposi-tion
- Formal 25-Across
- "I never man I didn't like"
- Porcine sniffer
- Pen point
- Varnish ingredient
- Small sofa mander
- In a whimsical way
- aid
- Dormant
- With great intensity
- Ostrich's cousin
- More skilled
- Canned fish
- Warning signal
- Too curious
- Error in print
- Matterhorn, for one
- Prosperous time
- Workout venue
- Charlize Theron film, "Flux"
- Orienteering
- Ibis' kin
- Hankering abbr.
- Handy Latin abbr.
- Frilly
- Song for two
- Motorcycle attachment
- Cheap
- Lullaby composer
- Lock of hair
- Sphere
- Basketball tactic
- A reat Lake
- Chicken
- Suitable
- Zodiac sign
- Once around the track

DOWN

- Kreskin's claim
- Meadow
- Orienteering
- 23 Ibis' kin

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY ZOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Word is missing from window. 2. Globe is missing. 3. Picture is missing. 4. Boy is wearing shorts. 5. Boy is wearing shorts. 6. Boy is wearing shorts.

CryptoQuip

This is a word search puzzle. The words are hidden in the grid. Find them and write them in the spaces provided.

Clue: 1 equals H
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 EMKM RTVKB VS YKMJBT, O
 XHMRR QB EVHZO YM BTM
 IQAU IJABMK.

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If a hard-working piglet were short of breath, I guess it would be the pink panter.

answer
 CryptQuip

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is the top-secret military facility known as Area 51 located?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is the more common name for a contusion?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of turkeys called?
- COMICS: Who was the Green Hornet's sidekick?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to fly in an airplane (while in office)?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Russian term "perestroika" mean?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which entertainer once said, "Everything is funny as long as it is happening to someone else"?
- ABBREVIATIONS: What does the abbreviation "D.D.S." stand for, professionally speaking?
- ARCHITECTURE: Who designed the pyramid addition to the Louvre Museum in Paris?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals DCX?

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10. A dastardly pistol
9. Number
8. The planet Saturn
10. 590
8. I.M. Pei
7. Doctor for dental surgery
6. Resurrection
5. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
4. Kinto
3. A ruler
2. A nurse
1. Nevada

Trivia Test Answers

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 21 mins.

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 Answer

3	8	6	7	4	1	9	2	5
5	7	1	2	9	3	4	8	6
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7	1	4	3	2	6	8	4	9
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1	5	4	9	3	2	7	8	
6	2	7	1	8	4	6	9	3
8	9	3	6	8	7	2	1	4

Slone

as best as they could, said Owens. Counselors were brought in to talk with residents and workers. A memorial service is now planned for Slone next week at the center. "She was a very real person and a real friend to me," said resident Kelma Tackett. "I really loved her. She was a wonderful person and I want everyone to know that."

Owens said Slone had that ability to rise above the role of CNA in her duties. "She had a strong work ethic and it was obvious that she loved the residents," Owens said. "She was more than a caregiver ... she was a true friend."

Owens said nearly every resident at the center had been touched in some way by Slone, an effort that is reflected in the outpouring of response received from them since learning of her death. "She was one of the best people I have ever known," said resident Edna Webb. "I thought so much of her and I miss her so much."

Like her coworkers remember Slone as a special person who left an impression on those around her and adored her three children. "She wasn't just a coworker, but part of our Parkview family and we have suffered a great loss," said Kathy, a nurse

who worked the fourth-floor of the center with Slone. "She spoke often of her family and the enjoyment they brought her."

All during the week, purple ribbons have been placed

throughout the center in memory of Slone, and staff members have worn purple lapels. A service the staff has called a "Celebration of Tonja" is planned to be held next week at the facility.

Owens said Slone was dependable on the job, but that anyone at the center could also depend on her to "offer a warm hug, or just her big, bright smile."

Resident Connie Williams

Continued from p1 remembered the sound of that smile. "Tonya was special to me," Williams said. "I can still hear her laughter."

Abuse

March the alleged abuse had taken place over several years. It is alleged that Bradley beat and abused his wife in ways that Assistant Floyd County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum said were some of the worst he has seen while in office.

"This is the worst case of domestic violence I've seen," Marcum said prior to Bradley's indictment. "Just viewing the pictures from the case upset me."

The indictment handed down this week alleges Bradley shocked his wife with an electrical cord he had specifically modified for use in assaulting her, burned her with a hot frying pan, hit her

with a floor lamp and hit her numerous times with various rubber and cloth-covered cords.

Other counts allege that Bradley hit his wife with an air conditioning line removed from a car and also beat her with a coat hanger, while restraining her at times to do this, in addition to allegedly telling her during a hunting trip that he could shoot her "and call it a hunting accident."

Bradley's wife has been living in a safe house since late January, telling authorities that a neighbor had helped her escape from the home.

Bradley was originally being held on a \$250,000 cash bond. That bond has now been set at \$100,000 cash.

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Tourism

at certain amounts in order to provide more funds for media promotion, saying that it would allow them to help more businesses and events. According to James, the \$9,000 used for grants makes up 15 percent of the marketing budget.

During discussion about grant funding, James and members of the board voiced their support for grants to the

Floyd County Rescue Squad, citing the new Swift Water School that is expected to bring in rescue squads from multiple areas to receive training.

The board also lost a member with the resignation of Johnny "McKinney," who resigned due to health reasons. There is no word yet on a replacement.

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Porn

more pictures of the alleged victim, all nude and taken when she was a minor.

In addition, authorities found a list of child pornography websites as well as several magazines of the same nature.

Kentucky State Police

Trooper Anthony Trotter testified before the grand jury that later handed down the indictment.

Salisbury will now appear in Floyd Circuit Court for arraignment on May 5. He remains jailed on a \$50,000 cash bond.

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Obituaries

Garline Kirk May, 83, of Dingess, West Virginia, a native of Martin County, died Friday, April 2, at Williamson A.R.H. in South Williamson. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

David Maynard, 42, of Warfield, died Friday, April 2. Memorial services were held Saturday, April 10, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Herbert Parsley, 98, of Marrowbone, West Virginia, died Friday, April 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Flora Parsley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Seven Lonnie Reed, 51, of Warfield, died Tuesday, March 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lilly Stacy Reed. Funeral services were held Friday, April 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James Bascom Sealf, 77, of Tomahawk, died Saturday, April 3, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, Emma (Ruby) Ratliff Sealf. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Kenneth Larry Ward (Slone), 62, of Marion, Ohio, died Thursday, March 25, at Marion General Hospital in Marion, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Boyd-Born Funeral Home.

Carol Wirth, 64, of Inez, died Friday, April 1, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in

Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY
Estill Brown, 89, of Salsersville, died Monday, March 29, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 1, under the direction of Salsersville Funeral Home.

Otis Davis, 76, of Salsersville, died Tuesday, April 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Sue Davis. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Sarah L. Mays, 56, of Salsersville, died Thursday, April 1, at the St. Joseph Hospice Center. She is survived by her husband, Elmer Mays Jr. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Larry James Minix, 45, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Salsersville, died Friday, April 3. He is survived by his wife, Donna Shepherd Minix. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 7, under the direction of Salsersville Funeral Home.

Jeffery Lyn Walters, 38, of Salsersville, died Monday, March 29, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 2, under the direction of Magoffin County.

Edith Adkins Whitt, 71, of West Liberty, a native of Magoffin County, died Friday, April 2, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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response to a flood of requests to do so. "I hadn't really thought about it, but people encouraged me to do it at the funeral," she said. "They just said that I had to do it. And I did work closely with him since 1986 and I know what he's done."

In an advertisement Wednesday, Ina Owens Robinson endorsed her niece Marie Martin-Holbrook who had filed to run against her late uncle in District 2. "As many of you know, there were five candidates on the ballot," Robinson said in her ad. "Two of these candidates on this ballot were family and because of this, as a voter, I was torn."

Robinson went on her ad to say she had considered not voting, voting and saying

nothing or taking a stand. She finished by endorsing her niece and asking others to vote.

Hattie Owens offered no reaction to the news that Robinson, her sister-in-law, ran this ad, saying instead that she was looking ahead and preparing for the future. "He taught me to be strong," she said.



Continued from p1 Gov. Steve Beshear has yet to appoint someone to fill Owens' empty seat on the fiscal court until the election takes place. And the former magistrate's name will remain on the ballot for the May 18 election, though the votes cast for him cannot be counted, said Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Sword and the Sorcerer'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Long before Peter Jackson made fantasy films cool with his adaptation of "Lord of the Rings," fans had very little (outside of some awful spaghetti efforts starring Miles O'Keefe). Outside of the first "Conan" film, this Canadian effort was probably the best sword flick going in the days of disco and hair don'ts.

The opening scene is a corker and right out of a "Dungeons and Dragons" module. A boat alights on a fog-enrusted island. The name of this piece of real estate turns out to be "Tomb Island," so named because it contains a crypt where an evil wizard (Xusia) has been laid to rest. His resting place is carved out of rock and bears the faces of his victims, who immediately re-animate and begin screaming out a dire warning that our shadowy characters ignore.

Turns out that the group is led by an ambitious fellow named Cromwell and he aims to bring Xusia back to help him wipe out King Richard, who has successfully repelled Cromwell's advances. Xusia is more demonic in appear-

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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.

If what the fellow said about time being the great healer is true, how come it can cause so many aches and pains?

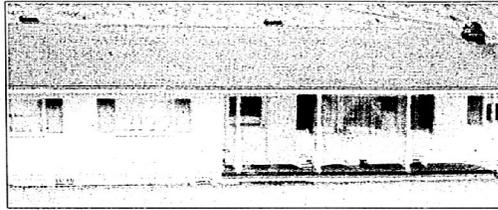
CONFESSION

I have been fishing, and it required the combined efforts of a preacher, a basketball coach and a real fisherman to get me and associates on the water. Under threat of exposure from the preacher, I hereby make a clean breast of the whole affair, admit that when we arrived in Elizabethtown, Ky., headed in the general direction of Nolin Lake, it dawned upon my sleeping consciousness that the key to the motor ignition reposed in a drawer, back home. That was solved, next morning, through the good offices of Mr. L. S. Jagers, the fisherman hereinabove referred to, and the other two also mentioned previously. All set. New switch, new key. Then somebody nosed around a bit, at the stern end of my boat, and mildly inquired, "Where's your gas tank?"

I tell you, one and all, that when I left town last Wednesday afternoon it was no orderly departure, not even a hasty retreat. I literally fled the town. Leaving behind whatever wits I might have

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ARRA money helps widow replace gutters



Nora Blair had replacement gutters, but no one to install them and no way to pay for installation. She found help at Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

When her husband died some years ago, Nora Blair not only lost the love of her life, but she also lost a dear friend, faithful companion, and confidante.

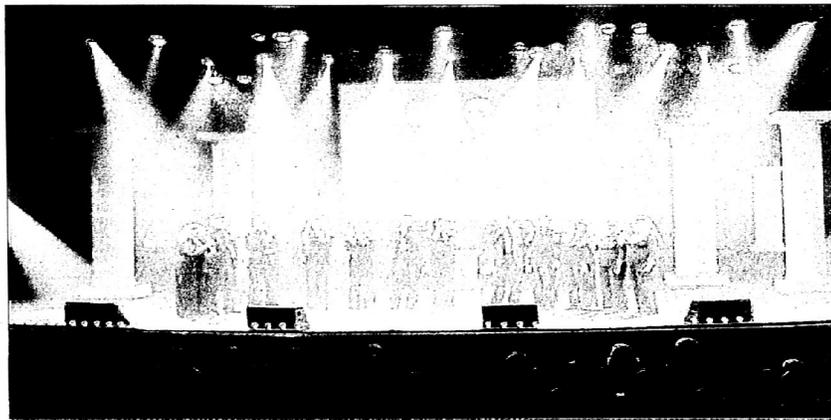
Suddenly, Blair was left on her own. After being married for so many years, adjusting to the solitude was often difficult and painful. But tragic circumstances had forced her to become independent, handling household matters and attending to issues that she had never before done.

Compounding the problem was the loss of income from her husband. Together, the couple had enough income coming in to make ends meet, enabling them to live modestly but comfortably. But since her husband's death, Blair had been faced with one financial challenge after the other, and despite how carefully she budgeted, there just never seemed

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FYI

If you would like to know more about Project Home Repair, call the local BSACAP office in your county, or (606) 789-3641. PHR is made possible through funding from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and ARRA stimulus funding.



SONGS FROM THE HEART

Big Sandy Singers to perform gospel concert

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Singers are getting ready to perform a special gospel concert on April 23, and those interested in becoming a part of the singing group can participate in auditions the next day.

During the concert, the group will perform selections from the recently released "Gospel Favorites" album.

"We are very excited to present our gospel songs/live," said Laura Ford Hall, director of the Big Sandy Singers. "I hope that the community will come out and see our singers, hear the beautiful harmony, and enjoy the show."

The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Tickets for the event will be \$6 and are available for purchase at

the door. InHarmony and Serenade will open the concert.

On Saturday, the Big Sandy Singers will host auditions for the upcoming school year.

"Any person who is eligible to enroll as a student at Big Sandy is welcome to audition," Hall said.

"Those chosen will receive a \$2,250.00 scholarship to attend BSCTC, and must remain as a BSCTC student in good standing to retain their position in the group."

Anyone wishing to audition should arrive at Gearheart Auditorium between the hours of 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. Those auditioning should prepare one song with a karaoke track. The track must be without lead vocals, or, those auditioning can perform with a guitar.

For more information on the concert and the auditions, contact Laura Ford Hall by calling (606) 424-2498, or visit the website of the Big Sandy Singers at

DINNER DIVA

Home cooking



Home cooking—those two words alone evoke memories of mom's delicious dinners. Learning to keep your elbows off the table and trying to figure out how to hide the broccoli on your plate.

We all have distinctive food memories that are uniquely ours. Do you remember how your mother's home cooking smelled and how you couldn't wait to dig into her pot roast? For most people, those marvelous aromas seem like a bygone era—almost like the Leave it Beaver days when moms wore girdles and pearls and vacuumed in high heels.

I'm all for ditching the girdles and other entrapments of martyred motherhood, but definitely not the home cooking! Food will never go out of fashion, but the way we prepare it has definitely changed.

Making dinner quickly is what I'm talking about and here are 3 easy ways to make that happen:

1. Take advantage of the ready to go stuff. The produce section is swimming in convenience these days. Don't have time to chop? You can buy all kinds of chopped veggies ready to go from acorn squash to zucchini.

2. Try commercial spaghetti sauce, don't make your own—it's excellent and useful for other things besides pastas like soups and stews for added flavor.

3. When making something more time intensive than usual, double your recipe and freeze one for a latter date. Don't forget to label your freezer bag and date it!

The most important tool in your belt though is having a weekly plan. Like the old saying goes, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." We all know that how awful

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

Warts caused by versatile human papilloma virus

Q I frequently have warts on my fingers that come and go. My mom says I will outgrow them—but in the meantime, they're very ugly. Why do I get them? Is there anything I can do about them? Should I see a doctor?

A It sounds like you have common warts, called verruca vulgaris by physicians. These occur mainly on the hands, fingers and knees, and your mother's right that they are most common in children.

Common warts are caused by the

human papilloma virus (HPV). An infection of the skin with this virus causes the outer layer of the skin to grow rapidly, which forms a wart. Warts are contagious. They can be passed from person to person through direct contact, which is partially why they are more common in children.

There are more than 100 types of human papilloma viruses. Many are harmless, and others can cause serious problems like cervical cancer. Different types of HPV cause different types of warts. For example, HPV can cause genital warts, which stem

from a sexually transmitted infection. HPV also causes plantar warts, which occur on the soles of the feet and can be spread in public showers and other places where people walk around barefooted.

Because wart viruses can live on surfaces for a while, they can be spread by indirect contact, like wearing someone else's shoes. Also, it may take several months for a wart to develop after exposure, so it's often difficult to determine the source of the infection.

People with compromised immune systems, such as people with cancer or AIDS, are at increased risk for contracting any viral illness, including warts. Also at increased risk are children and young adults.

Many common warts will go away on their own, but people often treat

them for cosmetic reasons or to help prevent their spreading. One recently confirmed home remedy involves duct tape. Simply adhere a small piece of duct tape directly to the wart to progressively kill the abnormal skin cells. Change the duct tape weekly, and file down the dead skin before reapplying. Continue until the wart is gone. Several over-the-counter wart treatments are effective as well.

If warts are resistant to both the duct tape and over-the-counter treatments, then a visit to your primary care physician or a dermatologist may be in order. Warts can be frozen off with liquid nitrogen, or treated with an acid or chemical. Both of these procedures may need to be repeated several times before the wart is fully removed. Sometimes the

wart needs to be cut away. This can usually be done in the doctor's office, under a local anesthetic. Laser treatment can also be used, but is considered a last-resort option due to scarring.

As with anything, prevention is always best. If you have a wart, be sure to cover it to prevent spreading it to others. Finally, wash your hands frequently and always wear shower shoes in public showers.

Family Medicin(e) 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@familymedicine-news.org.

GOOD HEALTH

Dealing with blood pressure that won't budge

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've had severe high blood pressure for many years. I have tried all the medicines you can think of. I am 62 and have had one ministroke. I'm not looking for another. I used to weigh 235 pounds. I lost 100 pounds. I watch my salt. I have tried everything. My family has a history of high blood pressure. Can you recommend anything? — F.

ANSWER: Blood pressure that doesn't drop by making life changes (weight loss and diet) or by taking three or four blood pressure medicines is called resistant high blood pressure (hypertension). Your weight loss is admirable. It

should have reduced your pressure.

Watching your salt intake is also important. That entails more than not using the salt shaker. It requires you to carefully look for the salt content (listed as sodium or sodium chloride) of all your foods. Commercial soups, frozen dinners, many canned goods and luncheon meats often have a high salt content. Your diet should be one of fruits, vegetables, whole grains (unrefined wheat, barley, rye and oats) and one where meat and fats are eaten sparingly.

Increase foods with lots of potassium in them: tomatoes, potatoes, prunes, lima beans,

kidney beans, navy beans, bananas, oranges and orange juice, spinach, peaches, cantaloupe and broccoli. Potassium lowers blood pressure.

Exercise for 30 minutes every day. Get your doctor's approval first, and start out modestly. Brisk walking is fine.

For resistant high blood pressure, your doctor has to look for the less-common causes of it. Sleep apnea (loud snoring with pauses when there is no breathing), adrenal gland tumors, Cushing's syndrome, narrowed kidney arteries and rare tumors such as pheochromocytoma are cases

in point. Go over your medicines. Some medicines raise pressure. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are an example — Aleve, Advil, Motrin, aspirin and other NSAIDs. Don't drink more than two alcohol drinks a day.

More than 30 blood pressure medicines are on the market. I bet you haven't tried all 30 or combinations of them. Some brands come with two medicines in one pill, easing the burden of pill-taking. A new medicine, one completely different from all other medicines, is now available. It is Tekturna. Something must be done for your pressure. The booklet on high blood

pressure gives the story of this very common malady. To receive a copy, write: Dr. Donohue, No. 104W, 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. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When I walk upstairs, my knees make noises. They sound like bowls of Rice Krispies, snapping, crackling and popping. My wife thinks this has to be a sign of serious trouble. I have no pain. My knees are not stiff. I play 18 holes of golf three times a

week. Should I make a big deal of this? — R.K.

ANSWER: If your knees are not bothering you, then knee noises usually do not indicate any serious problems. Tendons gliding over bones make snapping noises. So do bursting air bubbles in joint fluid. No, you don't need to make a big deal of this.

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.

PHS class of 1979 holds 30-year reunion



John Endicott

by JOHN ENDICOTT

PRESTONSBURG — Many of the 1979 Prestonsburg High School class recently celebrated their 30-year high school reunion at Billy Ray's Restaurant. Stories, yearbooks, and photos were discussed along with lots of reminiscing and conversation, not to mention an excellent meal. Those who attended included Sherry Hilton, Brian Jones, John

Endicott, Jeanne Chaffin, Karen Bradley Hobbs, Susan Wells Mayo, Dana Cooley Hall, Tanya Ousley Bailey, Jim Derossert, Charles Hicks, Laura Brown Kegel, Teddy Stephens, Sharon Collins Burchett, Ramona Blair Blackburn, Traci Wright Hopson, and Melody Collins.

Brian Jones and his wife, Pricilla of Knoxville, Tenn., were the couple making the longest drive to attend the reunion.

Gutters

to be enough money. Blair had for some time been having trouble with her home's guttering system. Much of the wood on which the gutters were attached was decaying. Several gutters had even fallen off altogether, while others hung on precariously. By pinching pennies, Blair had finally been able to buy new replacement guttering. But now there was a problem: she had no one to install them, and no money left to pay anyone to do the job.

In an article in a local newspaper, Blair read about a new service available to low-income families from Big Sandy Area Community Action Program called "Project Home Repair."

PHR uses paid trainees to make minor home repairs to the homes of homeowners during the 12-week course. Working under the supervision and guidance of skilled craftsmen, the trainees learn basic carpentry skills, roofing and flooring repair, window installation, and how to operate machines used in the carpentry trade. The homeowner provides the materials needed for their home's repair job, which is their only out-of-pocket expense.

Blair met with BSACAP staff, completed an application, and was overjoyed when she learned they could help her. In a matter of days, Nora's

new gutters were hung. Now, she isn't worried about the rain.

"Project Home Repair did a fantastic job replacing the wood and gutters on my house," said Blair, beaming from ear-to-ear. "I don't know

how much longer those gutters would have just had to stay there, doing nobody any good. This has taken a great burden off me and given me more peace of mind. What a wonderful service for the people!"

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Greg, Robin and Brock Horne welcomed a new member to their family, as Brody Horne was born on Nov. 17 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was 9 pounds and 21 inches long. Brody was delivered by Dr. Aaron Crum.

Diva

it feels when everyone's asking, "What's for dinner?" and we have no clue (or groceries!). The world has changed a lot, but the strong connection to home cooking will never change.

Allen

had to spare, plus some required equipment. Hereafter, I propose to use a check list, which will run to this effect:

- 1. Boat; 2. motor; 3. gas tank; 4. keys; 5. rods and reels; 6. fishing license; 7. battery; 8. paddle; 9. me; 10. (and lastly), stringer for fish I never catch.

But this situation at Dewey Lake is one which both state and federal governments shy away from. Then why should we flail the air about it?

It says here that if you give some people an inch they think they're a ruler.

They're fertilizing Dewey again. I'm all for it and appreciate any help the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources gives, but I just wonder if fertilization of all that mud that's running over there may not cause the lake to start sprouting wild onions.

But this situation at Dewey Lake is one which both state and federal governments shy away from. Then why should we flail the air about it?

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BEHIND ON THE NEWS

The story is told of the city guy who found himself marooned in a small town by high water, and it was still raining. Peering disconsolately from a general store window, he remarked to the old codger nearby!

"This, my friend, is like the Flood."
 "What Flood?"
 "The Flood. Mean to say you haven't heard about Noah and the Ark?"
 "Mister," the oldtimer replied, "you gotta remember, we ain't had a newspaper since the river riz four days ago."

Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You still might have to deal with some lingering confusion that marked a recent workplace situation. But for the most part, you should now be well on your way to your next project.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Aspects favoring moving carefully and deliberately will make any sign of changes. Could be there are more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you

into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things: Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for aesthetic as well as economic reasons.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too-good-to-be-true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are generous, and also sympathetic to people who find they need the help of others.

Re-refined oil is fine, as long as it's certified

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I stopped at a "QuickLube"-type joint the other day and asked them what type of oil they use in their least-expensive oil-change service. The answer was "remanufactured oil." I left, because I'd never heard the term before. What is it? — Jim

RAY: Oh, that's when they drain the oil out of the Subaru in one bay, and pipe it, through a hose, right into your car.

TOM: Actually, the correct term is "re-refined oil." Technically speaking, it's used oil that has been re-refined, so it can be used again.

RAY: The people who promote re-refined oil claim that the oil itself never wears out; it just gets dirty. And if you clean it, then add back in the additives that got used up, the stuff is as good as new.

TOM: But is it? Well, the American Petroleum Institute says it can be. It depends on how well it's re-refined.

RAY: When it's done correctly, the process is very similar to the way they refine oil from crude in the first place. It involves vacuum distillation to remove dirt, water and used additives, and then hydro-treatments to

remove any remaining chemical contaminants. Then a new package of additives, like rust inhibitors, is blended in.

TOM: And if it's tested, and it meets the same requirements that new oil has to meet for qualities like cold-start viscosity, engine wear and rust protection, it earns the API seal of approval.

RAY: So the proper question for the "Pokey Lube" people is not "Do you use re-refined oil?" It's "Is your re-refined oil API certified?" If it is, and if it meets the API service classification for your car (currently SM for gasoline engines), you can use it, and you might even save yourself a few bucks.

TOM: Or you might not. Some re-refined oil is actually more expensive than virgin oil. Just like my recycled canvas-hemp hybrid potato-sack underwear is more expensive than my Fruit of the Looms.

RAY: Re-refined oil proponents, which include the state of California, point out that there are benefits beyond cost. There are environmental benefits of reusing engine oil. It's a way to make use of something that otherwise would be hazardous waste. And it takes less energy to re-refine oil than it does to pump it out of the

ground and refine it. We can't argue with that.

TOM: They also say that major manufacturers, including Ford and GM, approve of using re-refined oil in their cars, as long as it meets the API requirements for those cars.

RAY: So it sounds like it's something we're going to see more of, Jim. But since re-refining is such a broad term, it's particularly important to check for proper API certification. Otherwise, you could end up with the four quarts of crud that dripped out of my brother's Fiat overnight.

Alternative energy source found? Not quite

Dear Tom and Ray:
Often times, I charge my mobile phone or iPod using the cigarette lighter in my car. Does that do any damage to the battery, like limit its life span? If so, should I stop? If not, shouldn't everyone be charging their devices via their cigarette lighter, instead of sucking energy out of their power lines where we live? Is car charging a possible "alternative" energy source? — Tom

TOM: By jeebers! You've solved the world's energy crisis, Tom!

RAY: Um, not really. The answer is that it's not harmful to charge your

devices in the car, but you're ultimately using gasoline to do it.

TOM: The car's battery is an energy-storage device. When you use the battery's energy — by either starting the car or charging a cell phone that energy has to be replenished.

RAY: It gets replenished by the alternator, which converts mechanical energy from the engine into electrical energy — which is used for doing things like firing your spark plugs, operating your windshield wipers, powering your sound system and recharging your battery.

TOM: And the more energy you draw from the battery, the more gasoline you have to use to charge it back up.

RAY: In the case of charging an iPod, it's not much gasoline. But if you're comparing them, the electrical energy that comes into your house from the power company tends to be

cheaper and cleaner than the electrical energy produced by the gasoline engine in your car.

TOM: What we really should have are solar panels built into the roofs, hoods and trunks of our cars. They'd need to be part of the car's surface so they wouldn't affect the car's aerodynamics and reduce its mileage.

RAY: The Prius has a solar-panel option that runs a fan to keep the car cool when you park in the sun, which is a nice idea, if a bit of a gimmick.

TOM: Unfortunately, with today's solar panels, and the amount of surface area available, you can't generate enough power to move the average car. But if you can run a fan, you certainly can produce enough power to charge cell phones and iPods. Why not?

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The produce manager at Food City in Prestonsburg is heading to Las Vegas along with 24 others to be honored by the United Fresh Produce Association. Doug Collins will be recognized at the United Fresh 2010 Convention at the Sands Convention Center in Las Vegas on April 22. The 25 winners were selected from hundreds of nominations submitted by retailers and produce suppliers across the industry. Winners are chosen based on a number of criteria, including their efforts to increase produce consumption through everyday excellence in merchandising, special displays, promotional service and commitment to total customer satisfaction. Five recipients will be chosen for the grand prize, which will include an additional \$1,000 in cash.

HCTC to hold 14th annual Spring Writers Conference

The public has a chance to learn from great writers during free workshops at the 14th annual Spring Writers Conference at Hazard Community and Technical College on Friday, April 23. The conference is a series of concurrent workshops.

Bianca Spriggs, Pinckney Benedict, and Gurney Norman are the three featured writers this year. "We couldn't be more fortunate to

have such talented authors so willing to help others," noted English Professor Scott Lucero.

The workshops will be held three times throughout the day simultaneously at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The Conference is sponsored by HCTC. For more information, contact Professor Lucero at 800-246-7521, ext. 73200 or 606-487-3200. You can email him at Scott.Lucero@hctcs.edu

Lagoon

ance than human, but that doesn't bother the ambitious Cromwell. Together they beat the snot out of Richard's army.

Cromwell turns out to be even more evil than Xusia and decides to stab him in the heart before he has regained his strength to the point that he's a viable threat. Meanwhile, Richard's son, Talon, decides to join Daddy in his final stand but arrives too late to help him. He then decides to get back home and protect his mom, but he is once again too late and only gets there in time to see her head bounce off of the edge of Cromwell's blade. The film, thus, does a fine job of setting up Cromwell as the man to beat, but now things slow down.

The middle portion of the film sags a bit as we jump ahead 11 years and see a grown up Talon come back with his band of mercenaries. They are promptly enlisted to help a brother and sister try to overthrow Cromwell. Things start to pick up as we meet Cromwell's new number two, Machelli. He is a perfect match for the big Ceel, as he is

adept at playing both sides of a conflict. His machinations set the plot in motion and, eventually, bring Talon and Cromwell together for an action-packed finale.

This one has a lot going for it and that starts with the liberal gore effects. This is miles away from a PG-13 fantasy effort when it comes to the carnage and the ladies who tend to appear in various stages of dress or undress. Heads get lopped off and noses gets ground against blade sharpeners as director Albert Pyun tosses in a ton of the red stuff.

He also enlists a top-notch cast that's headlined by the burly Lee Horsley (TV's Matt Houston) as Talon. Horsley has a great time here and his character is so tough that he prefers to pulp his opponents with his bare hands until the final duel, when he picks up his dad's three-bladed sword.

The villains are perfectly cast as well and are led by veteran tough guy Richard Lynch, as Cromwell. Lynch was the go-to guy for villainy in the 1980s and faced down everyone from Al Pacino

("Scarecrow") to Chuck Norris ("Invasion USA"). George Maharis is also good, and very oily, as the two-timing Machelli. Keen-eyed viewers will tumble to his real identity quickly, but he's still fun to watch.

You also get brief, but very evil, appearances by Richard Moll (Bull on TV's "Night Court") as Xusia and Robert Tessier ("The Deep") as Cromwell's torturer/dungeon manager.

The film ends with a promise for a sequel ("Tales of an Ancient Empire") that was actually filmed last year. Director Pyun returns alongside Horsley and a new cast of tough guys that include French tough guy Christopher Lambert ("Highlander"), American rough guy Kevin Sorbo (TV's "Hercules") and Val Kilmer (who may not be, but that tough bit is apparently tough to work with according to several filmmakers).

Best line: "Now I poke you with my dagger."
1982, rated R.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A quartet of "under the radar" releases swarmed the shelves this week. A couple of these flicks deserved their fate but there are also some nice surprises here for the adventurous film fan.

■ "The Defender" — A mentally challenged traffic sign holder doubles as a masked crusader in this comedy/drama featuring Woody Harrelson. This one tries hard but it's nowhere near as good as "Special." That film, released two years ago, deserves to be seen and stars Michael Rapaport as a mentally ill guy who begins to listen to the voices that are telling him to fight crime.

■ "Tenderness" — Russell Crowe stars in his first direct-

to-video feature since becoming a big name. This one proves that studios often give up when it comes to pushing smart films. This is a gritty tale of a detective who must investigate a teen with a violent history to determine if he killed his parents. Grim stuff that is superbly adapted from Robert ("The Chocolate War") Cormier's book.

■ "The Starvin' Salmon" — The last word of films from "Broken Lizard" were duds, but this effort is more akin to their early hits, like "Super Troopers." Here the guys star as waiters in a Miami restaurant owned by a George Foreman-like ex-boxer (played way over the top by Michael Clarke Duncan). The boss springs a bizarre wager that has each waiter competing to make the most money in

one night. The winner gets \$10,000, but the loser has to take a beating from his boss. Funny and crude — enjoy.

■ "Creature of Darkness" — A young man suffering from nightmares (in which he's killed by a monster in the mountains) listens to the bad advice of friend who urges him to confront his fear by going cycling with friends (through a remote mountainous region). Three guesses as to what happens next, but the only sure thing is that Devon Sawa (who started out in the promising "Final Destination") will probably be popping up in Syfy Channel movies for awhile.

Next week look for bigger budgets with the release of "Crazy Heart" and "44-Inch Chest."

Strange ... but true

■ It was French writer and film director Marguerite Duras who made the following observation: "I believe that always, or almost always, in all childhood, and in all the lives that follow them, the minor represents madness. Our mothers always remain the strangest, craziest people we've ever met."

■ In Colorado, it is illegal to mutilate a rock in a state park.

■ Those who track radio statistics say that Led Zepplin's "Stairway to Heaven" is the most-requested song in the United States and this despite the fact that the song was never released as a single on this side of the Atlantic.

■ If you use Listerine to freshen your breath, you might be interested to know that its original formula is 26.9 percent alcohol by volume — that comes out to 54-proof gargle.

■ There are lots of sports fans out there, and a lot of sports to enjoy: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey ... olive oil wrestling? OK, maybe there aren't a lot of oil wrestling events here in America, but in Turkey it's the national sport. Kirkpinar, as it's known there, has been popular since the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish town of Edirne has been hosting the annual tournament since 1361.

■ It was in Kitchener, Ontario, in 2006 that the world's largest smoothie was

made. Over the course of 3 1/2 hours and using seven blenders, the folks there made a whopping 195 gallons of the fruit beverage.

Thought for the Day
"Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford — but you'll take him anyway." — Judith Viorst

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Gray leaves UK women's program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky sophomore Rebecca Gray has left the women's basketball program and plans to enroll at Union College in Barboursville, Coach Matthew Mitchell announced Wednesday. She plans to play both basketball and golf at Union College.

Gray, a native of Georgetown, transferred to Kentucky in 2008-09 after playing her freshman year at North Carolina.

"Rebecca has informed me

of her decision to leave the team," Mitchell said. "I'm saddened about her departure from our team but I think her for all of her contributions to the program. We wish her the very best moving forward."

Gray, a 5-10 guard, played in 33 of 36 games for UK this season, averaging 5.2 points and 1.6 rebounds in 19.1 minutes per game. She was the team's second-leading three-point shooter, hitting 34.9 percent from beyond the arc (30-of-86).

"I'm very blessed to have been a part of such a great program," Gray said. "I'm so appreciative of all the time and

effort this staff and team put into me as a person and player. They will always be like family to me."

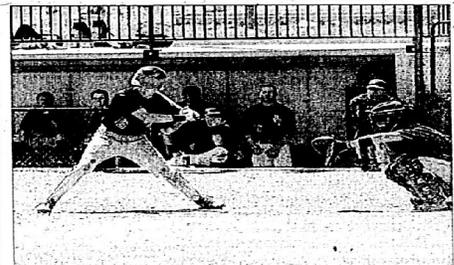
Gray sat out the 2008-09 season due to NCAA transfer rules. She transferred after one season at North Carolina. She played in 30 of 36 games as a freshman at North Carolina, averaging 15.3 minutes and 5.2 points per game. Gray shot 44.1 percent from the field and a team-high 39.1 percent from three-point range. She also hit a team-best 81.6 percent from the free-throw line and helped lead the Tar Heels to their fourth-straight Atlantic Coast

Conference title.

The former Miss Basketball at Scott County is the daughter of Floyd County natives. Her grandparents still reside in Floyd County.



REBECCA GRAY



AT THE PLATE: Ryan Bartolon eyed a pitch for Pikeville College during a Mid-South Conference game against Lindsey Wilson College over the weekend.

Kentucky reloads in pursuit of title No. 8

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

EL PASO, Texas — While I'm sure many Kentucky natives are all afwitter this week after Coach Cal landed what is figured to be another one-and-done point guard, I'm a little less thrilled.

Brandon Knight has numbers that no one can argue with. As a senior, he averaged 31.9 points, 8.6 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game this past season for Pine Crest in Florida. He's 6-foot-3, 185 pounds, and there's nothing not to like there.

I was also impressed with his 4.3 grade point average in high school. In fact, I'm even more pleased with that than his 32 points and nine boards.

But at some point if Cal is to do what he was hired for — to win national titles — he has to turn freshmen into sophomores and so forth.

See, here's the thing about the Kentucky job. It is not my understanding that Cal was hired to "turn the program around." That's not good enough. It may be for you, right now, but I know you well enough to know that Elite Eights aren't what you're about either. Final Fours are better, but that's still not the point.

The point is the banner. And in Kentucky we hang them for one

(See KENTUCKY, page six)

Knight inks with Cats; Gilchrist commits for 2011

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky coach John Calipari has landed another stellar point guard, Florida standout Brandon Knight announced his commitment to Calipari and the Kentucky men's basketball program on Wednesday. Knight is poised to step in and replace John Wall, who is leaving Kentucky after one season to play in the NBA.

Knight is the top-ranked high school player in the country according to Rivals.com. Knight (6-4, 185) averaged 32 points per game last season at Pine Crest High in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is the second all-time leading scorer in Florida high school history.

Wall, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, led Kentucky to a 35-3 record and a spot in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats reached the Elite Eight before falling to West Virginia.

Junior forward Michael Gilchrist, the top-ranked player in the Class of 2011, committed to the Wildcats as well. Gilchrist averaged 16.4 points, 11.5 rebounds and three blocks for tradition-rich St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth, N.J.



BRANDON KNIGHT



Former East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley (above, left) helped guide the Southeast Texas Mavericks (above, right) to a three-part series centering around the Floyd County native and former East Kentucky Miners, including 2010 ABA MVP Josh Pace (above, right).

Keathley captures second pro championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

In two seasons as East Kentucky Miners head coach, Kevin Keathley introduced thousands of Eastern Kentuckians to professional basketball. And not just any style of play. Keathley guided the East Kentucky Miners to winning records in each of the CBA franchise's two seasons (2007-08, 2008-09). East Kentucky set a CBA (Continental Basketball Association)/professional basketball record for most points scored in a single-game and all of the team's players played at an extremely high-level. After the Miners franchise dissolved following the 2008-09 season, Keathley chose to remain in the professional basketball coaching ranks during the 2009-10 campaign. Keathley, a Floyd County native, chose professional basketball over a lucrative college coaching offer from an NCAA Division I program. He also had offers to coach in the NBA D-League but opted to join the coaching staff of the Southeast Texas Mavericks under the direction

of minor league basketball veteran Steve Tucker, a coach with whom he had worked on a couple of previous occasions. The longtime coaching bond led Keathley to the LoneStar State. At Southeast Texas, Keathley was able bring in four former East Kentucky Miners — Josh Pace, Jermaine Blackburn, Mike Crain and Joe Buck. The Mavericks captured the ABA championship, concluding the season 27-4. Southeast Texas defeated the Owensboro-based Kentucky Bisons, defending champions, 2-1 in the championship series.

Earlier in the week, Keathley was named ABA Associate Coach of the Year. Three of the former East Kentucky Miners players he coached with the Southeast Texas franchise were also honored. Pace was named ABA Most Valuable Player and Blackburn accompanied him as an All-ABA First Team selection. Crain was honored as the Sixth Man of the Year. Southeast Texas thrived throughout the regular season. The Mavericks were rated No.

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Keathley is pictured with former East Kentucky Miner Boo Jackson, a current NBA D-League player.



Keathley is pictured with former East Kentucky Miner Boo Jackson, a current NBA D-League player.

KEATHLEY'S COACHING CAREER

- Interim Coach at Lees College at the age of 22
- 2003: UPBL Championship (Louisville Eagles)
- 2004: Youngest head coach in America on the pro level at age 26
- 2005: ABA Head Coach of the Year
- 2006: Named one of the top 10 young coaches in America (Pro Basketball News)
- 2007: Named Head Coach of the East Kentucky Miners (CBA) at 29 years old
- 2008: Named CBA Coach of the Month for December
- 2009: Named one of the Top 10 coaches in America not in the NBA (Pro Basketball News)
- 2010: Named a Coach of the Decade in the ABA
- 2010: Named ABA Associate Coach of the Year
- 2010: ABA Championship (Southeast Texas Mavericks)
- Has set 16 different scoring records as a Head Coach
- Coached 10 players who went on to play in the NBA D-League
- Signed and coached future NBA player Jamario Moon (Cleveland Cavaliers)
- 10 Consecutive Winning Seasons

Betsy Layne-South Floyd baseball game suspended in sixth inning due to darkness

58th District contest to resume April 21

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT — Betsy Layne looked poised to move one game above the .500 mark on Tuesday in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference contest at South Floyd. That was until the game was called in the top half of the sixth inning due to darkness. Betsy Layne was leading 12-7 when the game was suspended. The district conference game is slated to resume on April 21.

Betsy Layne is 3-3 thus far. The Bobcats defeated South Floyd 13-0 on

March 21 for their first win of the season. Following the win over South Floyd, Betsy Layne crushed Jenkins 19-1 and Jackson City 17-1. The Bobcats have dropped games to Pike County Central, Magoffin County and Allen Central.

South Floyd is 1-4. The Raiders dropped games to Magoffin County, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg before drubbing Jackson City 15-5 on April 5 for their first win of the season. Phelps defeated South Floyd 17-1 in five innings last week during the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

After falling to Allen Central in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals, Prestonsburg posted a forfeit win over the Rebels on Monday at Stumbo Park.

The Blackcats were awarded the win via forfeit after an Allen Central pitcher who didn't have the required number days of rest pitched. Prestonsburg moved to 5-6 following the win. The Rebels dropped to 4-4 on Wednesday evening after falling short in a road game at defending 15th Region champion Lawrence County. Host Lawrence County doubled up the Rebels 10-5.

The 15th Region baseball standings through Wednesday, April 14 were as follows: Betsy, 9-5; Sheldon Clark, 8-5; Lawrence County, 8-5; Johnson Central, 8-6; Pikeville, 6-5; Prestonsburg, 5-6; Betsy Layne, 4-3; Allen Central, 4-4; Pike County Central, 4-6; Paintsville, 4-6; Magoffin County, 3-8; Phelps, 2-5; East Ridge, 2-7; Shelby Valley, 1-3; South Floyd, 1-5.

Kinzer claims two top-five finishes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Floyd County driver Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports No. 18 Dirt Late Model team ventured south to historic Cleveland Speedway on Saturday for the annual running of the Lamar Lowery Memorial. The unsanctioned show featured twin \$1,000-to-win main events. Kinzer posted a pair of top-five finishes in the Lamar Lowery Memorial as he ran fifth in the 22-lap opener and fourth in the 23-lap nightcap. Randy Weaver and Skip Arp prevailed in the twin \$1,000-to-win features.

Kinzer has now claimed top 10 finishes in three straight races. The veteran Late Model driver claimed two wins during the 2009 season as he outlasted star-studded fields in a Battle of the Bluegrasses feature event at 201 Speedway and a Southern Regional Racing Series race at Green Valley Speedway. Kinzer also made the \$100,000 starting field during the 2009 season.

Lady Raiders finish runner-up in 15th Region All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The South Floyd Lady Raiders owned a 4-3 lead over the Pikeville at the conclusion of the third inning of the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game Monday evening. After posting shutout wins over both Betsy Layne and Allen Central, South Floyd allowed Pikeville to push across three runs in the seventh inning after the Lady Panthers had tied the game in a previous at-bat. The Lady Raiders couldn't answer Pikeville's late charge. Pikeville prevailed 7-4, capturing the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship and earning the right to play in the upcoming statewide tournament.

Pikeville senior catcher Lauren Lawson led the Lady Panthers from her cleanup slot in the batting order. Lawson reached base and scored three times. Heather Maynard, Lindsey Inzer, Sarah Lucas and Amber Sexton each scored once for the Lady Panthers.

South Floyd and Pikeville swapped leads during the championship game before the Lady Panthers pulled away for the win. Sophomore pitcher Emily Hall recorded the win from the circle for Pikeville, recording nine strikeouts.

Catcher Nikki Rose reached base and had a key role in two of South Floyd's runs crossing the plate. Ashlee Castle and Kelsey Dye both scored once for the Lady Raiders.

Ada Gayheart suffered the loss for the Lady Raiders. Gayheart slipped into the loss column after holding 58th District foes Betsy Layne and Allen Central scoreless in separate outings earlier in the small school regional tournament. Gayheart fanned four Pikeville batters in the loss.

South Floyd dropped to 3-2 following the setback.

Pikeville College racks up national bowling honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EL PASO, Texas — The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships got off to a great start Wednesday night for the ladies of Pikeville College, with one player named Second-Team All-American, three capturing First-Team All-American honors — including one being named the Most Valuable Player — and Ron Darron taking Coach of the Year status as named by the coaches' association.

When the writers' took their turn, the same four ladies were honored once again.

All of this took place at the Night of Champions banquet at the Camino Real Hotel, right across the street from the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center, the site of the 2010 ITC.

Darron won the Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year award, presented by the National College Bowling Coaches Association, for the second time. He also took the honor in 2004, three nights before leading the Lady Bears to the first team national title in school history.

The Lady Bears won the title in 2008 as well.

Pikeville bowled in 10 events this year, winning five of them. They began postseason play as the No. 1 seed in the Allentown, Penn., sectional, where they won yet again. In ninth seasons of women's college bowling, Pikeville has won its section seven times and has never failed to reach the national tournament. All of this was under Ron's leadership.

"It was an unusual season, with us sitting out a few events we'd normally bowl in," Darron said. "But these girls worked really hard and should be proud of themselves. It's not about me being honored. It's about them leading us to this point. This is about all the girls in our program and what they put into this program."

Senior Jennifer Wright was named the Most Valuable Player by the coaches and was one of four national runners-up for the Bowler of the Year honor presented by the writers. In 10 events this season, Wright's average of 202.072 was second in the country. Her average differential — the number of pins her score is above the average in a tournament — was the best in the country, averaging 35.13.

She finished in the Top 5 in five tournaments and was the individual winner in two of them, the Pikeville College sponsored Orange & Black Classic and the Las Vegas Collegiate Shoot-Out. "We felt all season that Jenn was the best bowler in the country," said Darron. "I'm really happy to see her earn the honor from the coaches who see her bowl week in and week out. She is very deserving."

Wright's win is the third time a Pikeville bowler has been named MVP. Her assistant coach, Kayla Bandy, won it back-to-back in 2007-08.

Wright was joined on the first team by senior Becky Sullivan and sophomore Kim Youlos. Sullivan was seventh in the nation in average at 197.217 and differential at 30.275. She finished in the Top 5 in three events and was the overall champion in Las Vegas Invitational in December when she averaged 216.444.

"Becky has had a terrific season for us," Darron said. "She's been solid from start to finish. I was thrilled she was on the first-

team." Youlos finished the season with an average of 200.928, which was fourth in the country, and her differential was 33.985, which was third nationally. She was in the Top 5 four times and won the Raider Classic in November with an average of 203.8. In that event, Pikeville had seven of the top eight bowlers.

"We have been able to count on Kim all season long," said Darron, noting her seven Top 10 finishes and that she was in the Top 20 in all 10 events. "She has been great for us this season." Pikeville's trio was joined on the first team by Jenn Boisselet of Central Florida and Jazzcel Tan of Wichita State.

Senior Nicole Burke was named to the second team. She averaged 197.162 for the season, which was eighth in the country, and had a differential of 30.287, which was sixth. For the season, she had four Top 5 finishes.

"I was really pleased to see Nicole be called to the stage tonight," Darron said. "She has been very deserving and has kind of been overshadowed this season, but she has been sensational for us. She deserved this and I was really happy for her."

While the coaches name five honorable mention All-Americans along with a second- and first-team of five bowlers each, the writers honor three honorable mention All-Americans along with a Bowler of the Year and four runners-up.

Burke and Sullivan were on the honorable mention list along with Wichita State's Rocío Restrepo, Wright and Youlos were runners-up, along with Pam and Jasmine Coleman of Fresno State. The Bowler of the Year was Boisselet.

South Floyd turns back Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE — The South Floyd Lady Raiders shook off a tough loss to Pikeville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic softball tournament earlier in the week. South Floyd bounced back into the win column on Wednesday evening with a 6-2 victory over visiting Shelby Valley. The Lady Raiders won for the third time in four games, improving to 4-2.

Ada Gayheart pitched South Floyd past Shelby Valley. Gayheart finished with six strikeouts while allowing only two runs.

South Floyd scored a pair of

runs in both the second and third innings and led 6-0 before Shelby Valley answered. Shelby Valley pushed across its two runs in the sixth inning. The Lady Cats, however, failed to produce any runs in their final at-bat in the seventh inning.

Cleanup hitter Nikki Rose had a double and a single for the Lady Raiders. Gayheart doubled and scored for South Floyd while Kelsey Dye singled twice. Andrea Conn led South Floyd on the basepaths, scoring two runs. Conn was hit by a pitch and singled once. Branda Harby also singled and scored for host South Floyd.

Shelby Valley delivered three

hits as part of its two-run sixth inning. Brittany Swindall doubled and recent Pikeville College signee Amanda Sawyers legged out a triple for visiting Shelby Valley (6-9), which slipped back into the loss column following a 2-0 win in four innings over Phelps one day earlier.

The 15th Region Softball Standings through Wednesday, April 14: Johnson County, 12-3; Magoffin County, 11-2; Pikeville, 7-3; Lawrence County, 7-4; East Ridge, 7-5; Bellry, 6-6; Shelby Valley, 6-9; Prestonsburg, 5-9; South Floyd, 4-2; Allen Central, 2-3; Paintsville, 2-7; Phelps, 1-6; Sheldon Clark, 1-9; Betsy Layne, 1-9; Pike County Central, 0-5.

Kanter signs to play at Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Enes Kanter has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at the University of Kentucky, head coach John Calipari announced Wednesday.

A senior at Stoneridge Preparatory School in Simi Valley, Calif., Kanter ranks 25th on ESPN's top 100 and is rated a five-star player by both Rivals.com and Scout.com recruiting services.

"Enes has the body and potential to be special," Calipari said. "I look forward to working with all the incoming players and our returnees as we build on the foundation we set with our 35-3, Elite Eight team."

The 6-foot-10, 235-pound Kanter, who hails from Turkey, finished with 34 points and 23 rebounds at the Nike Hoop Summit in Portland, Ore., over the weekend. Kanter's 13-of-21 shooting performance from the field set the World Team Nike Hoop Summit record for field goals made and attempted and his 34 points broke the individual World Team scoring record of 33 points set by Dirk Nowitzki in 1998.

Kanter played for the Turkish under-18 national team in 2009 and was named the championship's MVP after averaging 18.6 points and a tournament-best 16.4 rebounds a game as Turkey won the bronze medal at the European Championships in France.

Kanter joins Stacey Poole Jr. as the first two signees for the Wildcats in the 2010 class.

Prestonsburg boys finish second at Pikeville meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Prestonsburg High School track and field program turned in a pair of top-five finishes on Tuesday in a meet at Pikeville High School. The Prestonsburg girls' team finished fifth. On the boys' side, Prestonsburg gave a strong push for first-place before finishing second.

"I felt we had a good meet like we did last weekend," Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson said. "The girls team had a strong showing with a fifth-place finish out of 11 teams. The boys' team was in the hunt for a win until the last few events but had a good second-place finish."

The Prestonsburg girls' 4x800 meter relay placed fourth with a team that hadn't ran together before. McKenzie Collins, Masann Potter, Angel Riley and Makayla Williamson made fine showings.

Catherine Tinchler was the only scorer in a strong field in

the 100 meter dash. Jette Burchett and Micheala Stone both had personal records.

The team of Tinchler, Courtney Foley, Leanna Goble and Alli Hopkins placed fifth in the 4x200 meter relay.

Williamson had an eighth-place finish in the 1600 meter run. Potter had a personal record with a time of 10:01.

The 4x100 relay team of Burchett, Foley, Stone and Alessandra Lamolinara ran a strong time of 1:05.18 for a fifth-place finish.

Chelsea Hereford had a personal record in the 400 meter dash. For the second consecutive meet, Goble ran under 59 seconds with a time of 58.42 for a second-place finish.

Collins ran 33 seconds faster in the 800 meter run than she ever had for a new personal record. Angel Riley had a personal record also.

Tinchler and Kristany Setser had a solid run in the 200 meter dash, finishing fourth and seventh, respectively, in a very strong field. Alessandra

Lamolinara had a personal record with her run.

Burchett had a fifth-place finish in the 3200 meter run with Williamson finishing sixth.

Running the 4x400 meter relay for only the second time, this season was the team of Hopkins, Goble, Stone and Setser. "This team was thrown together. I had to replace two runners because they were injured a bit," Jamerson confided. The makeshift relay team ran hard for a fourth-place finish.

Hopkins had a personal record in the shot put with a throw of 22'08". Goble finished fifth in the long jump and Kristany Setser crossed the line sixth.

Hereford placed fifth in the high jump.

In boys' competition, Joseph Jamerson started the scoring for the Blackcats by placing first in the 110 meter hurdles.

Cameron Tinchler and Austin McKinney finished sec-

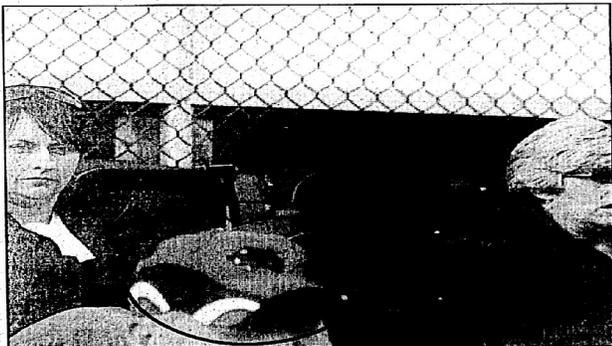
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK Logan Crowder, Allen Central Baseball Nikki Rose, South Floyd Softball



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thing and one thing only. We win national championships.

So while 35-win seasons cannot be debated, if five years from now Cal can string off 30-plus wins with no titles, will you be pleased?"

And that, friends, is the path we're taking right now. Even more disconcerting, it's definitely the path our coach is walking.

Think about it: What is the most important position on the floor? Clearly, it's point guard. You need shooters, but this year's Kentucky team proved you can live without a dead-eye bomber on the perimeter. It's also crucial to have a solid post player and Kentucky had two of those this winter. But if you can't get the ball down the floor to them, they aren't all that necessary either.

Point guard, now that's where it's at.

And while talent can take you a long way, look at the Final Four teams from this past tournament. How many freshmen started there? Not too many.

Talent is important. Experience is critical. But it takes both to get you to the Promised Land. And that's

where we at Kentucky are lacking right now.

The thing is, obviously, it's important to recruit the best players you possibly can. Cal can do that. He's proven it. On the same day he landed Knight this week it was announced that the top-rated player in next year's class, a possibly can, Cal can recruit. I will never debate that. But at some point someone has to decide they need another year in college. When that happens, banners begin to unravel.

I still believe Daniel Orton will return, expect that Eric Bledsoe will as well and wouldn't be surprised to see Patrick Patterson back in Lexington also. Patterson and Bledsoe could probably use another year in college. Orton's declaring is laughable.

Bring those three back and we're off to the races. Knight can obviously play, and while he may not be John Wall good,

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there are plenty of rungs on the ladder between Wall and lacking at point guard.

I know you can't turn down the best players in the country. But I stand by the point I made a few weeks ago. Cal wasn't hired in Lexington to send players to the NBA. And the point I made earlier is not up for debate either. He's not here to turn the program around, although that was clearly needed after the Billy Gillispie debacle.

He was hired to win titles. It's also worth noting that while he took both UMass and Memphis to the Final Four, neither won the title. So the next crown Cal wears will be his first.

That said, I believe he has it in him. I believe he recruits top-level players.

But I also believe it takes both talent and experience to cut the nets down.

Talent you have. In spades. It's there. Experience?

Well, that's what stands between Kentucky and banner No. 8.

And for Cal, between him and his first national title.

Keathley

1 in the ABA Power Rankings all but four weeks. Southeast Texas averaged 120 points and 29 assists per game and lived up to a lofty preseason billing.

"The expectations were set really high at the beginning of the year," Keathley said, reflecting on the 2009-10 season. "Everyone expected us to win it and sometimes setting that aside to stay focused as a team is one of the toughest components to handle. We were able to accomplish every goal we set for ourselves. We won the ABA Tip-off Classic, we won our division, the Western Conference, and the ABA championship. We led the league in scoring and had three players named to the All-ABA Team. I was fortunate to win my second coach of the year award and in addition was named one of the top seven coaches of the decade in the ABA."

Keathley was able to find some closure in Texas with some of the veterans from his two former East Kentucky

teams.

"In a sense, by bringing some of my former players in, we were able to finish what we started in Pikeville, Kentucky with the Miners franchise," Keathley said.

Pace and Blackburn were two of four Southeast Texas players named ABA All-Stars.

"We had a great group of players 1-12," Keathley added. "They acted like pros both on and off the floor. I'm very happy to have won the ABA title with this group of young men. It was certainly a great division."

Keathley returned to the ABA as an assistant/associate coach for the first time since 2003. During a previous ABA stint, Keathley guided the storied Kentucky Colonels franchise. Keathley, who coached current NBA player Jamario Moon during his reign as Colonels head coach, claimed the 2005 ABA Coach of the Year Award.

During his two seasons in the CBA, Keathley continued

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to rank as one of professional basketball's youngest and most successful head coaches. In December 2008, Keathley was named CBA Coach of the Month in 2009. Pro Basketball News (www.probasketballnews.com) touted Keathley as one of the top 10 professional coaches in America not in the NBA.

Keathley has enjoyed 10 winning seasons. He has never had to endure a losing campaign in his decade-long coaching career. He captured his first professional title in 2003 while on the Louisville Eagles coaching staff in the UPBL.

Keathley, less than one month after capturing an ABA championship, finds himself already evaluating talent for next season.

"I couldn't have asked for a better year — winning a championship and being named a coach of the year," said Keathley. "We'll see where the next basketball season takes us."

Julian Tackett named KHSAA Commissioner

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Julian Tackett has been named the seventh Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and will assume the position on June 1, 2010, the KHSAA Board of Control announced at its meeting on April 13.

Tackett will succeed current Commissioner Brigid DeVries, who will retire on July 9, 2010 after more than 30 years of service to the Association, including the last eight as Commissioner. "The opportunity to follow in the line of outstanding leaders at the KHSAA is daunting as the past Commissioners have certainly set the bar very high," said Tackett. "But with the Board's support, continued hard work by our staff, and the cooperation of our member school administrators and coaches, we will all continue to strive to do what's best for the high school student-athletes in Kentucky."

Tackett, current Executive Assistant Commissioner of the KHSAA, has served the organization for 26 years. His career with the Association began in 1984 when he was named the KHSAA's first Sports Information Director. In that role he served as the Association's chief public relations officer and primary media contact. He was responsible for news releases, maintained records of all KHSAA activities and supervised the design, production and printing of all state championship game programs, Association Handbook and other official publications.

He was promoted to Business Affairs Director in 1991, where he served as the Association's chief financial officer. In that position Tackett oversaw the Association's budget and finances, audited event revenue, attendance and expense records, duties he continues today. While Business Affairs Director, he oversaw the Association's long-term debt on its facility.

In 1995, he was named Assistant Commissioner and continued to oversee on-site and advance facility arrangements for boys' and girls' state basketball and football championship events including housing, ticketing, worker identification and communication, billing settlement and facility setup. He has also directed all aspects of championship play in all rounds for the sports of baseball, cross country, football, track and field, and wrestling.

A high school and college official for more than 20 years in football and basketball, Tackett oversees the Association's officials division. He currently serves as chair of the football rules committee for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), is a member of the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee, is a member of the American Sport Education Program National Faculty and serves as liaison to the Kentucky Medical Association Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

Tackett also heads the Association's technology efforts, supervising Internet and Web site development, telephone and data systems. "Julian has the knowledge and experience to do a great job as Commissioner of the KHSAA," said KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries. "He has the right combination of management and sports knowledge to continue to move the Association to the next level."

Tackett is a 1982 graduate of Transylvania University and received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky in 1991.

Tackett, a 1978 Bryan Station High School graduate, resides in Lexington with his wife Donna.

MSU Baseball announces summer camp info

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The

Morehead State University baseball program has announced the dates for two youth camps to be held this summer. The camps are open for players six years old through eighth grade. The camps will be held June 14-17

and July 12-15. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

At the MSU baseball camps, players will learn and sharpen new skills in hitting, fielding, throwing, base running, and other skill areas, while also competing within their own age groups in games.

Each MSU youth baseball camp will cost \$100 for registration and \$110 for walk-up registration. Payment without attendance will be credited to another MSU baseball camp event.

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BRAD MAY finished first in the recent Tug Valley Bass Anglers tournament at Yatesville Lake.

May wins Tug Valley Bass Anglers tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — The Tug Valley Bass Anglers fishing club held its second tournament of the 2010 season on Yatesville Lake. There was another solid turnout as 28 anglers competed in the event. Longtime angler Brad May won the tournament, reeling in four fish for a total weight of 9.53 pounds.

Yatesville Lake was around two feet low and the water was rising. The Corps of Engineers started holding water and it had raised three feet since the previous week. The water was still in good condition with a temperature of 60-68 degrees. The water was lightly stained at the lower end of the lake near the dam and became progressively more stained as fishermen traveled up

the lake. Conditions were less than favorable at the back of the lake. Weather for the tournament was perfect with mostly sunny skies, light winds and an air temperature around 75-80 degrees.

The fish were still in pre-spawn patterns, most of them were on steeper banks on the main lake.

The main pattern for this tournament was to fish crankbaits and jigs on steeper main lake banks. The catchable fish were fairly shallow, eight feet or less.

The top finishers were as follows. 1st—Brad May (4 fish), 9.53 lbs.; 2nd—Chris Young (3 fish), 7.08 lbs.; 3rd—Bryan Fields (2 fish), 4.94 lbs.; 4th—Keith Pacific (2 fish), 4.84 lbs.; 5th—Greg Maynard (2 fish),

4.51 lbs.; 6th—MO (2 fish), 4.11 lbs.; 7th—Lynn Fields (1 fish), 2.70 lbs.; 8th—Steve Ramsey (1 fish), 2.63 lbs.; 9th—Johnny Welch (1 fish), 2.58 lbs.; 10th—Don Taylor (1 fish), 2.03 lbs.

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P'burg Little League opening day set for Saturday

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Little League has scheduled its opening day for Saturday. In addition to league officials, coaches, players, teams and volunteers, numerous local dignitaries are slated to attend the event. Prestonsburg Little League teams in Major, Minor and T-Ball divisions will be in action in exhibition games on Saturday. The opening day schedule shapes up as follows — Field 1, Major Division: 11:30 a.m. — Cubs-Yankees; 12:45 p.m. — Yankees-Phillies; 2 p.m. — Indians-Yankees;

Field 2, Minor Division: 11:30 p.m. — Phillies-Cardinals; 12:45 p.m. — Reds-Cubs. Field 3, T-Ball: 11:30 a.m. — Reds-Indians; 12:45 p.m. — Indians-Braves.

All players will be announced prior to the start of each exhibition game.

Meet

and seventh, respectively, in the 100 meter dash.

The 4x200 relay team ran a solid time but was disqualified because of runner interference.

Brad Stanley finished sixth and Zach Romans placed eighth in the 1600 meter run.

The 4x1000 meter relay team of McKinney, Tincher, Nathan Stone and Josh Craynon had a time of 47.18 for a first-place finish.

Devin Clifton went under 60 seconds for the second straight meet with a time of 59.82 for an eighth-place finish. Ty Blackburn also went under 60 seconds, running a 59.50 for a new personal record in the 300 meter hurdles and a fifth-place finish.

Stanley scored an eighth-place finish with a time of 2:33.45 in the 800 meter run.

Tincher and Craynon finished one-two in the 200 meter dash. Once again, Blackburn ran a new personal record.

Griffin Baker took over 18 second off his best time in the 2000 meter run, finishing fifth with a time of 13:50.86.

The team of Stanley, McKinney, Stone and Clifton had a second place finish in the 4x400 relay.

Alex Garner finished second in the shot put with a throw of 39' 00".

Competing in the long jump for the first time outdoors, Jamerson won with a jump of

20' 00.50". Clifton finished second with a jump of 18' 04". Both efforts were personal records.

Clifton continued to be strong in the triple jump, finishing first with a jump of 36' 06.50".

Craynon jumped 5' 10" in the high jump, placing first. Stone vaulted 8' 06" to win the pole vault.

Prestonsburg had three throws among the top-eight in the javelin event. Jamerson, Chris Cook and Wes Robinson placed fifth, seventh and eighth, respectively. Robinson recorded a personal record by over 10 feet.

"The more meets we run, the more I like this team's chances at regionals," Jamerson said. "As I have said before, the addition of Cameron (Tincher) and Austin (McKinney) has really helped us. Especially in the sprints and sprint relays. The way Devin is jumping since we have been outdoors has been a great surprise — I mean to jump 2 to 3 feet further than indoors is excellent. I just like the way the team looks. Anything can happen between now and the end of May, but I think they realize they could do well at regionals."

Prestonsburg will compete in the Heart of the Bluegrass at Henry Clay High School in Lexington on Saturday. The Blackcats will compete at Pikeville again on Monday before venturing to Johnson Central the following day.



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