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Preliminary stati cate that twelve people died in twelve separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Apr. 7, through Sunday, Apr. 10.

Eight of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and four of the victims were not wearing a seat belt. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Adair, Ballard, Barren, Calloway, Floyd, Lewis, Rowan, and Taylor counties. The crash in Rowan County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One ATV involved fatality occurred in Greenup County and the victim was not wearing a helmet.

One motorcycle involved fatality occurred in Logan County and the victim was not wearing a helmet.

Two pedestrian involved crashes occurred in Jefferson County.

Through Apr. 10, preliminary statistics indicate that 157 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2011. This is thirty-five less fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2010. There were 129 motor vehicle fatalities and 74 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Seventeen of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Five crashes involved a motorcycle and four victims were not wearing helmets. Four crashes involved an ATV and three of the victims were not wearing a helmet. Nineteen crashes involved pedestrians. A total of twenty fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Seven sue coal companies over dust, debris

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lawsuits against coal companies show no signs of slowing down, as another has been filed in Floyd Circuit Court against Miller Brothers Coal Company and Laurel Mountain Resources.

Seven Floyd County residents — Kelvin Howell, Maxie Howell, Lee Maggard, Roma Maggard, Larry Howell, Anna Howell and Anthony Howell — jointly filed a civil suit on April 11 against the two companies, a complaint asking for compensatory and punitive damages.

The seven plaintiffs have claimed in the suit that the companies have conducted mining and blasting operations near their homes, resulting in dirt, dust and "flyable debris" being thrown, dumped and "otherwise placed" outside their permitted boundaries and onto the seven residents' prop-

erties and around their homes.

The seven individuals say in their complaint that this constitutes a "physical trespass" issue.

Each of the plaintiffs' claim damages to their property and homes, diminishing the value of

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DAY OFF FOR PARENTS



110 parents "took a break" at the Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Service Center's 14th "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday. Along with presentations and door prizes, parents enjoyed a catered lunch.

Parents get a 'break' Thursday at MAC

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Over 100 parents took advantage of the Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Center's 14th "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday.

"It's a chance to get parents out of the school setting and provide them with a day of enjoy- ment and fun," said Brian Akers, Family Resource and Youth Services Center coordinator for Betsy Layne. "It's not as structured as the meetings held at the schools, but there's still a lot of information. It's a real enjoyable day for the parents."

The day featured an address by Supt. Henry Webb, followed by a question-and-answer session, a presentation titled "Accidental Dealer" by Sharon Collins, Youth Services coordinator for Allen Central High School, and Lola Ratliff, with Floyd County Schools, entertainment by Ron Cole, a presentation from Misty Ward, with Kentucky PIRC, titled "Parenting for Fitness and Nutrition, and a humorous presentation from Lola Ratliff that focused on parenting styles.

A catered lunch was provided and door prizes were also awarded.

According to Akers, the next big event sponsored by the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers will be a fun fair for new and expectant parents.

"It's going to be like a county-wide baby shower," Akers said.

More information about the events can be found by visiting or calling any of the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers in Floyd County.

Vets group distributes petition

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

VARNEY — A Pike County disabled veteran is spearheading a move to see that he and his fellow disabled veterans receive the "freedom to have evidence favorable to their Clear and Unmistakable Error claims considered."

Lannie Ray, of Varney in Pike County, issued a statement on April 12 along with a petition to all service organizations throughout the region, state and nation including VFW, DAV, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, AmVets and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

"We're asking Larry Roberts, Kentucky State I&AV Commander, and the National Commanders of all the service organizations

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Schools to get influx of teachers through program

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

The Floyd County School District is one of three districts in Kentucky to partner with Teach For America, a national group of recent college graduates who commit to teach for two years.

"Not only are we hoping to find teachers for high-need areas, we are also excited about bringing in people with different backgrounds and therefore offering our kids yet another opportunity for learning," said Supt. Henry Webb. "Our board of education is to be commended for seizing this partnership initiative for our kids."

According to information provided by the Floyd County Board of Education, Teach for

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Beshear tells Congress about drug epidemic

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear testified Thursday morning before a congressional panel on the prescription drug abuse issues facing Kentucky and the nation.

Among other points, including urging Congress to continue providing resources to the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Grant Program, Beshear reminded the congressional panel that in Kentucky alone, nearly 100 people die from drug overdoses every month.

"The fastest growing, most prolific substance abuse issue facing our country is the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs," Beshear said. "In Kentucky alone, 82 people die every month from drug overdoses, a number that has now surpassed car crashes as the leading cause of accidental death in our state."

The governor also proposed mandatory training for those who prescribe controlled substances and requested that more federal resources be focused on ceasing Florida's illegal prescription drug flow.

Florida, and especially South Florida, represents a significant population of unmonitored prescription drug pain clinics and prescribers.

In February 2011, Gov. Beshear sent a letter to Florida Gov. Rick Scott urging

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Gov. Steve Beshear

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Obituaries

Janie Elizabeth Bailey Kilgore

Janie Elizabeth Bailey Kilgore, 64, of David, died April 12, 2011, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Born June 19, 1946, in Argos, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Bert and Catherine Sayers Bailey and wife of the late Robie Kilgore. She was a housekeeper at Riverside and a member of Living Word Pentecostal Church. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sons: Randy Holbrook, Ricky Holbrook and Robie Holbrook. She is survived by three brothers: James Bailey of Banner, Kentucky, Richard Bailey of Coldwater, Michigan and Larry Bailey

of Union City, Michigan; four sisters: Sherrilee of David, Kentucky, Pamela Lazar of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Teresa Shepherd of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Clarissa Bailey of David, Kentucky. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Charlene Osborne and Carl Shepherd officiating. Burial will follow at Tikonsha Riverside Cemetery in Tikonsha, Michigan. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home has been placed in charge of funeral arrangements.

Homer Linzie Music

Homer Linzie Music, 55,

of Prestonsburg, died on April 12, 2011, in Prestonsburg. Born September 7, 1955, he was the son of the late Oliver and Oeda Lafferty Music. He was a truck driver for Harris Bros. Survivors include one son: Mark Wesley Music, of Warsaw, Ind.; two daughters: Jennifer Naomi Bentley, of Warsaw, Ind. and Jessica Samons, of Ivel, five brothers: William A. (Dian) Music, Floyd (Beatrice) Music, James (Vada) Music, Marion (Teresa) Music, all of Prestonsburg and John Henry (Heidi) Music of Atwood, Ind., and four grandchildren: Ashley Snow Bentley, Zachary John Wesley Bentley, Sierra Samons and Joshua Samons. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Oliver Darvin Music, Hillard

Music and Sammie Music; three sisters: Margaret Music, Margie Flannery and Barbara Williams and one son-in-law: Steven Bentley. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Richard Greene officiating. Burial will follow at Harris Cemetery, in Prestonsburg. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



James Elva Ousley
James Elva Ousley, age 74, of Martin, husband of the late Rose Mary Gray Ousley, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at his residence.

He was born June 18, 1936 in Risner, the son of the late James L. Ousley and Nancy Jane Pitts Ousley. He was retired from Zimmerman Medical. James was survived by three brothers, Gardis Ousley, of Prestonsburg, Claude Ousley, of Columbia City, Ind., and Edgel Rabon Ousley, of Mentone, Ind.; one sister, Eva A. Thomsbury, of Martin; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and two brothers, Vernon Ousley and Adam Ousley. Funeral services for James Ousley will be conducted Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Malcolm Stone officiating. Burial will follow in the Hagans Cemetery, at Langley, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. There will be a service conducted at 7 p.m. Friday with the Stone Family Singers.

Effe Wilkins
Effe Wilkins, 76, of Lima, Ohio, died on Sunday, April 10, at Lima Memorial Health Systems. Born October 7, 1934, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Norman and Maggie Williams Prater and the wife of the late Robert Arnold Wilkins. She was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons: Jeffrey R. (Julie) Wilkins, of Columbus Grove, Ohio; Jerry R. Wilkins, of Lima, Ohio, and a daughter: Jacklyn R. 'Jackie' Hines, also of Lima; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a brother: Roy Prater of Lexington. She was preceded in death by two brothers: Conrad and Cowl Prater. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m., at the Boyliff and Son Funeral Home in Cridersville, Ohio. The family will receive friends two hours prior to services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Allen County Humane Society. Condolences may be shared at bayliffandson.com.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses
Candice Sue Rogers, 27, of Beaver, to Jamie Alexander Tackett, 29, of Beaver.
Heather Marie Bowen, 23, of Langley, to Stephen Douglas Blanton, 23, of Bevinsville.
Megan Danielle Carter, 21, of Teaberry, to Derrick Gayheart, 19, of Beaver.
Martha Rose Osborne, 26, of Drift, to Jacky Lee Johnson, 28, of Drift.

Civil Suits Filed
Community Trust Bank vs. Lavonne Acker, formal by known as avonne Wallen; complaint.
Ray J. Nichols vs. Derrick Martin; complaint.
Community Trust Bank vs. Tabatha Shepherd; complaint.
Naptilus Insurance Company vs. Grayco Rentals Inc.; complaint.
Tax Ease Lien Investments I LLC vs. Trends Hall; complaint.
Malyssa D. Alley vs. Western Construction Inc. and Wendell A. Collins II; complaint.
Ellen M. Akers vs. Claude Thacker, Jr. and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; complaint.
Maria R. Preston vs. Robert Preston; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Amanda D. Fiegenbaum vs. Bruce G. Fiegenbaum; petition for healthcare insurance.

Kevin Howell, Maxie Howell, Lee Maggard, Roma Maggard, Larry Howell, Anna Howell, and Anthony Howell vs. Miller Brothers Coal LLC and Laurel Mountain Resources LLC; complaint.
Charges Filed
Ward B. Hale, 63, Prestonsburg; harassment.
Ronald M. Wright, 74, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.
Joshua E. Conley, 27, Martin; public intoxication.
Glen C. Mims, 52, Pikeville; improper registration plate, no insurance, no expired registration plates, no registration, improper equipment, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container.
Josh R. Stone, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
James Nunemaker, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
James Herman Isaacs Jr., 33, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
Selina Lawrence, 18, Martin; theft.
George E. Barnette, 50, Martin; harassment, terroristic threatening.
Bobbi Joyce Murphy, 32, Martin; public intoxication.

Inspections
Dyn-O-Mite Pizza and Grill, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: no hair restraints, food contact surfaces and/or utensils are not durable, corrosion resistant or non-absorbent, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, carpeted rug found in restroom, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 93.
Adkiins Quick Stop, Honaker, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly, floors not clean, items that are unnecessary to the operation in/or around the establishment, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 94.
Seasons Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, non-food contact surfaces have accumulation of soil, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system and/or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand sink, the lighting intensity is not sufficient, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 93.

Property Transfers
Jakie Derwood Akers to Jerry L. Hall, property located at Prater Creek.
Nancy Bussey to Carol Marsillett and John Marsillett, property not listed.
Jason R. H. Castle to Barry Crum and Teri Lee Crum, property not listed.
Leah A. Castle to Barry Crum and Teri Lee Crum, property not listed.
David Community Development Corporation to Gregory Horn and Tonya Horn, property not listed.
Floyd D. Davis to Rachel N. Davis Isaacs, property not listed.
Nancy C. Davis to Rachel N. Davis Isaacs, property not listed.
Ronnie L. Dillion to Thelma Allen, property located at Bucks Branch.
Ladonna K. Estrada to Linda Michelle Hall Manica, property not listed.

First Commonwealth Bank to Kevin Matthew Shelton and Julianna Sturgill, property not listed.
Garland Godsey to Carol Marsillett and John Marsillett, property not listed.
Wonnell Godsey to Carol Marsillett and John Marsillett, property not listed.
Hinkle Contracting Company LLC to Bluegrass Allen Block LLC, property not listed.

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Ky. jobless rate drops from Feb. to March

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate fell from 10.4 percent in February 2011 to 10.2 percent in March, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary March 2011 jobless rate dropped 6 percentage point below the 10.8 percent rate recorded in March 2010 for the state. The 10.2 percent rate recorded in March 2011 is the lowest rate since November 2010 when it was 10.2 percent.

"Kentucky's economy showed signs of improvement in March 2011 as the unemployment rate dropped to 10.2 percent. Nonfarm employment grew for the third month in a row and reached its highest level since January 2009. Eleven consecutive months of year-over-year job growth provide additional evidence of economic recovery," said Dr. Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 8.9 percent in February 2011 to 8.8 percent in March 2011, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Seven of the 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors reported an employment increase in March 2011, while three decreased and one remained the same, according to OET. An increase of 11,600 jobs in March 2011 brought Kentucky's nonfarm employment to a seasonally adjusted total of 1,795,100. Kentucky's nonfarm employment has grown by 35,100 workers since March 2010.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector climbed by 5,100 jobs in March 2011. Since March 2010, the sector has surged by 11,800 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodations and food services, and drinking places industries.

"The year-over-year expansion primarily occurred at accommodations and food services businesses reflecting the openings of a hotel, beverage services establishments and countless restaurants," said Detzel.

The state's trade, transportation and utilities sector grew by 2,100 jobs in March 2011. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing businesses, and utilities. It is the largest sector in Kentucky with 361,100 employees. Since March 2010, the number of jobs in this sector has increased by 1,200.

Construction sector jobs increased by 1,900 in March

2011. Since March 2010, employment in the construction sector has dropped by 2,200 jobs.

"This marks the third consecutive month of rising employment in the construction sector. As the economy recovers, businesses are expanding and entrepreneurs are building facilities to house new companies," said Detzel.

Employment in the other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance businesses; personal and laundry services; religious organizations; and civic and professional organizations, rose by 1,600 positions in March 2011. This sector had 3,300 more positions in March 2011 than March 2010. The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, added 1,000 jobs in March 2011. The sector has 2,800 more jobs than in March 2010.

The educational and health services sector reported 900 more workers in March 2011. The sector has surged by 3,900 workers since March 2010. This sec-

tor includes private and non-profit establishments that provide either education and training or health care and social assistance to their clients.

Employment in the mining and logging sector increased by 800 in March 2011. The sector has gained 1,500 jobs since March 2010.

The information sector maintained steady employment from February 2011 to March 2011. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities, data processing, broadcasting and news syndication, has decreased by 300 positions since March 2010.

"The shift away from mainstream media and news publications, a telecommunications company closing and layoffs at major newspapers factored into the year-over-year employment declines," said Detzel.

The professional and business services sector declined by 1,300 positions in March 2011. This area includes professional, scientific and technical services; management of companies; and administrative support and waste management,

including temporary help agencies. Since last March, jobs in the sector have jumped by 8,800.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector decreased by 300 jobs in March 2011. Since March 2010, employment in the manufacturing sector has climbed by 5,500 positions.

"The year-over-year job expansion predominantly occurred in the durable goods subsector. As the economy recovers and consumers regain confidence, the manufacturing sector is ramping up production as businesses restock inventories to meet the resurgence in demand for products," Detzel said.

The financial activities sector dropped by 200 jobs in March 2011. This segment, which includes businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has 1,200 fewer positions than in March 2010.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for March 2011 was 1,895,976 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is up 11,062 from the 1,884,914 employed in February 2011,

and up 34,649 from the 1,851,327 employed in March 2010.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for March 2011 was 214,282, down 3,980 from the 218,262 Kentuckians unemployed in February 2011, and down 10,213 from the 224,495 unemployed in March 2010.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for March 2011 was 2,110,258. This figure is up 7,082 from the 2,103,176 recorded in February 2011, and up 24,436 from the 2,085,822 recorded in March 2010.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do

not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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— Gregory Nunn

Guest View

A downtrend in tobacco production sounds like a bit of good news

It's sad sometimes when some things change. The fact that this year some of Kentucky's farmers are opting to grow something other than tobacco is not one of those things.

According to the Associated Press, agriculture experts estimate the cultivation of burley tobacco will decrease sharply in Kentucky this year. Less people smoking and bans on smoking in public places are apparently to blame for a lack in demand. Considering the thousands of people who die from tobacco use each year, we can't say we're saddened by the news, especially knowing that the Commonwealth's farmers are finding other crops to plant this year.

That same AP report noted that our farmers, expect to plant upwards of 140,000 more acres of corn and soybeans than usual. That sounds like a good trade off to us.

Kentucky spent \$297 million between 1995 and 2009 on state subsidies for the tobacco industry, according to the Farm Subsidy Database, and \$47 million in 2008 alone.

Considering the figures, we can't feel too sorry for a loss in tobacco production.

It would be a better use of those dollars to incentivize farmers to grow more worthwhile crops, like corn and soybeans. In fact, why not legalize a hemp industry? It makes little sense not to when all factors, such as the bevy of uses for it, are considered.

Ultimately, this downturn in burley production is a good sign, because unlike other industries farmers can always use their acreage to grow something else. With biofuels like ethanol all the rage right now, not to mention health studies that show eating whole grains ward off cancer, it makes sense to grow more corn or other grains. Looking at it from this perspective, subsidizing a corn farmer is much more palatable than someone whose crop is likely going to cause someone to develop cancer.

— The Hazard Herald



Beyond the Beltway

NPR's stupid situation

by DONALD KAUL
OtherWords

National Public Radio is having a tough time. It's being beaten up and knocked down, its good name dragged through the mud.

It hurts to watch stumble after stumble by executives of this smart radio network. (It's still smart if you listen to it, but behind the scenes, oh my.)

It started with the Juan Williams affair. Mr. Williams—who, incredibly enough, was both NPR's house conservative and Fox News' house liberal—told the Fox audience that he got nervous when he saw people who looked like Muslims board his plane.

The comment raised a dust-up. In the fight that followed, Mr. Williams was fired. (Weep not for him, dear friends; Fox immediately hired him full-time for \$2 million.)

The firing raised another dust-up and the executive who fired him "resigned."

It's surprising that a prominent African-American journalist would appear to endorse a form of racial profiling. I didn't think Williams should have been fired for his comment, and I didn't think the editor should have been let go either. I believe in second chances.

Then came the Ron Schiller affair. Mr. Schiller, NPR's top fundraiser, was lured into a meeting with two

men posing as wealthy Muslim donors. Heavily edited clips from the secretly videotaped meeting showed him denouncing tea partiers and Republican activists as Islamophobic, "seriously racist," and a little dim.

It's always dangerous to blurt out the truth like that. When the misleading footage of the conversation got out, Mr. Schiller was dismissed, NPR's CEO as well. I can see dismissing the fundraiser—he was a poster child for the Society of Effete Liberal Snobs—but firing the CEO is just giving in to the bad guys without a fight.

But wait, there's more. Another tape revealed yet another fundraiser instructing the fake donors on how to use a donation to fudge their taxes. (If that were a crime, every tax adviser would be in jail, but it does seem kind of cheesy for NPR to do it.) As of this writing, she has been placed on leave. But expect a trip to the guillotine soon.

One is tempted to quote the great philosopher Casey Stengel who, after watching his New York Mets butcher their way to another loss, said: "Can't anybody here play this game?"

The Republicans in Congress have responded to all of this by voting to cut off federal funding for public radio. Being realistic, they'd do that anyway. Conservative politicians, most of whom couldn't find their public radio station on the dial, hate public radio the way vampires hate the light.

NPR officials have pretty much stood there and taken the abuse with mild complaint. I think they're afraid if they defend themselves, conserva-

tives will get even angrier with them.

But they will never mollify their critics.

Did I mention that NPR was smart? It is, and if there's one thing conservatives hate, it's smart. Just look at their favorite spokespersons—Sarah Palin, Michele Bachmann, Mike Pence, Steve King. No Mensa group they.

NPR is one of our most important cultural institutions. It's worth every penny we spend on it. More than 27 million people listen to public stations each week. This is up 58 percent in the past decade. Only 37 percent of them describe themselves as liberals; 28 percent define themselves as conservative or very conservative.

NPR's not an arm of the Democrats, as Fox is of the Republicans. It's not even that liberal. Its staff is made up mainly of liberals, probably, but they are also professionals who seek to do an honest job of telling what's happening in the world—straight. That's called journalism. Fox News cannot be accused of that sin.

If the federal government were to take away NPR's subsidy, the network would survive. It's not that much money. But being a public institution is important to its mission. It enforces a responsibility that private institutions don't share.

We don't need a liberal version of Fox. We need something much, much better than that. And we have it—if we can keep it.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. www.otherwords.org.

The Usual Eccentric

Vicodin, and clowns, and circus music, oh my!

by WILE E. SANDERS

I-ah jizz gawt buck from da dentist and gawt a toof pulled. Hey, I tinkta Novocain is star-tin' to wear off. So that means the (prescribed) Vicodin I took on the ride home is liable to send me off to planet painkiller for the rest of the afternoon, so I'll cut to the chase.

Over the years, I took better care of my underwear than these once-pearly whites of mine. In my younger days, I maintained a diet solely of candy and other delicious confections. You could blindfold me, place an M&M in my mouth, and I could taste it and tell you what color it was. I was, in but a few words, a candy connoisseur.

To this day, I still hold the little league baseball record for having the most Sour Patch Kids crammed in my mouth for an at-bat. Thirty-nine, and I ended up vomiting in my father's Astro minivan later that afternoon. Man, he was so upset with me.

Whoa! I'm really getting off topic. Maybe these painkillers are kicking in?

It all started a few months ago. I went to the dentist and learned tooth

No. 31 needed to be extracted, which is some weird dentist code for pulling a molar.

Wait, back up! Actually, it all started more than a decade ago when I stopped going to the dentist altogether. What can I say? My second biggest fear in life is going to the dentist, although clowns run a steady third. My biggest fear in life? Shouldn't it be obvious? A clown dentist! I'm so glad they don't exist. (Or do they? Wait, I don't want to know. I just want to keep on believing that dentist clowns are purely a figment of my imagination.)

Thankfully, the dentist I had was dressed like a dentist, except he wasn't a dentist at all, nor was he a clown, which I appreciated immensely. He was an oral surgeon who conducts something called maxillofacial surgery. Now I might not have any idea what that means, but I can assure you it's extremely unpleasant to be the recipient of it.

See, your average set of human teeth are really in there. To exhume one, it takes a tremendous amount of force and the largest set of medieval teeth pliers you have ever set your eyes on. And thankfully for my sake, a decent amount of laughing gas is the recipient of it.

Why is it that laughing gas is only administered during the most unamusing times of your life? You are never allowed to have it any other time except when something—say a piece of bone from your face—is being

yanked out of your body.

This wasn't just any old sweet tooth that was getting pulled, either. The decayed molar that once held court on the far right of my lower jaw was a real devil. It had even made the American Dental Association's Most Wanted List for a string of daylight bank robberies throughout the Midwest. He had my loud mouth hostage and planned on fighting the oral surgeon... tooth and nail!

Yeah, these painkillers are definitely kicking in now.

"This won't hurt at all," the dental assistant informed me before giving me a shot of Novocain, probably because that's what people say to you before they jab a series of needles into your gum line.

Shortly thereafter, I felt the sweet embrace of nitrous oxide, followed by Dr. Victor Kim hovering over me with surgical contraptions that looked more like tools for torture than for tooth care. I winced and shut my eyes (and left them that way for the duration). And you better believe that I started sucking on that laughing gas like I was trying to play the tuba.

Deprived of eyesight, I noticed a fair amount of drilling for my liking, felt an odd tugging sensation and distinctly remembering hearing circus music, but then again that most likely was a result of the laughing gas.

When I opened my eyes, the den-

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Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J. 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 888-3853, ext. 67297.
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Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
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Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.;

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CHURCH OF GOD

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Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff White, Pastor.
The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

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Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 147 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neely St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeffrey Lambert, Pastor.
Elliff's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Pastor David Profit.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profit.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Services 6 p.m.; Rev. Jim Adams, Pastor.
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Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
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Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
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Faith Revelation, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.
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Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
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Pikeville College biology club supports ASPCA

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Biology Club recently raised money for the Appalachian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Biology Club members and advisors held a raffle, raising \$961.86. Additional club funds were added to make a total donation of \$1,000. The proceeds will be used to fund veterinary costs and transportation for animals to foster homes until

they are adopted. Items raffled included a handmade wooden drum set, crafted by Mark Bolt, associate professor of biology, and a handmade quilt, sewn by Corrine Bolt, chief information officer at Pikeville College. ASPCA volunteer Cathy Maynard, division secretary at Pikeville College, brought several adoptable pets to campus the week of the raffle to bolster ticket sales.



Pictured, from left, are Billy Dempsey, "Pepe," Mark Bolt, Cathy Maynard, President Paul E. Patton, Lacey Kyle Ferrell, Maranda Elswick and "Papi."



Taylor Elizabeth Mosley, right, of Martin, recently received the award for most outstanding history student and the Redford Darnon Teacher Education Award for most outstanding secondary education student during Pikeville College's A&S Honor Convocation. The event acknowledges academic excellence and student achievement. The history award was presented by Stephen Budney, associate professor of history. Mosley is a member of the volleyball team, cross country, Phi Alpha Theta, History Club and the Kentucky Education Association Student Program. Mosley attended The Washington Center, a nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities by providing students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit. She also serves as a track coach at Pikeville High School. Mosley is the daughter of Nira Branham and David Mosley and the granddaughter of Mary York.

Pikeville College honors academic achievement

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College recently held its annual Honors Convocation, a celebration of academic excellence and student achievement.

Outstanding students in each academic major were individually recognized. Members of honor societies, academic clubs and organizations and students named to the Dean's List were also recognized.

Individuals honored for outstanding academic achievement in their field of study were Leah Brooke Robinson of Elkhorn City, elementary education; Taylor Elizabeth Mosley of Martin, history and secondary education; Maranda J. Elswick of Big Rock, Va., biology; Josiah A. Mullins of Pikeville, business administration; Bradley G. Bryant of Pikeville, communication; Christopher K. Vincini of Cumberland, criminal justice; Gary T. Smith of Virgie, art and English; Megan L. Smith of Pikeville, English; Joseph T. Hall of Pikeville, history/political science; Tyler J. Little of Neon, mathematics; David Thacker of Elkhorn City, first-year nursing; Ashton P.

Bartley of Pikeville, social work; Meshala L. Bartley of Pikeville, sociology; and Sumer M. Bingham of Elkhorn City, psychology and religion.

Awards were presented to winners of the Pikeville College 2011 Writers' Competition in the categories of critical writing, fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry. The Sylvia Trent Auxier Poetry prizes were

awarded to Brittany Frasure of Paintsville, and Jennifer Charles of Beaver.

The Carrie D. Kirkman fiction prizes were awarded to Gary Smith and Jennifer Charles. The Anna Loos Critical Writing prizes were awarded to Gary Smith.

The Ruby Elizabeth Fizer creative non-fiction prizes were awarded to Megan Smith and Brittany Thacker of Shelbyville.

McDonald's looking for new workers during 'National Hiring Day'

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — McDonald's and its franchisees are looking to hire more than 150 new crew and restaurant management positions at its Tri-State-area restaurants on April 19.

This one-day event is part of a nationwide initiative for McDonald's and its franchisees — the target, hire up to 50,000 new employees at restaurants across the country.

All of the 90 restaurants in the Tri-State area will be participating.

The new positions will include a combination of both seasonal and sustaining full-time and part-time positions based upon individual restau-

rant needs. Those interested in applying for an available position are encouraged to visit their participating local McDonald's or apply online at www.McDonalds.com/Careers.

More detailed job information can be found locally at www.mcvirginia.com, www.mckentucky.com and www.mcoho.com.

For interested applicants who want to learn more about the McDonald's work experience, McDonald's current employees have volunteered to proudly share their "Why I Love My McJob" stories online at www.McDonalds.com/Careers.

McDonald's has chosen to initiate National Hiring Day at this time due to strong business

and sustained sales growth. Together, these factors have created the need for 50,000 new crew-level and restaurant management positions to continue delivering a quick and quality experience for our customers. Since our employees play key roles in our continued success, we believe this is a good time to re-educate and remind people about the unique employment opportunities and benefits McDonald's offers.

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BLHS taking part in AP class program

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne High School is one of 20 high schools in the state to participate in

AdvanceKentucky's AP Teachers Training and Incentive Program (ATIP). AdvanceKentucky is funded by a \$13.2 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative

(NMSI), which is supported by ExxonMobil, Dell and Gates Foundations, Lockheed and others. Kentucky sponsors include the Kentucky Department of Education,

which has chipped in \$500,000 for expansion to new schools during the 2011-12 school year, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and Kentucky Science and Technology

Corporation. AdvanceKentucky has received federal grants from Appalachian Regional Commission and U.S. Department of Education through KDE.

According to the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, "The NMSI model has demonstrated its proven ability in Kentucky schools to dramatically increase access to and accelerate learning in rigorous math, science and English (MSE) courses, as shown by qualifying scores on AP exams, particularly among under-represented student populations."

"We are looking to increase enrollment at a younger age and guide kids to advanced classes," said Betsy Layne High School Principal Cassandra Akers. "We want to provide incentives that will encourage the students to participate in advance placement classes."

Akers said the ATIP program will be implemented at the start of the next school year, and the school is looking to add additional AP classes to preregistration this year.

"We are also going to develop a flyer and have parent meetings over the summer," Akers said.

"On the most recent 2010 AP exams, the 28 AdvanceKentucky schools alone contributed 43 percent of all new qualifying scores earned across Kentucky and 69 percent of new qualifying scores earned by minority students. These early participants performed at up to 12 times the national rate of one-year growth in student performance."



AG unveils new 'I Care About Kids' license plate

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway unveiled a newly designed "I Care About Kids" license plate Thursday. Proceeds from the sale of the license plate will go to the Child Victims' Trust Fund (CVTF) to assist in funding child sexual abuse prevention programs and to help offset the portion of child sexual abuse medical exam expenses not covered by private insurance or Medicaid.

"When it's time to renew your car tags, please consider purchasing our redesigned 'I Care About Kids' license plate," said General Conway, chairman of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board, which oversees the CVTF. "The proceeds from these license plates help fund programs that are truly making a difference for Kentucky's most vulnerable children. With your assistance, we can help keep Kentucky families safe."

Nationally, rates regarding child victims of rape or sexual assault range from 1.2 to

1.9 children per 1,000. Approximately one-third of all sexual assaults reported to law enforcement involved a victim under the age of 12, and it's estimated that only one in 10 victims of sexual abuse ever discloses the abuse.

"Children who have been sexually abused are more likely to abuse alcohol and are 3.8 times more likely to develop drug addictions," said General Conway. "The consequences of child sexual abuse are significant and can

last a lifetime."

The new "I Care About Kids" license plate is expected to be available this summer and can be purchased through local county clerk's offices.

Kentuckians can also support child sexual abuse prevention initiatives through private donations or through the Kentucky Income Tax Refund Check-Off. For more information on the CSAEP Board and Child Victims' Trust Fund, visit <http://ag.ky.gov/criminal/victims/cvtf/>.

Lawsuit

these properties and also resulting in a "loss of use and enjoyment of their homes and properties."

It is claimed in the lawsuit that the two companies have been on notice of the "continuing and repeated and ongoing trespass" on the property owner's land and are aware of the damages, which have been "utterly disregarded."

For more information on the other six plaintiffs in the case are asking for a jury

trial, compensation for damages resulting from the mining and blasting operations they say have caused the issues specified in the suit, punitive damages, costs and attorney fees and any other relief they may be found entitled to by a decision.

The lawsuit was filed in Floyd Circuit Court by Adam P. Collins, of the Campbell, Collins and Collins law firm in Hindman.

Petition

to support this resolution," Ray said.

The resolution is boiled down to a simple statement included in Ray's letter, sent out April 12, which says, "If the VA fails to give Veterans a complete disability exam, that is an error," adding that "The VA saying it's not an error is nonsense."

The Johns Creek DAV Chapter 166 has also issued a similar letter of resolution sent from that post's commander, Robert Charles of Island Creek. In that letter, Charles addresses the same issue.

"Freedom isn't free," he writes. "Disabled combat veterans know that better than anyone. It's a disgrace when disabled veterans' freedom is stripped from them after they have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve our basic freedoms."

The VA (Veterans Administration) has written a regulation that Charles and Ray, along with more than a dozen others who have already signed the floating petition, say has "literally taken" veterans' freedom to present and have evidence considered that is favorable to their disability claims.

In essence, the regulation stipulates that if the VA does not administer an examination, or if the medical history isn't considered, this isn't considered an error and filing veterans cannot use the lack of these as evidence for a claim.

As of Thursday, a petition circulating in the region seeking to have Congress strike down the regulation has garnered about two dozen signatures, most of those from residents of Pike County.

Teachers

America will be sending approximately 30 of its members to the region. Floyd County Schools will focus on finding applicants with certifications that will fill high-need positions, such as physical science, math and foreign language. The teachers from Teach for America will be required to go through the same application and evaluation process as all other teachers.

"Teach for America has been working to find the right entry point into Appalachia for a number of years, and

we're grateful for the leadership of the state legislature and the Education Professional Standards Board in reaching this point," said Wendy Kopp, founder and CEO of Teach for America. "We're excited to join the region's ongoing efforts to strengthen its education system and look forward to recruiting and developing individuals who will work alongside other committed educators to expand educational opportunity for Eastern Kentucky's children."

Teach for America members will apply for open positions in high-need schools in the Floyd, Knox and Martin County school districts, and the organization will open a central office in Hazard. Teach For America will continue to pursue partnerships with additional school districts over the coming weeks.

For more information about the Teach For America program, visit the organization's website at <http://www.teachforamerica.com>.

Governor

ing him to reconsider his decision to not implement a state drug monitoring system previously approved by the Florida legislature. Recent news reports confirm that, at least in part due to outside persuasion, the drug monitoring project is moving forward and will be operational later this year.

Beshear has pointed again

and again to his state's own system, KASPER (The Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System) as an example to look to in forming other systems to combat the drug epidemic.

KASPER tracks controlled substance prescriptions dispensed within the state, helping health care

providers ensure a person does not get prescriptions from several different sources, while also helping police investigate the diversion of pills to illegal sales.

In 2006, the White House recognized KASPER as one of the nation's flagship prescription drug monitoring programs.

"KASPER has proven successful in Kentucky's battle against prescription drug abuse," Beshear told the congressional panel Thursday. "However, the full effectiveness of this powerful weapon is limited by the

fact that some states still do not have similar systems."

In addition, Beshear offered during his testimony on the importance of increasing resources to federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutors in Florida to address the threat that drugs obtained there will be diverted and abused on a regional scale.

"Kentucky is not an island. We live in a mobile society and that mobility limits the ability of any one state to be entirely successful in addressing substance abuse issues."

Eccentric

tist (like a magician, had vanished). It was over. So, I waddled to the window felling like someone slipped me a Mickey to pay the bill. After I wrote a check to the kind hippopotamus behind the desk, I hopped into my toadstool and left.

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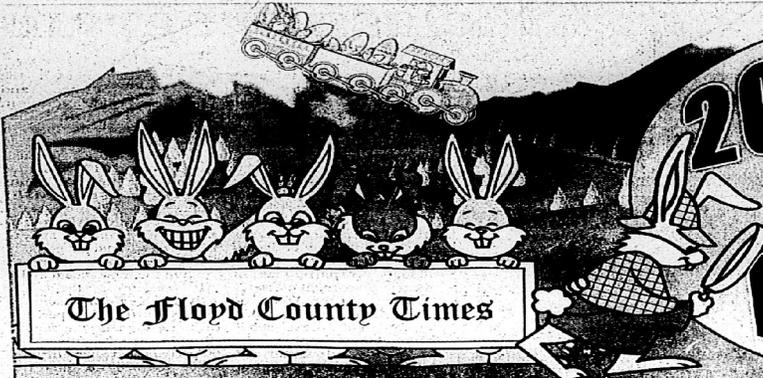
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Lady Rebels edge South Floyd

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE — The Allen Central Lady Rebels claimed their third straight win on Monday, edging host South Floyd 3-2 in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference softball game at Minnie Park. Allen Central plated a pair of runs in the fourth inning and held off a late South

Floyd rally to clinch the victory. The Lady Rebels bested South Floyd after the Lady Raiders claimed a convincing 11-0 win in six innings earlier in the season.

Veteran Allen Central pitcher Shea Spurlock got the win. Spurlock registered 12 strikeouts.

Ada Gayheart suffered the loss for the Lady Raiders.

Gayheart was saddled with her first loss of the season. She recorded 11 strikeouts in the short effort.

Allen Central improved to 3-4 after claiming its third straight win. In back-to-back matchups last week, games played April 6 and 7, respectively. Allen Central beat

Pike County Central 11-5 and Cordia 17-0 in three innings. South Floyd dropped to 3-1 after being handed its first loss.

Allen Central scored first in the opening inning. After the first two batters in the Allen Central order struck out, Spurlock legged out a triple. The next batter in the

(See **REBELS**, page 2)

Exemption permit allows hunters an extra year to obtain their hunter education card

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Hunters required to complete a hunter education course to legally be in the field, who haven't had time to get their orange card, don't have to miss Kentucky's spring turkey season April 16 through May 8.

Kentucky's hunter apprentice opportunity — the

(See **PERMIT**, page 8)

Shepherd returns to majors form

Lawrence County senior pitcher is dominating less than two years after Tommy John surgery

by **RICK BENTLEY**
TIMES COLUMNIST

By the end of his freshman season at Lawrence County High School, baseball fans across the Commonwealth knew full well who Chandler Shepherd was after he pitched the Bulldogs to the state championship game.

By the summer between his sophomore and junior year, the Commonwealth wondered if he'd ever be able to return to form.

By the time this season ends, the University of Kentucky may have its prized recruit to a hefty signing bonus in the Major League draft.

And you thought your high school days were up and down.

Shepherd, who had Tommy John surgery shortly after ending his sophomore season for the Bulldogs, appears to be back. On Wednesday, Coach Travis Felner could be heard smiling through the phone as he recited his senior right-hander's numbers.

Four wins, no losses, he said. Twenty-one innings pitched, only two hits allowed, he added. Thirty-nine strikeouts, three walks, he continued.

And no — zero, zilch — runs allowed. Forget earned runs. Nary a run has been scored off him.

It's safe to say Chandler Shepherd is back.

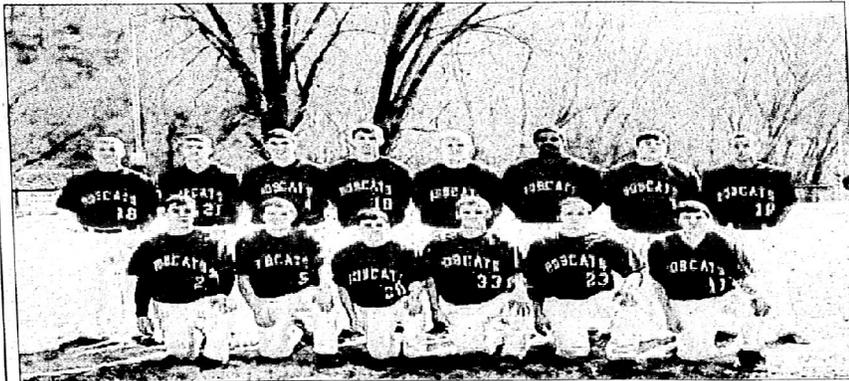
Oh yeah, by the way. At the dish? Try on a .519 batting average with a dinger and five RBIs out of the two-hole.

"He's had a great start," his coach said. By that statement, it's also possible to expect Felner to say water is somewhat moist and Hawaii has potential to be a nice tourist attraction.

The kid can flat play the game.

"It's amazing. He's been really strong and is throwing it well," said Felner. "He's added a pitch and has looked

(See **SHEPHERD**, page 2)



The Betsy Layne High School baseball team captured its first win of the season last week, blanking 58th District/Floyd County Conference counterpart South Floyd 10-0 in five innings.

Online registration open for Bluegrass State Games

Sports available to athletes in Floyd, all other Kentucky counties

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Online registration for the Bluegrass State Games Sports for 2011 are 5K Run/Walk; Archery; Baseball (10U, 12U); Baseball (8U Coach Pitch, 7U Coach Pitch); Basketball; Bowling; Chess; Cornhole; Cross Country; Cycling; Disc Golf; Fencing; Flag Football; Golf; Lacrosse; Martial Arts; Mountain Biking; Racquetball; Sailing; Shooting; Skateboarding; Soccer; Softball; Swimming; Table Tennis; Tee Ball; Tennis; TOPS Soccer; Track and Field; Ultimate Frisbee; Volleyball; Volleyball — Sand and Grass; Wakeboarding; Water Skiing and Wrestling.

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Founding Sponsors are Commonwealth of Kentucky; Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government; University of Kentucky and Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau.

(See **BLUEGRASS**, page 8)

All 'A' Baseball: Pikeville slips past Rebels

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Reigning regional champion Pikeville punched its ticket to the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game on Wednesday, defeating longtime rival Allen Central 1-0.

Pikeville freshman pitcher Jacob Hamilton went the distance and claimed the win. Hamilton only allowed

two hits. He had 11 strikeouts in a stellar outing. Hamilton was instrumental from the mound throughout Pikeville's long postseason run during the 2010 season.

Allen Central's starting pitcher Jake Prater suffered the loss in a complete game effort. Prater limited Pikeville to three hits. Pikeville, still undefeated, moved to 9-0 after notching the win.

Allen Central, which

blasted Shelby Valley 17-0 in five innings and doubled up Phelps 8-4 during games played earlier in the region; at small school tournament, dropped to 3-5 following the loss.

Following two scoreless innings, Pikeville's first baseman Layne Cecil doubled and later scored for the Panthers in the third frame. Allen Central made noise with a baserunner or multiple runners on base in

three separate innings prior to being shut out.

Steven Layne and Randy Maynard both had a single for Pikeville in the hard-fought win.

Gage Parsons and Cameron Hamilton each had a single for the Rebels.

Allen Central was visiting Letcher County, Central Thursday evening. The Allen Central-Letcher

(See **PIKEVILLE**, page 2)

Prestonsburg to host Area 3, 9 Spring Games

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School is poised to host Kentucky Special Olympics Area 3 and 9 Spring Games. The area competitions will be held on Saturday (April 16) at Prestonsburg High School's Josh Francis Field.

Both Area and Regional level competitions serve as qualifying events for athletes who wish to advance to State competition. In the sports of Bowling and Track & Field, athletes must qualify for State events by participating in their respective Area tournament or competition.

Eastern Kentucky University will host the State Summer Games June 3-5.

The Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games is the largest competition event of the year as competition is conducted in five (5) sports: Aquatics, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer and Track & Field. The Games are traditionally held the first weekend in June and take place on a college campus. On average, 1,200 athletes participate in the State

(See **GAMES**, page 2)

ALC golf team earns first win

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA — Earlier in the week, the Alice Lloyd College men's golf team faced host Berea College in a dual match. The Eagles earned their first team victory of the season, edging Berea 336-337.

For ALC, Issac Wilson shot a course-leading 76, finishing five strokes out in

(See **GOLF**, page 2)

Allen Central outlasts Letcher

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School volleyball program faced longtime powerhouse Letcher Middle School on Wednesday and earned its 19th A-Team win of the season. The Rebels won the A-Team match 2-0. In a hard-fought first set, Allen Central battled back from behind to win 24-22. The Rebels prevailed 21-14 in the second set.

Katie Kendrick paced the Allen Central A-Team with eight kills and nine aces. Fellow middle, Chelsea Austin provided five kills and two aces. Lannah Gibson dished up eight kills and earned an ace for Allen Central in the winning

(See **CENTRAL**, page 2)

Pelphrey joins Donovan's coaching staff at Florida

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Former Arkansas head coach John Pelphrey, a Paintsville native, didn't stay unemployed long. Pelphrey is returning to Florida, where he'll rejoin longtime friend Billy Donovan as an assistant on the Gators'

coaching staff. Former St. John's head coach Norm Roberts has also been announced as a new assistant coach for the Florida men's basketball program.

Pelphrey served six years (1996-2002) as an assistant under Donovan. The Paintsville High School product is returning to Florida after

spending the past nine seasons at South Alabama (2002-07) and Arkansas (2007-11). Arkansas fired Pelphrey last month after the former University of Kentucky stand-out compiled a 69-59 record with the Razorbacks. Pelphrey guided Arkansas to the NCAA Tournament during his first season.



Paintsville native John Pelphrey has rejoined the Florida coaching staff.

Pikeville College women's soccer program participates in Judi's Place 5K

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Lady Bears soccer team participated in the Fourth Annual Judi's Place 5K Walk/Run recently in Pikeville. Members of the soccer team ran in the race to show community support in an effort to raise money for the cause of

preventing and treatment of child abuse. Coach Warford and the team will be volunteering for several upcoming events, including the Kentucky Special Olympics that are held annually at Eastern Kentucky University. During the upcoming weekend, Prestonsburg High School will host the Area 3 and Area 9 Spring Games.

In the photo on the right, pictured are, from left, Jami Mullifis, Ashley Crutcher, Brenda Guerra, Kara Henning, Alex Allen, Suzi Harp, Caro Real, Sydney Shwelbach, Candice Adams, Brittney Davis, Kourtney Winner and Head Coach Gary Warford.



The Pikeville College women's soccer team participated in the Fourth Annual Judi's Place 5K Walk/Run.

Former EK Miner Dean signs with Florida Flight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Florida Flight has signed veteran guard Mike Dean for the 2011 season. Florida is a second-year franchise in the Continental Basketball League (CBL).

A former Middle Tennessee State University standout, Dean has been playing professionally across the globe for the past seven years. He has enjoyed stints in several foreign countries including Poland, Germany, Mexico, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. In the United States, Dean has played in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and the NBA Developmental League. Dean was a star player for

the East Kentucky Miners during a successful stint in Pikeville.

Dean led the CBA in scoring with Rio Grande Valley Silverados before being traded to the East Kentucky Miners midway through the 2007-2008 season. On March 2, 2008, the Miners, under the guidance of Coach Kevin Keathley, broke a 29-year CBA record for most points scored in a game by a team with a 194-115 win over the Atlanta Krunk. The offensive-minded Dean led all scorers with 44 points as the Miners also set the professional basketball single-game scoring record.

Dean recently returned from playing in Venezuela after suffering a minor ankle

injury. His ankle is again completely healthy, and he will join the Florida Flight for training camp in April.

"I just want to thank God for giving me so many opportunities to play basketball at this level," said Dean. "I'm really looking forward to joining the Florida Flight and helping this team bring a championship to the Avlon Park area of Orlando, Florida this season."

This season, the Flight will keep a 10-man active roster, as well as an inactive developmental roster for players seeking to improve their game and jump to the next level. Training camp for the Flight starts April 20. The CBL season will tip off in early May.

Hott competes in Ohio-Kentucky All-Star game

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CRESTVIEW HILLS — Betsy Layne High School senior Taylor Hott, an Alice Lloyd College signee, competed in the 20th annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star basketball series held Saturday at Thomas More College.

Ohio swept the series Saturday night. In the boys' game, Ohio edged Kentucky 102-100. Ohio pulled away to win the girls' game 63-50.

Ohio leads the boys' series 12-7. Kentucky leads the girls' series 12-7.

A breakdown of complete rosters from the 20th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star basketball series follows.

Kentucky Boys: Remiy Abell, Lyonell Gaines, Cameron Woods (Eastern); George Fant, Jordan Shanklin (Warren Central); Chris Freeman (Muhlenberg County); Anthony

Hickey, Donovan Kates (Christian County); Jermaine Jackson (Iroquois); Tony Kimbro (Jeffersonton); Timmy Knipp (Elliott County); DeOndre McWhorter (Moore); Jordan Percell (Campbellville); Treg Setty (Mason County); Ryan Taylor (Western). Head coach: Kerry Stoval (Christian County).

Kentucky Girls: Brianna Averette (Central); Jillnell Bevins (Belfry); Carla Booth (Sheldon Clark); Brooke Coleman (Shelby Valley); Kelli Dixon (Watson-Yerona); Tierra Hamilton (Rowan County); Lenette Holt (Jeffersonton); Taylor Hott (Betsy Layne); Teonia McCune (Fern Creek); Leanne Mullins (Menifee County); Kristin Perry (West Carter); Prisha Rogers (Clark County); Adrienne Tarrence (Bowling Green); Emily Underwood (East Jessamine); Sydni Wainscott (Simon Kenton). Head coach: Jeff Stowers (Simon Kenton).

Shepherd

really sharp to this point. Sometimes numbers lie, but his haven't to this point. He's been strong, sharp and throwing the ball well.

"And then there's this: 'He feels good, and we feel good having him out there.'"

"That's a must better evaluation right there."

"I'd say the most difficult thing for Feltner to negotiate has been the weather forecasts. 'It's hard to get into a good groove,' he said. 'Hopefully the weather will break soon.'"

Back to his star pitcher, Feltner said despite signing the scholarship at Kentucky the pro scouts have been plentiful this spring. "We've had three or four scouts every time he's pitched," he said. "They call weekly wanting to know when he's going to throw."

"We have hopes he'll be a draft pick somewhere. If he continues to have good year it looks promising. We'll just have to wait and see on that."

"We asked Feltner to compare Shepherd before and after the surgery."

"He has always had great arm and great stuff. I just feel like he's stronger than before," the coach said. "I know he's stronger mentally. Long term this may be the best thing for him mentally. He had to dig deep and get stronger. He's been able to go out and pitch without any fear of injury."

"That's important coming off an injury like that.

It's not in the back of his mind right now, so that's good."

Shepherd was released to pitch at the end of May last year. After throwing two times for Lawrence County, he headed north to play for famed Cincinnati Midland, a Connie Mack team. "He was strong every outing all summer and all fall as well," Feltner said. "His rehab was perfect all last year. He never missed a step and was stronger all the way through. He made it all the way unscathed."

But Lawrence didn't exactly struggle, winning 24 games. "We had a good year and a good ball club," the coach said.

Not, however, what it could have been. "We definitely had a big hole to fill," Feltner said. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime player for a school like us."

Feltner guesses that Shepherd is consistently hitting 88-89 miles per hour, and knows from a scout he topped out at 92.

The coach also knows there's no promise his team will automatically assume

the throne in the 15th Region, especially after Pikeville made it to the state semifinals only one year ago.

"Make no mistake about it, it was no fluke the run they had last year," he said. "They have a good ball club. We've got a good one with him, but to me they're the team to beat. I can promise you that on our end we know they've got a good ball club. We didn't give it to them; they came in and took it."

But the Bulldogs won't be in any rush to hand the trophy over to the Panthers or to anyone else.

"We want to enjoy it," he said. "Don't want it to hurry and get here. We feel like we have a good solid ball club built around pitching and defense. We have goals of a great postseason run again."

"And having someone like (Shepherd) on the hill is a big advantage."

Games

Games and each has qualified through participation at a Regional or Area level event. In addition to the athletes, approximately 600 coaches and 600 family members attend the Games.

Prestonsburg High School has been a longtime gracious host to Kentucky Special Olympics Area Games.

Central

effort. Defensively, Kendrick recorded a block and led all back row players with six digs. Austin added four digs for the Rebels.

The Allen Central B-Team lost in three sets to Letcher, dropping the first

set 13-18, Allen Central won the second set 18-15, then lost steam in the third game. Letcher defeated Allen Central 18-13 in the third and decisive set.

Letcher blanked Allen Central 2-0 in the C-Team match, winning 15-10, 15-

11. Allen Central was in Martin County, facing Warfield at press time Thursday evening. Results from the Allen Central-Warfield matches were unavailable at press time.

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Rebels

Allen Central lineup — cleanup hitter Sarah Kinney — smacked a double to drive in the game's first run.

South Floyd knotted the game 1-1 in the bottom half of the first inning when Branda Hamby dropped in a single to score teammate Ashley Castle, who had reached base

out of her slot one batter up in the South Floyd order.

Following two scoreless innings, Kinney and Deshea Elliott scored for Allen Central in the fourth inning.

Brooke Potter walked and scored for South Floyd in the bottom half of the seventh inning. Kelsey Dye, following

Potter in the South Floyd order, walked and became the tying run but was ultimately stranded at third base. Finishing strong, Spurlock fanned the final two South Floyd batters, hitters number eight and nine in the order.

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Pikeville

County Central game ended too late to make this edition. Pikeville was facing Prestonsburg, a 4-1 winner

over Paintsville in the other semifinal game, Thursday evening in the 15th Region All "A" Classic champi-

onship game. Results from the regional title contest were also unavailable at press time.

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Golf

front of the runner-up, Sam Keathley delivered an 86, which was good enough for fifth-place. Bryce Adkins and Taylor Fry tied for sixth with 87 each. Rounding out

the ALC scores were Will Jones and Casey Dalton with 103 and 108, respectively.

"I am really excited by the progression of this team," Alice Lloyd College

Coach Nick Adams commented. "It definitely has me eager for the rest of the season, and I expect we will continue to see good improvement from each player."

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Sharktopus'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The SyFy Channel finally delivers a monster movie that's worth watching, thanks to veteran producer/director Roger Corman.

Mashing up critters to create new monsters is the latest trend in creature fea-



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

tures. Corman is already working on "Piranhaconda" and I had a ball making up new monsters with my sons. They came up with a few possible sequels, such as "Dolphinator," "Clamasaurus," and "Robo-Fish." Use this game to get you through the boring parts and you might just have yourself a real ice-breaker for your next dinner party.

Our story opens with vacationers enjoying the sunny southern California sun, until a shark decides to stalk a nubile swimmer. The toothy terror is about to gobble up the beach babe, when it is suddenly yanked out of its comfort zone by the titular terror. That's right, folks, you get to see what a sharktopus looks like in the opening scene. The creature is a shark from the belly up but gets about on eight tentacles that it uses to swim, crawl and grab for food with a boarding house reach that has to be seen to be believed.

Turns out the critter is being monitored by scientists, who are controlling it from a nearby craft. They consist of dad and daughter scientists, Sands and Nichole. They are using electrical implants to control the beast.

If you're guessing that they designed it for the military, then you're way ahead of this flick. Sure enough a naval official stops by (unofficially) and asks that they give him a demonstration of Sharktopus in action.

The resulting show includes stalking a speedboat, but Sharktopus gets too close and shears off his implants. He is now free to eat and he does by trashing the boat.

The next scene is hilarious and finds two slob painting a battleship. Their conversation turns to an examination of the worst way to die, and, boy, do they find out the answer.

Sands and his daughter track the beast to Puerto Vallarta and engage the services of a disgruntled ex-employee to bring their baby back alive. Meanwhile, a tabloid reporter (who works for a CNN type of news channel) gets wind of the story and teams up with a drunken sailor and her goofy cameraman to get the scoop of the century, while a Howard Stern type of DJ begins reporting on the story as well.

It all leads to a gory finale that provides plenty of gore and a few yuks, as Sharktopus hits the shore and begins stalking prey on land (okay, neither sharks nor octopi can do that, but nobody mentioned this fact to Mr. Corman).

This one is fun, but you may want to fast-forward through some of the stilted dialogue. The film benefits from a few scenes where they forego CGI to have extras battle Styrofoam tentacles (my favorite part). Roger Corman even appears in a cute cameo as a beachcomber who loves buxom women almost as much as finding coins in the sand.

While the movie may not reinvent the wheel it is fun to see Corman still enjoying junk movies in his 80s.

(See LAGOON, page 4)



Dennis E. Shepherd (left, standing) was one of eight volunteers recognized as a "Sodexo Hero of Everyday Life" in 2010. Shepherd is a native of Prestonsburg.

EVERYDAY HERO

Prestonsburg native honored for volunteer work

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

A Prestonsburg native has been recognized for his volunteer work with Sodexo, an organization that helps to provide solutions for hunger and poverty.

Dennis E. Shepherd, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, was one of eight volunteers recognized as a Sodexo Hero of Everyday Life in 2010. Shepherd is a driver at the United States Marine Corps base in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

According to a release provided by Sodexo, "Dennis has been instrumental in the success of Sodexo Servathon at the USMC by

organizing and delivering food donations to the Onslow Community Ministries Kitchen and Religious Community Services. Since 2004, Dennis has collected and delivered 18,000 pounds of food. Every day after Dennis finishes his regular work day, he volunteers ten hours a week, doing charitable jobs including cutting grass and baking cakes to help raise up food donations, supplies, and money for local charities. Dennis also engages in creative activities such as posting advertisements to help spread the word and encouraging others to help support people who need help in the community. To date, Dennis has collected in-kind and monetary donations valued at \$20,000 for children and

families in need."

Sodexo is an independent charitable organization that, since its founding in 1999, has made more than \$12 million in grants to fight hunger in America.

"The concept of economic recovery is very theoretical for the one in eight Americans who are facing the very real prospect of going to bed without knowing where their next meal is coming from," said Stephen J. Brady, president of the Sodexo Foundation. "We honor these Sodexo employees who are giving so much of their time, their talent and from their own pockets to offer real solutions to help people for whom hunger is a real, daily concern."

DINNER DIVA

Dinner Diva early edition: Insider tips on spring veggies



Most folks assume that whatever is available in the produce section is what's in season. This isn't necessarily the case. Sure, grocery stores offer a wide variety of fruits and veggies year-round, but that doesn't mean the flavor and freshness is there as it is with produce that is in the peak of its season.

Spring is upon us, which means we have an abundance of new vegetables to look forward to! Fabulous fresh spring veggies include artichokes, asparagus, fava beans, fennel, avocado, mustard greens, radishes, Vidalia onions,

watercress, basil, and tender, sweet lettuce. Lots of good crops to look forward to in this season. Also, local farmer's markets will be starting up shortly bringing locally grown fruits and vegetables to the table! Research your area and see if you can find one by you! Definitely worth it. Check out localharvest.org for a list of places near you.

A good spring recipe:

Minted Lemon Asparagus

Ingredients:

2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
1 pound fresh asparagus spears, trimmed

1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

In a small bowl, mix lemon juice and mint — set aside.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add asparagus to pot of boiling water for about 45 seconds, then remove and place in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. Drain asparagus and place on a serving plate. Drizzle with lemon mixture and sprinkle cheese over the top then serve!

CAR TALK
Don't take a car fire lightly



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Car fire not something to take lightly

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Last week my fiancée's father was driving his 1987 Buick from the farm into town. A couple of hundred yards away from the house (and about 1 mile from the highway) on the gravel road, the car caught fire. Her dad, instead of using his cell phone to call the fire department, left the car on the road and walked home to tell his wife. He told her it'd burn itself out. A short while later, they were in the kitchen and were — seriously — surprised to see the fire department outside putting out the blazing car. So, (1) what the heck kind of family am I marrying into? And (2) we know that it's toxic, in poor taste and dangerous, but would the car actually have pulled a "movie moment" and exploded? Or, like her father says, would it have burned itself out?
— Seth

TOM: I think Pops REALLY wants a new Buick, Seth. He was afraid that if he put out the fire, they'd somehow be able to patch up his car, and he'd have to drive it for another five years. So he walked away to make sure it had ample time to caramelize.
RAY: That's a very dangerous

thing to do. It certainly can explode. What happens, is that fires usually start in the engine compartment. Sometimes they can burn themselves out, if they run out of nearby materials to combust.
TOM: But lots of times they keep burning. And then they spread to the undercarriage, and then the tires, and the interior. Once a fire spreads, it easily can melt the fuel lines, or cause the pressure in the fuel tank to rise so much that the tank breaks.
RAY: And even if the car doesn't explode like the Death Star in "Star Wars," any rupture in the fuel lines or fuel tank will result in a huge and violent increase in flames.
TOM: That could set nearby fields, and then houses, on fire, which won't endear Pops to his neighbors.
RAY: So, whenever you have a car that catches fire that you can't address immediately with the proper fire extinguisher, you should move away from the car and call the fire department.
TOM: What kind of family are you marrying into, Seth? One that needs to work on its communication skills. If Pops had been able to say, "Ma, I really want one of

them new Buicks," perhaps this could have been avoided.
Even recirculate setting brings in some outside air
Dear Tom and Ray:
Can you please tell us which vehicles recirculate all of their inside air, rather than pulling in outside air? My wife is extremely allergic to smells, so pulling outside air into the car absolutely will not do. We were told that some Acura models recirculate the air continuously from the time the engine is started. Such recirculation would benefit us. On the other hand, we understand that the Lincoln MKZ has a switch that must be activated to recirculate the air; otherwise, it will pull in outside air. It is very important to us that no outside air get into the car's interior, due to my wife's sensitive condition. Can you please name any particular makes and models that might keep out truck exhaust, road tar, bus fumes, etc.? This presents a serious health issue for us, and we sincerely appreciate your advice.
— Roy

TOM: Gee, Roy, I'm not aware of any vehicles that completely shut out the outside air. Unless they're made by NASA.
RAY: Right. Without any out-

side air at all, you'd eventually suffocate in the car. And carmakers would never do that to their customers.
TOM: Heavens, no. Think of all the lost repair income!
RAY: Most cars have two settings for air that you can select from: Fresh (outside air) and Recirculate (inside air). Usually, there's a switch or button that allows you to choose one or the other.
TOM: But even the Recirculate setting allows some amount of outside air to come in (I would guess it's 10 percent), for the respiratory reasons stated above. So using the Recirculate setting certainly would cut down on the outside odors, but it wouldn't eliminate them completely.
RAY: Almost all cars also have cabin air filters that can stop certain allergens and dust particles. But the molecules that carry smells are too small to be stopped by such filters.
TOM: The only solution, if you really can't breathe ANY outside

air, is to provide your own tanked car, like astronauts or scuba divers do.
RAY: But then you'd need a car with large front foot wells so that when your wife wears her scuba gear, she'll be able to sit comfortably in her fins.
TOM: Seriously, Roy, I don't know of any car that will completely block out all outside air. If your wife can handle some outside air, then any car with a Recirculate setting (and that's almost every car) should help. But if that's not good enough, then a doctor may be of more help than a couple of lousy mechanics. We wish you the best of luck!
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GOOD HEALTH

Shingles rash gone, but pain lingers on

by PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've been trying to deal with shingles pain for six months. At times it's so bad that I can't sleep. I have tried Tylenol, Aleve and Advil, and some herbs that my wife bought. Nothing works.

Can you tell me what will? Will the shingles vaccine take away the pain? — R.M.

ANSWER: Shingles comes from the awakened chickenpox virus that has been hibernating in nerve cells ever since the childhood infection. Even if you can't remember having had

chickenpox, odds are you did. More than 90 percent of adults — in fact, close to 99 percent — have evidence of a prior chickenpox infection in their blood.
Once the shingles rash goes, pain continues to remain in a significant number of people. That's not shingles. It's called posther-

petic neuralgia. When the chickenpox virus comes down nerves to your skin, it injured the nerves. That's what causes lingering pain long after the shingles rash has disappeared.
Plenty of medicines can quiet this pain. You have to experiment to find which works for you. Lyrica is a somewhat newer addition to these medicines. You need a prescription for it. Capsaicin cream, gel or lotion is found on the shelves of all drug stores. You apply it directly to the painful skin. Quenza is a new preparation of capsaicin. It's applied by your doctor or a health professional in a one-hour treatment, and is touted to provide three months of pain relief.

The lidocaine patch is another skin-applied treatment that quiets pain. Amitriptyline and Cymbalta, both antidepressants, are oral medicines that can dull postherpetic pain. Opioids like tramadol and oxycodone can be turned to when others fail. And this is just an abbreviated inventory of treatments.
The shingles vaccine doesn't do a thing for postherpetic neuralgia; it cuts the chances of developing shingles in half. And if a vaccinated person does develop shingles, it lessens the chances of postherpetic

neuralgia. It's recommended for everyone 60 and older.
The shingles pamphlet explores this common illness in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A moderately entertaining week for releases had a little bit of everything.
■ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" — Part one of the "Potter" finale plays like an extended setup, but that was how it played in the book, a swell. The three leads (looking more like adults than teens) have lots of conversations and hit the road for the final showdown with Voldemort (which will happen in the next film). Good if you have been with the series all along, but a long wait for little payoff if this is your first outing.
■ "Country Strong" —

A good performance by Gwyneth Paltrow cases viewers over the rough spots in this drama about a country-western singer who can't get away from the bottle. The plot is actually a perfect country song, but it's kind of slow going, as Paltrow tours and threatens to have a complete breakdown. Tim McGrath is pretty good here as an actor, and Paltrow does well as a singer, so the movie has that going for it.
■ "Female Convict Scorpion" — A great "Grindhouse" series from the 1970s gets an upgrade here. This was based on a series of films about a Japanese woman who breaks out of jail and kills

the guys who sent her there. This effort will hopefully bring back this series of exploitation flicks that revealed the mind and always delivered top-notch thrills for the adult junk movie fan.
■ "Summer in Genoa" — Italian locations punch up this life-affirming drama that charts one year in the life of a family after the mother has died. Colin Firth is in top form as the husband left behind to care for their teenaged and adult daughters. Good and measured drama that provides a thoughtful study on coping strategies.
Next week sees Firth back in his Oscar-winning role as the title character in "The King's Speech."

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you discuss the eating of canned tuna? I enjoy a tuna-salad sandwich once in a while. But I read that the mercury in tuna is harmful, especially to expectant mothers and small children, and to adults in general. I also read that light tuna is less toxic than white albacore tuna.
Will you clarify this? — D.R.

ANSWER: Shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilapia are the fish with the highest mercury concentrations.
Seafod that is low in mercury and quite safe

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.

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Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of that waiting time in preparing for the change ahead.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just that if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children facing an important workplace decision are encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news catapults Leo and Leones into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas caused by unresolved misunderstandings.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A

friend's problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Much as you like the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Music helps restore the Aquarian's spirit energies this week. Take someone you care for to a concert of your musical choice. Also, expect news about a workplace matter.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you feel you should stay with it or if it's better to move in another direction.
BORN THIS WEEK: You can be strong when standing up for justice, both for yourself and for others.

Lagoon

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Best lines:
"Commander, you just unleashed an eight-legged, man-eating shark on the world."
"Even I know sharks aren't serial killers."
"Sharktopus wants our virus."
"I hope you choke on me, freak."
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In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120E, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia, 25560, (304) 204-1455, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 340.99 acres located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo in Floyd County, Kentucky. The area is located approximately 0.2 miles northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288 and located on Prator Branch. Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset from April 20, 2011 to April 19, 2012. Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least 10 minutes prior to the blast. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all clear signal is given. A pre-detonation warning consisting of one minute series of long blasts on a siren will be given five minutes prior to the blast. Immediately prior to the blast, a signal will be given consisting of one minute series of short blasts on a siren. Following the inspection of the blast site, the all clear signal will consist of a prolonged blast sounded on a siren. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one half mile. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than scheduled include but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions, which involve personnel, operational or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5572 Amendment No. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground/surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.3 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. This amendment will add 164.1 acres and delete 10.5 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 126.8 acres and delete 238.6 acres within the amended area. The proposed operation is approximately 0.04 miles east from KY 1209's junction with Hoods Fork Road and located in Hoods Fork. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Joseph Akers, Hatfield Bentley Heirs, Charlie Bentley Heirs, Glen and Willa Jean Tackett, John B. Newberry and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The amendment will underlie land owned by Joseph Akers, Hatfield Bentley Heirs and Charlie Bentley Heirs. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of mining. The amendment for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permit, 42 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5572 Amendment No. 2, notice is hereby given that C&L Mining, LLC, 6000 Highway 1659, Pikeville, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 mile northwest of McCombs in Pike County and Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 103.70 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 1,117.62 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.2 miles east of the intersection of the Missouri Branch Road junction with KY 194 and located 1.1 mile west of John's Creek. The latitude is 37-39-59. The longitude is 82-36-29. The proposed amendment is located on the 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Virginia L. Latham, Appalachian Land Company, Helen Spears. The operation will use the area and contour methods of mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41602. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permit, 42 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Lots

Lots for rent
Dwale Mobile Home Park, lots for rent, off Rt. 23 15 minutes from Prestonsburg. Restrictions Apply. 606-377-2357.

Land (Acreage)

Lots for sale in Hi Hat, Ky two available for 20,000 each, one available for 15,000 serious inquiry only for more info. Call 606-433-1888

Help Wanted - General

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Mechanic. This is a full-time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office located in the Community Building at 66 Archer Park Drive, Prestonsburg, KY, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day. General requirements for this position are: ability to read and understand written instructions in general maintenance, repair and installation of substandard owned buildings and related equipment and appliances. Position will be open until filled.

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Legal

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 1ST DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00266
TAX BASE LITIGATION INVESTMENTS, INC., et al., v. L.L.C., et al.
NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION: MARTY LITTLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, ORMAN LITTLE AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, et al., vs. DEFENDANTS: ...

On March 9, 2011, I was appointed guardian of the estate for the Unknown Spouse of Marty Little, who may have an interest in the Property which is the subject matter of this action. A copy of the complaint in this action may be obtained from the holder and owner of the property described herein above. If you are the Unknown Spouse of Marty Little, and may have an interest in the property which is the subject matter of this action, then you may want to make an answer to the complaint within 30 days of March 9, 2011. If you fail to file an answer, you may forfeit your rights to challenge these allegations. You may need the services of a local attorney. Please understand that I am the warning order to notify you and do not and cannot represent you. My function is to attempt to notify you and report my findings to the court. Should you decide to answer the complaint yourself, your answer should be mailed to Floyd Circuit Clerk, First Justice Center, 227 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. This warning order notification is being published in the Floyd County Times and this notification will be published for two consecutive weeks beginning April 13, 2011. Ralph H. Stevens, Attorney at Law, PO Box 458142 West Branch, Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Houses For Sale

Open House Sat. April 23, 1 to 3 pm at 80 workman Branch, Prestonsburg, Ky. contact Jessica Holcomb at 226-2081.

Land (Acreage)

Property for sale. Located in Cow Creek. Call 874-9715.

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Legal

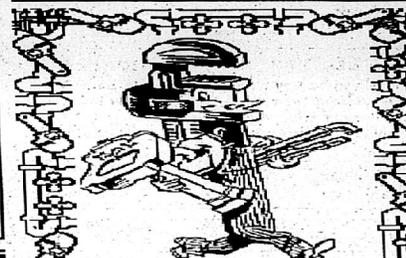
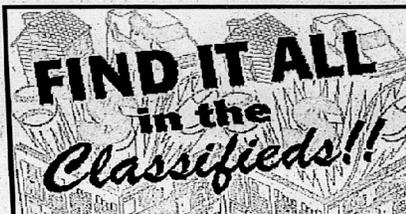
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAL
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5590, Transfer
in accordance with 405 KAR 8:01D, notice is hereby given that HWP, LLC, 2832-Abbeywood Place, Lexington, Kentucky 40515 intends to transfer permit number 836-5537 to Blackhawk Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robbins Creek, Kentucky 41650. The new permit number will be 836-5590. The operation disturbs 4.3 surface acres and will underlie 242.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 0.4 miles southwest of Tram in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.6 miles southwest from US 23 and KY Route 480's junction with Mare Creek Road and is located approximately 0.01 miles east of Powell Branch. The operation is located on the Harold US 23 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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Legal

Bid proposals are requested for Replacement and Upgrade of HVAC at the Pagen Hill site. The proposal needs to include all costs for replacement and upgrade in 40 apartments, with new duct work below the ceiling, the closing of the floor duct work and finish the floor with floor tile. The Housing Authority will supply the electrical and water. The proposal needs to include the price for all costs. The successful bidder must provide insurance, warranty, references and be qualified to work with lead based paint. For more information please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin KY 41649 (606) 285-0611. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2:15 p.m. local time, April 25, 2011. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.



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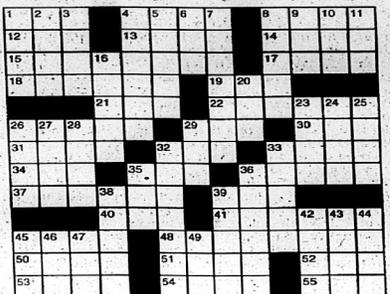
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King Crossword

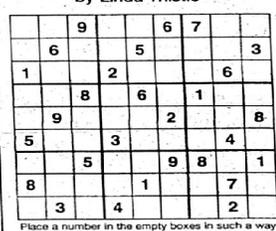
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 17 Cincinnati team
 18 Not digital
 19 Mimic
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 22 Entices
 26 Suburban sprawls
 29 Leprechauns' dance
 30 Storm center
 41 Rus the run
 32 Vehicle with sliding doors
 33 One of the Three Bears
 34 "No seats" sign
 35 Mediterranean fruit tree
 36 Mathematician Leonard
 37 "— fugit"
 39 Mountain role
 40 "Entourage" role
 41 Grape that's seen better days?



- 45 Walked (on)
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 50 Tart
 51 Bullring cheers
 52 Mauna —
 53 Sampras of tennis
 54 Carousel, e.g.
 55 Charlemagne, for ex.
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 1 Crumbly cheese
 2 Portent
 3 Cougar
 4 Deluges
 5 Very slowly, in music
 6 Eggs
 7 Glutinous matter
 8 Sultan's wives
 9 Exist
 10 Disencumber
 11 More (Sp.)
 16 Wood-smoothing tool
 20 "Married ... With Children" mom
 23 Ring out the keyboard
 24 Work at the keyboard
 25 Burn something
 26 Ultimate
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Duncan Jones, director of "Source Code," is the son of what famous rock musician?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a dirt?
- TELEVISION: What TV show propelled the career of comedian Robin Williams?
- GEOGRAPHY: Rabat is the capital of what African nation?
- HISTORY: What Nazi war criminal was captured in Argentina 15 years after World War II ended?
- MYTHOLOGY: In what legend does the Sheriff of Nottingham play a major role?
- INVENTIONS: Daimler was an early designer of what kind of machine?
- MEASUREMENTS: Which month of the year is named for Mars, the Roman god of war?
- LITERATURE: What literary form did Thespis invent?
- ANATOMY: Where is the appendix in the human body?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINGFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. David Bowie 2. Long dagger 3. 'Rock and Muddy' 4. Morocco 5. Robin Hood 6. Automobile 7. March 8. March 9. Greek tragedy 10. The junction between the small and large intestines.

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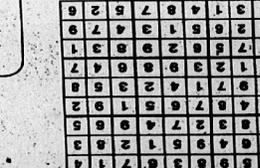
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 Clue: R across D

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 GOTX JO QBO KGO SUPVCEU
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I invited the woman to help me use the crowd because I didn't want to lever alone.



King Crossword



Weekly SUDOKU

UK FOOTBALL: Newton leads offense in spring practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — After Joker Phillips praised the University of Kentucky defense for playing well in the team's first major scrimmage of the year last Saturday, the head football coach expressed that same pleasure after practice Wednesday morning, saying the offense responded well on a beautiful day at the Nutter Training Facility.

Phillips was not only pleased with how the offense responded Wednesday, but spoke highly of the play of junior quarterback Morgan Newton. The second-year head coach said the starting

quarterback threw the ball better at practice, guiding the offense to make several impressive plays. Phillips told reporters after practice that Newton is starting to have "some swag going."

"You have seen how our quarterbacks grow up here and how they change," Phillips said. "He is playing with a lot more confidence and has some swag going, as they would say. He is starting to feel good about his performance because he is making plays. That is what happens. If you make a couple of plays, you start feeling better about yourself and better about the offense and start studying the offense a

little bit more. We just need Morgan to grow into that position."

One key component to the offense this season, besides the development of Newton, is going to be the play of sophomore running back Raymond Sanders. The native of Stone Mountain, Ga., had 68 rushing attempts last season for 254 yards and three touchdowns. Phillips said that he has been happy with Sanders so far this spring and his understanding of the Wildcats' offense but is still looking for improvements.

"For one thing, Raymond has a really, really good understanding of our

offense," Phillips said. "I really like what he is doing in our running game, but I think what Raymond has to do is understand how to pick up blitzes better. We are getting a chance to see a lot of stuff coming at him and in our passing attack our backs have to be able to pick up blitzes."

Conversely to the offense's strong play in practice, Phillips said the defense needs to continue to show improvement. The Kentucky head coach said the Wildcats installed yet another defensive package into its playbook this week and with more and more being installed.

"The offense was making plays and defensively we got another new package that comes in today and we had way too many busts (in coverage)," Phillips said. "Our guys have to pay a lot more attention in the meeting rooms.... They dominated on defense Saturday but today I thought that our offense bounced back and responded."

Phillips said a trend so far this spring has involved the defense showing improvements after film sessions. Phillips hopes the trend continues this week and improvements to the most recently installed defensive package are made.

"The film that we will have from today's practice will give those guys an opportunity to teach off of it and they should get better the next practice," Phillips said. "That is what has happened in the past. We would put a package in and it wouldn't look that good on the field, but we would go in and teach off of it and come back the next day and execute it better."

Kentucky will return to the practice field Friday morning before holding another scrimmage Saturday in Commonwealth Stadium. The scrimmage is closed to the public and media.

Bluegrass

Games is a nonprofit program sponsored privately to promote amateur athletics across the Commonwealth. It is the signature event of the Bluegrass Sports Commission, designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive development through sports and physical activity, to promote and develop amateur athletics and to provide the amateur athlete

an opportunity to showcase their talent and receive statewide recognition.

Bluegrass State Games is a member of the National Congress of State Games which is a member of the United States Olympic Committee.

Created in 1985 by Governor Martha Layne Collins, the Bluegrass State Games is a nonprofit program sponsored privately to promote amateur athletics across

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Permit

Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit — allows a person otherwise required to carry a course completion card to use the one-time, one-year exemption instead. Hunter education is mandatory when a hunter turns 12 years old, and includes those born on or after Jan. 1, 1975.

This group, if checked by a conservation officer in the field, must have a hunter education card, or a valid exemption permit in possession when hunting any type

of game anywhere other than on their own property.

It is easy to obtain a temporary exemption permit by going on-line at fw.ky.gov, the website of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The cost is \$5. These permits are not available at license vendors.

This permit can only be obtained once in a lifetime and requires the permit holder to be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older, who meets Kentucky's hunter education law and is

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in a position to take immediate control of the bow or firearm. The temporary hunter education exemption permit is good for 12 months from the date of purchase.

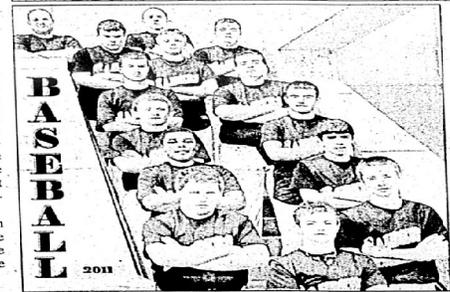
A hunter with the exemption permit must still have any required hunting license or permit. The permit is not valid on military installations or in other states.

Kentucky has a million acres of public land available for hunting. Maps of these areas are available on the department's website.



RAIDER BALL

The South Floyd High School softball and baseball teams are currently in regular-season competition. The SFHS teams compete in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference along with squads from Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg.



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