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Ligon wreck nets murder charge

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

LIGON — A man who has been charged with multiple DUI offenses in the past is now charged with murder, following a three-vehicle accident Tuesday evening in Ligon.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Malen Mitchell Jr., 37, of Beaver, was traveling north on

Route 979, when he crossed the center line and struck a 2004 Hyundai Sonata, driven by Judith Blankenship, 50, of Beaver. Blankenship's vehicle crossed the center line as a result of the impact and struck a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Jennifer Newsome, 29, of Wheelwright.

A passenger in Blankenship's vehicle, Tiffany Adams

Blankenship, 22, of Beaver was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Wes Gearheart.

According to reports, Mitchell allegedly left the scene of the accident, despite the fact he was missing a front tire. Mitchell was eventually located and arrested.

Mitchell is charged with murder, third offense driving under the

influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Mitchell is currently being held without bond at the Floyd County Detention Center. According to details on the decision to deny bond, Mitchell is considered a danger to others and himself, as well as a flight risk, with multiple prior failure to appear charges.

Pike killed

ATV wreck

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

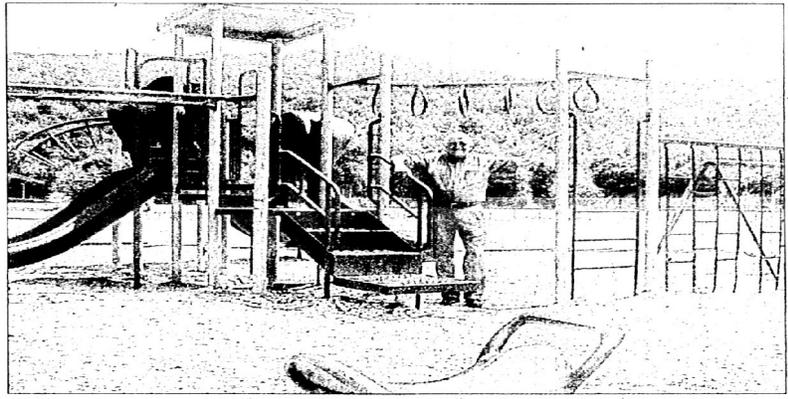
PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville man was killed in an ATV accident on Wednesday.

According to information provided by the Pikeville Police Department, a husband and wife riding an ATV on Billups Drive noticed an overturned ATV in a gravel parking lot around 11:30 p.m. and called 911. The operator of the overturned ATV, Jerry W. Hunt, of Pikeville, was trapped beneath the vehicle.

Hunt was pronounced dead at Pikeville Medical Center from injuries sustained in the accident. He had not been wearing a helmet.

The accident is currently under investigation by Pikeville Police Department Collision Reconstructionist Bruce Collins.

PARK IMPROVEMENT



Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall admires the new playground at Stumbo Park in Allen. A gift from the Floyd County Health Department and a recreational grant written by Lois Marshall funded the construction of the new playground and its equipment.

County unveils new playground at Allen

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — Children from ages of 5 to 12 now have a new \$20,000 playground to enjoy at Stumbo Park in Allen.

The new park, located near the convention center building and old swimming pool, was made possible by a gift from the Floyd County Health Department and a grant written by Lois Marshall, wife of Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

"We want to send a message across our county for our children to exercise more and get off the couch and use these parks for what they are supposed to be used for," said "Doc" Marshall. "I want to upgrade all of the county parks for our children. It's badly needed. I'm looking for funding for the other parks."

In May, District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers talked about the current condition of Stumbo Park during a meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Akers said

the court should be "embarrassed" about the shape of the park and said a lot of Little League parents from his district had complained.

Marshall said he is happy with the new park and hopes children take advantage of the exercise and activities now available to them.

Stumbo Park is also undergoing the construction of a new golf course clubhouse and war memorial, along with the relocation of the basketball court to where the old tennis courts were located, and a picnic shelter.

Man shoots teen, kills self at Gunlock

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

GUNLOCK — Police are investigating a double shooting in Magoffin County that has left one man dead and a teenage boy in the hospital.

A dispatcher with Magoffin County 911 confirmed the shooting, which was reported at 4:01 p.m. Wednesday.

According to the dispatcher, John Kern, 36, arrived at his home and, shortly thereafter, shot his daughter's boyfriend, reported to be Stevie Hagger, 19, a student at Magoffin County High School, multiple times in the face. Afterward, Kern turned the gun on himself.

Kern was pronounced dead at the scene.

Hagger was airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

Investigators have yet to say what led to the shooting.

Hospital, union reach agreement

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Hospital and union negotiators have hammered out a tentative contract at Highlands Regional Medical Center, and the full union membership was expected to ratify the agreement last night.

The bargaining committee representing hospital employees voted unanimously to give a recommendation in favor of ratification.

The agreement was voted on by workers represented by SEIU.

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3 DAY FORECAST

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Tomorrow
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Sunday
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Popularity pushes gallery to new home

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After receiving considerable interest in his photography at last year's Kentucky Apple Festival in Paintsville, Shawn Cole knew his small framing shop in Prestonsburg wasn't big enough to contain the growing popularity of his photos.

On Saturday, Cole will hold the official opening of his new gallery in Prestonsburg, across

the street from Earl Castle's Jewelry.

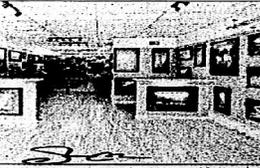
"My photography really started taking off," Cole said. "I had people coming in and asking for stuff, and I knew then that I had to get a bigger place. Most of the stuff that I do is in Eastern Kentucky, and a lot of it is Floyd County."

The official opening of the Shawn Cole Photography Gallery will take place on Saturday from 6 until 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 274 W.

Coor Street, in Prestonsburg. Door prizes, a drawing for a large framed signed print and refreshments will be provided.

Cole also recently released a book of his photos featuring wild horses in the area. The book, titled "Eastern Kentucky Horses: Images from the Mountains" is available for purchase.

For more information, and to see some of Cole's photography work, visit <http://www.shawncoolephotography.com>.



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For the Record

Marriage Licenses
Stephan Lynn Fraley, 21, of McDowell, to William Troy Douglas Swain, 24, of Teaberry.

Myria Mullins, 35, of Hueysville, to Ronald Dean Fletcher, 39, of Hueysville.

Rose Mary Rhamey, 47, of Warsaw, Ind., to Floyd Bradford, 72, of Warsaw, Ind.

Adrienne Brett Walters, 22, of Prestonsburg, James Shannon Steven Corbitt, 23, of Pikeville.

Sherry Lea Smalley, 41, of Martin, to Alan Kyle Newman, 40, of Martin.

Christine Anastasia Hall, 24, of David, to Dustin Keith Hamilton, 30, of David.

Civil Suits Filed
Phyllis Blair vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center, compensation.
Louetta R. Batchelder vs. Bruce Batchelder, annulment.

Randy Allen vs. Kenetcky Power, compensation.
U.S. Bank vs. Douglas Paige, debt collection.

Charges Filed
Rhonda Jean Branham, 36, of Langley, menacing.
Thomas Matthew Brown, 23, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication in public.

Brenda Lewis, 23, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication in public, second-degree disorderly conduct.

Alexander Lewis, age unlisted, of Ivel, alcohol intoxication in public.

Tim Slope, Adam Bornes, Patrick E. Bornes & Gatlin, 43, of Prestonsburg, second-degree wanton endangerment.

Joshua E. Conley, 27, of Prestonsburg, first-degree possession of a forged instrument, two counts.

Malen Mitchell, Jr., 37, of Beaver, murder.

Inspections
Bob's Bar-B-Q, Banner,

regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, no hair restraints, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, improper storage of clean utensils, improper display/storage of single service items, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly.

Score: Food: 93, Retail: 99.
Los Aztecas Mexican, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, suitable dispensing utensils not being used by employees for handling

food, in use food (ice) dispensing utensils not properly stored, no hair restraints, improper storage of clean utensils, improper display/storage of single service items, plumbing not maintained in good repair, hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system, and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handwash, employee clothing/possessions not stored in lockers, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored, items that are unnecessary to the operation in or around the establishment. Score: 86.

D.S. Grocery, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and

holding temperature of potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, no hair restraints, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system, and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handwash, employee clothing/possessions not stored in lockers, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored, items that are unnecessary to the operation in or around the establishment. Score: Food: 91, Retail: 93.

Property Transfers
Amanda Allen to Susan Stambaugh Stratton, property located at Auxier.

Commonwealth of Kentucky to Allen Van Turner and Karen Lynn

Turner, property not listed.
Gregory Compton to Connie Compton, property not listed.

Floyd County Fiscal Court to James Robinson and Thomasine Robinson, property located in Martin.

James M. Goble to Donna Sue Goble, property located at Middle Creek.

Sandra L. Goble to Donna Sue Goble, property located at Middle Creek.

David Gentry Hager to Ralph Hager and Sue Hager, property located at East Point.

Justin K. Holbrook to Linda K. Johnson, property located at Golf Course Hollow.

Logan Holbrook to Linda K. Johnson, property located at Golf Course Hollow.

Brenda Hunter to Betty Hunter and Caner Hunter, property located at Little Mud Creek.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Edgar Riley, 72, of Harold, died on July 4, 2011, at his residence. Born November 7, 1938, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Dock and Polly Meade Riley and husband of Linda Lou Riley. He was a disabled auto mechanic and member of the Lower Toler Church of Christ.

Ben Adkins
Ben Adkins, 54, of Teaberry, died on July 4, 2011, at his residence. Born September 12, 1956, in Elkton, Maryland, he was the son of Alphonse Hamilton Donnellan, of Teaberry, and the late Galen Adkins.

Survivors include sons and daughters: John Robert Adkins, Florida, Thomas Gregory Adkins, Florida, Denise Jones, Leigh and Adkins, both of Betsy Layne, Ky., Shawna Newsome, Pikeville, Ky., Brothers and Sisters: Jerry Ray Adkins, Michigan, Selma Adams, Raccoon, Ky., Sandra Donnellan, Teaberry, Ky., Amaleen Zapata, Honolulu, Hawaii, Dicie Adkins, and Patsy Adkins, both of Maryland, Ky. Two grandchildren: Warren Newsome, Allison Adkins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 8, 2011, at 12 p.m. at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry. Burial will follow at Hamilton Family Cemetery in Teaberry. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Pershing "Butch" Bentley Jr.

John Pershing Bentley Jr. "Butch", 67, of Langley, died on July 4, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center. Born February 26, 1944, in Martin, he was the son of the late John P. and Betty F. Sayre Bentley and husband of Myrtle D. Bentley. He was an engineer for Chesapeake Gas and an elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Survivors include three sons: John P. Bentley III, David S. (Trish) Bentley & Steven C. (Laura) Bentley all of Langley; two daughters: Lori A. (Gary) Carraway of Martin and Mary E. Bentley of Prestonsburg; one brother: David D. Bentley of Palmyra, Ind. and two sisters: Nyoka L. Robinson of Palmyra, Ind. and Julia A. Bornes of Langley; 14 grandchildren: Bob, John, Jacob, Adam, Ben, Aaron, Alex, Ashley, Steven, Elizabeth, Eion, Russell, Michelle and Gatlin and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son: William M. Bentley.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 7, 2011, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Martin, with Bishop Richard Salisbury officiating. Burial followed at D.I. Bentley Cemetery, in Langley.

Callbearers: John P. Bentley III, David S. Bentley, Steven C. Bentley, Travis D. Mcabee, Brian D. Bentley, Johnathan Carraway, William C. Bentley, Ben Carraway

and Jacob Bentley. Honorary Callbearers: Alex Carraway, Aaron Blackburn, Steven E. Bentley, Russell J. Bentley, Tim Slope, Adam Bornes, Patrick E. Bornes & Gatlin Bentley.



Donna Osborne Chafin

Donna Osborne Chafin, age 57 of Prestonsburg, wife of David M. Chafin, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at the Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She was born January 5, 1954, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Denver and Doris Bird Osborne. Donna was a registered nurse and a member of Allen First Baptist Church.

Donna is survived by her husband, David Chafin; two sisters, Deborah Osborne Hall, of Chesapeake, Va., and Denise Osborne Stephens, of Hi Hat; one niece, Cynthia Hightower; and three nephews: Jared Stephens, Joshua Stephens and Justin Stephens.

Funeral services for Donna Osborne Chafin will be held Friday, July 8, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Arnold Turner Jr. officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Allen Baptist Church, Wheelwright Methodist Church or the Christian Appalachian Project.



N.D. Click

Mr. N.D. Click, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, at the age of 74.

Mr. Click was born in Floyd County, on March 10, 1937, to the late Hie Harm Click and Myrtle Boyd Click.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Justin, and his two sisters, Rubenstine and Lavonne. He served in the U.S. Army for 26 years and returned in 1945 as a Sgt. First Class. He was a member of Rivers of Living Water Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine P. Click of Fayetteville, N.C.; three sons, Kenny J. Click and his wife Judy of Fayetteville, N.C., Steven M. Click and his wife Trina of Hoover, Ala. and Todd E. Click, of Lumber Bridge, N.C.; two grandchildren, Ashley Click and Allison Click; and one brother, Richard G. Click and his wife Aliene, of Wabash, Ind.

Funeral Services were held 7 pm Thursday at Rivers of Living Water Church of God, 1764 Bingham Drive, Fayetteville, with Pastor Paul Keeter and Reverend Johnny Rivers officiating, directed by Crumpler Funeral Home, 131 Harris Ave. Raeford, NC

A visitation will be held 2:00 until 4:00 pm Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Hopper Funeral Home, 302 North Broadway, Barbourville, KY.

Burial will be 4:30 pm Saturday at Bruffard Cemetery in Gray, Ky.

Memoials may be made to: Senior Adults of Rivers of Living Water Church of God, 1764 Bingham Drive, Fayetteville, 28304

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com

Geneva G Collins

Geneva G Rice-Collins, 63, formerly of Melvin, passed away June 5, 2011, in York, Pa.

She leaves behind her mother, Edna Rice; her niece, Rhonda (Rice) Leeds, and her husband, Phil Leeds, and their four boys, Michael, Kyle, Darren, and Brady Leeds, with whom she resided; and a sister, Elaine Hall, of Melvin.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alex Rice, and brothers, Tom Rice, and Jim Rice, all of Melvin.

Eleanor Howell Crum

Eleanor Howell Crum, age 87, of Prestonsburg, wife of Lloyd E. Crum, passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at the Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born April 15, 1924, in Dana, the daughter of the late Hayden Howell and Sadie Akers. Eleanor was a retired assistant postmaster at Allen, member of Allen First Baptist Church, and an Eastern Star.

Clement Eugene Hamilton

Clement Eugene Hamilton, 76, of Grethel, died on July 5, 2011, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Born January 25, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Andrew and Stella Newsome Hamilton and husband of Norma Jean Evans Hamilton. He was a retired steel worker for Albion Manufacturing Company, Pikeville, Ky., brothers and Sisters: Gretho Hamilton, Teaberry, Ky., Stoney Hamilton, Indiana, Andy Jr. Hamilton, Michigan, Marie Faye Hamilton, Teaberry, Ky., Cloretta Hamilton, Michigan. Grandchildren: Bennett Jr. Robert, Clement, Thomas, Joseph, Samantha, and all six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Zion Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel. Burial will follow at Hamilton Cemetery, in Teaberry.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Helena Nelson

Helena Nelson, 84, of Prestonsburg, died on July 5, 2011, at her residence. Born March 22, 1927, in Watergap, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Hattie Wills Warrick and wife of the late Ted Nelson. She was a homemaker and member of the Town Branch Church.

Survivors include two sons: Tommy (Earlene) Nelson of Prestonsburg, KY and Ted Nelson Jr. of Harrodsburg, KY; two daughters: Jo McDonald and Karen (Jimmy) Marcum of Prestonsburg; one brother: Newell Chase Warrick of Warsaw, Ind.; one sister: Belvia Sue Hall of Warsaw, Ind.; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son: Arnold Nelson; five brothers: Arnold Warrick, Theodore Warrick Jr., Riley Hall Warrick and two infant brothers and two sisters: Pauline Chisen Hall and

Levnil Ousley

Levnil Ousley, 64, of Jackson, Ohio, died on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at Holzer Medical Center, in Gallipolis, Ohio. He was born in Martin, Kentucky on October 30, 1946. He was preceded in death by his parents, Zeb and Eula Mae (Baldrige) Ousley and two brothers, Virgil Ousley and Verdis Ousley, and sister-in-law Lois Ousley.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda (Ward) Ousley; one son, Levnil Dean (Michelle) Ousley of Bourbon, Indiana; three daughters, Tammy Timmons of Jackson, Ohio, Melissa Ousley of Logansport, Indiana, and Marti Ousley of Rochester, Ohio; three brothers: Andrew (Mary) Ousley of Garrett, Ky., Billy Ray (Joan) Ousley of Martin, Ky., and Larry (Vickie) Ousley of Perceton, Indiana; four sisters, Sally Fay (Jerry) Wardell of Shaftsbury, Michigan, Sandra (Gary) Osborne of Martin, Ky., Beulah May (Lee) Patton of Martin, Ky., and Loreta (Gary) Ward of Hi Hat, Ky.; nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Lower Toler Church of Christ, in Harold. Burial will follow at Hall Cemetery, in Harold.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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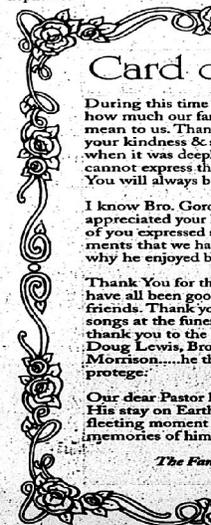
During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Thank you so much for your kindness & sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Words cannot express the feeling in our hearts. You will always be remembered.

I know Bro. Gordon would have appreciated your kind gestures. Many of you expressed such beautiful sentiments that we have no trouble seeing why he enjoyed being your Pastor.

Thank You for the food provided. You have all been good neighbors and friends. Thank you for the beautiful songs at the funeral. A very special thank you to the "Garrett Family" Bro. Doug Lewis, Bro. Bill Collins & James Morrison.....he thought of you as his protégé.

Our dear Pastor has gone to Heaven. His stay on Earth seemed just a fleeting moment in time. Our loving memories of him will last forever.

The Family of Gordon E. Fleck, Iris Et Bucky



Lawmakers review KIDS NOW

FRANKFORT—Kentucky's KIDS NOW early childhood program, paid for by state tobacco settlement dollars, is making progress in early child care and education despite \$2.86 million in budget reductions in fiscal year 2011, state lawmakers heard Thursday.

Annette Bridges, the division director of the state's Division of Early Childhood Development, told the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee that the KIDS NOW voluntary home visitation program HANDS (Health Access Nurturing Development services), which helps first time parents better handle their child's early development, returns over \$8 to the state for each dollar invested.

Child and maternal health programs, including an oral health education and prevention initiative called KIDS SMILE, save the state money while protecting children from unnecessary diseases like early childhood tooth decay, according to KIDS NOW, which says Kentucky public schools lose around \$1.5 million from student absences caused by oral health prob-

lems preventable by oral screenings and fluoride varnishes.

Early childhood education is also a focus of KIDS NOW, which has a scholarship fund for educational advancement and certification of early childhood workers and a voluntary quality rating system for child care centers called STARS for KIDS NOW, among other services. STARS director Mary Beth Jackson said a number of criteria—including staff-to-child ratios, curriculum, and professional development of staff—are used when rating centers and child care homes.

There are currently over 103,000 children in licensed child care centers in Kentucky, the committee was told.

Data collected by KIDS NOW recently indicates that children in high quality child care centers perform better in school than those without that level of care, Dr. Jennifer Grisham Brown with KIDS NOW told lawmakers. Measures of behavior show that children from high quality centers "are better prepared for kindergarten than those who attend low quality (centers)," Brown said.

She said high quality centers prepare

preschoolers for kindergarten through the chosen curriculum and in how teachers interact with students. For example, it is considered better for a teacher to question and expect reciprocity from students than to merely sit and read a book to a child, Brown explained. Emotional support for children is also important, she said.

Jackson said the STARS program is intent on assisting centers that show an interest in being STARS rated. "We try to provide as many supports as possible to get them there," she said.

KIDS NOW is funded with 25 percent of Kentucky's share of the national master tobacco settlement from the late 1990s. In fiscal year 2011, 10.3 percent of the state's total Early Childhood Development tobacco funds had to be reduced.

Committee co-chair Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, joined other lawmakers in thanking Bridges, Brown and Jackson for their presentation.

"We think it's imperative for everybody to know that we catch these kids at a young age," Hornback said of KIDS NOW.

Boyd - Crisp To Wed

David and Susan Boyd of Daniels Creek are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristin DeAnn Boyd to Seth Ryan Crisp, son of Jackie Day and Rita Crisp of Allen. The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program at Pikeville College. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Campbellsville University and is currently employed by the Floyd County Board of Education. The exchanging of vows will be held at the Allen Baptist Church on July 23rd at half-past 6 pm. Following their honeymoon to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Allen, Kentucky.



Teacher pleads guilty to gun, drug charges

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A former teacher from Magoffin County pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, distributing a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Darrell Patrick, 46, also forfeited 87 firearms to the federal government after admitting the guns were used to further his prescription pill trafficking activities.

According to the plea agreement, starting in August 2009, undercover investigators with Operation UNITE bought oxycodone tablets from Patrick on several occasions. In October 2009, authorities located a

small number of oxycodone tablets and the majority of the firearms inside a gun safe, after executing a search warrant at Patrick's residence. A bulletproof vest was also located.

The case was investigated by Operation UNITE and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Patrick faces a minimum of five years on the firearm charge and a maximum of

20 years on the drug charge. Patrick will appear in U.S. District Court for sentencing on Oct. 5.

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Woman seeks annulment of marriage to convicted murderer

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An elderly Virginia woman, who recently married a convicted murderer incarcerated at Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright, has filed for an annulment after discovering that he will not be eligible for parole until 2031.

Louetta R. Hamilton Batchelder, 79, of Chester, Va., filed a petition in Floyd Circuit Court for the annulment of her marriage to Bruce Batchelder, an inmate at Otter Creek.

Bruce Batchelder, 43, is currently serving 55 years to-life in prison for the 1995 murder of two Vermont residents.

According to the petition, "The petitioner seeks an

annulment of her marriage to the respondent on the grounds of mutual mistake of fact that said marriage was entered into without full disclosure of each other's personal situation and their ability to physically consummate the marriage. Specifically, the respondent represented to the petitioner that he had a reasonable expectation that he would be released from incarceration

within the next five or six years. The petitioner discovered that representation was misleading."

Batchelder will not be eligible for parole until June 13, 2031.

Louetta R. Hamilton Batchelder demands that the court enter a decree of annulment that no valid marriage existed between the parties and to restore her name to Hamilton.

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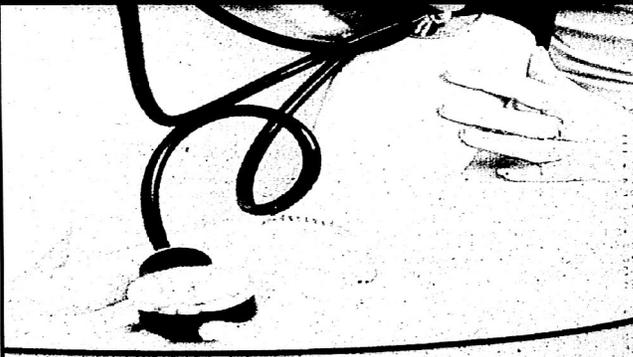
The family of C. Stephen Woods would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to loved ones, friends and neighbors who helped comfort us during the loss of our dear Steve. Thanks to all for the food, flowers, cards and, most of all, for the prayers, hugs and comforting words. Many wonderful memories were shared and a beautiful tribute was made to our son and dad, Steve. Thanks to Pastor Phillip Ramey, Rev. Shad Stumbo and Rev. James Butler for their comforting messages. Thanks to Thomas and Josh Martin, Leah Maloney, Johnny Kilgore, Austin Woods and Benjie Carroll, Melanie and Phillip Ramey, and the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist choir for their beautiful songs. Kelli and Will, thanks for always being there at all times. Natalie and Todd, thanks for being at UK Hospital, and to Highlands Regional and UK Emergency Room staff, we will always remember your care. Thank you so very deeply to Chris Waugh and staff for taking care of Steve when he was on the job, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and Steve's family and friends for the special dinner. Thank you, Hall Funeral Home.

AUSTIN, GRACELYN, MOM, DAD AND FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Dale Compton would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who attended the funeral, brought food, sent flowers or just had us in prayer during this most difficult time. A special thank you to Dr. Moore, Dr. Compton, all the other doctors and the great nursing staff of the 8th floor at Pikeville Medical Center. We would also like to thank the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for traffic control and all of the preachers and singers that came during his hospital stay and at the funeral. You will always be appreciated.

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Under the tentative agreement, workers will receive a wage increase each year of the three-year contract and increased shift differentials, and will maintain affordable health care.

SEIU District 1199 represents all service and maintenance employees, which includes: ward clerks, file clerks, transcriptionists, physicians' nurses, housekeeping, dietary (food service), laundry, urinary technicians, physical therapy aides, EKG technicians, uncertified lab assistants, skilled maintenance, general maintenance, transporters, medical surgical clerk, lab billing clerks, program secretaries, ER technicians, pharmacy technicians, anesthesia technicians, OR technicians, central sterile technicians, phlebotomists, ultrasound technicians, LPNs, radiologic technicians, physical therapy technicians, respiratory technicians and cardiopulmonary technicians.

Viewpoint

Amendment 7

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

Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time, but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

Guest View

Over-the-top responses

As eastern Kentuckians, we were initially more perturbed than we are now when news first broke about one Democratic candidate's now much-aligned comedy bit about toothless, inbred Appalachians.

What Mr. Robert Farmer, who is running for commissioner of agriculture, may not realize is that these sorts of stereotypes he used to make a few people laugh are a touchy subject for those of us here in central Appalachia who have been the butt of so many jokes in years past. We can't speak for everyone here in eastern Kentucky, but we're more than sick and tired of them.

So, when we heard about Mr. Farmer's comedy routine, the first thing we thought of was a routine of his delivered in November 2010 to the Hazard-Perry County Chamber of Commerce in which none of those tired old stereotypes surfaced. Of course, he was also introducing himself to a room full of eastern Kentuckians as a political candidate at the time.

We assumed the reaction to Mr. Farmer's old routine would be harshly and certainly was. Even Daniel Logsdon, the chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party, denounced the "comedy" as inappropriate, as well he should have. But perhaps the most harsh rebuke came from several county judge-executives from here in the mountains (Pike County's Wayne Rutherford chief among them) who declared that Mr. Farmer is no longer welcome in their counties.

Wait. Really?

So, because of a few terrible jokes that got a few laughs in Indiana, Mr. Farmer is no longer welcome in eastern Kentucky? Letcher County Judge-Executive Jim Ward went so far as to say he couldn't guarantee Mr. Farmer's safety were he to visit Letcher County. So much for turning the other cheek.

It seems to us that were these same county judges to apply this same logic to any number of people who have shed negative light upon our region, there would be a number of individuals no longer welcome in the mountains, from Jay Leno to Diane Sawyer. But, alas, there have been no pronouncements of potential physicality or banishment from the small town of Whitesburg for these people. Only Mr. Farmer, a candidate whose win in the May primary election was seen by many as a result in large part due to his last name being the same as the current commissioner of agriculture, and whose candidacy was described as a joke by Al Cross on KET on the evening of the primary. Now, somehow, Mr. Farmer rates high enough to earn a good swift kick in the pants out the door from several county judges in the mountains.

We do rather like how Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson handled a request for comment from WYMT-TV. Thompson, a Republican, said while many people may not vote for Farmer, they can at least forgive him and move on. If only a few of Thompson's colleagues had the same type of magnanimity we'd be much better off. Shame on judges like Wayne T. Rutherford, Harvey Richardson and Jim Ward. Here in eastern Kentucky we've been beaten up, spit on and dragged through the mud quite a bit. But this is the first time in memory when the response from the region's elected officials made us feel somewhat sorry for the defendant.

And though we can't speak for everyone, if Mr. Farmer wants to come to Perry County, we're sure that his money still spends just like it did before. We've got some nice places of lodging, some nice restaurants and even some nice opportunities for shopping here in Hazard. If Pikeville, Jackson or Whitesburg doesn't want any of your money, Mr. Farmer, we're sure the vendors here in Hazard will take it all the same. And when they do, we're also quite sure they'll be wearing shoes, their parents won't be related, and they'll greet you with a smile full of teeth.



Beyond the Beltway

Loose American screws

by DONALD KAUL
OtherWords

My feeling continues to grow that somewhere deep in the psyche of the American people there is a screw loose.

We entered the 21st century as the most powerful nation on earth. There was nobody second. We had our problems, certainly, but we also had a budget surplus, a reasonable foreign policy, and a bright future.

At which point the American people, in their wisdom, elected an ignoramus from Texas to lead them. He led them into two wars, a crushing public debt, and a financial crisis of historic proportions.

Having been barely recovered from that folly, a good many people — Republicans, mainly — seem ready to do it again, Texas ignoramus and all.

The Republican presidential primary race has turned into a clown show with contestants vying for the spotlight by saying and doing increasingly outrageous things. Think Sarah Palin riding into Washington on a motorcycle.

Think also of Newt Gingrich announcing his candidacy with a rip-roaring, Obama-bashing speech, and then almost immediately going on a

two-week vacation in the Greek Islands.

That was a bit much for his campaign staff, who expected a more serious effort, so they quit. (It was perhaps the first time in political history that the rats deserted ship before it had even left the dock.)

And where did they go? Several of Newt's top advisers are now working for Rick Perry, the governor of Texas and the Republican Party's new flavor of the month. Perry hasn't said he's running yet, but a lot of Republicans want him to.

Now in many ways Perry is an attractive candidate. He's good-looking, well spoken, and he exudes a certain air of confidence, always a good thing for a politician. He's been governor for 10 years now and has shown some political smarts.

But scratch that shiny surface and what you get is a tea party nut job.

He's not only against gay marriage; he's for unconstitutional and unenforceable bans on gay sex. He has indicated agreement with the comments of an evangelist who said that those who don't take Christ as their savior are going straight to Hell.

He's refused federal stimulus money for the unemployed, on the grounds that it might cost the state some money down the road.

He's expressed sympathy for the right of Texas to secede from the Union (although he said he wouldn't advise it).

He's indicated that he believes in

"scientific creationism," which he calls "a valid scientific theory" and wants it taught in the schools on equal footing with evolution.

Did I mention that this is the 21st century? This guy isn't even a 20th-century leader; he's a 19th-century politician. And he's the Republican Party's Great Hope?

A decade ago I would have dismissed his chances out of hand but now I'm not so sure. Last year a Gallup Poll found that 40 percent of Americans believe that God created humans in their present form no longer than 10,000 years ago.

That's even more unscientific than "scientific" creationism.

Wait, it gets worse. This spring, Gallup found that 47 percent of Americans want their lawmakers to vote against raising the debt ceiling. This is like wanting them to vote against gravity.

I talked to a financial adviser recently and he said that there was no chance that Congress wouldn't raise the debt ceiling. "It would be catastrophic not to," he said. "Unthinkable."

Ha! I've got news for him. We need a new national motto: "The preposterous we do immediately; the unthinkable takes a little longer."

Maybe two loose screws.

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First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

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Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly, Minister.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lorie Nease, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 68 Turkey Creek Rd., Longley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on Toler Highway, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister, 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning, 10:30 a.m.; Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, 266 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Christian Education, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken. Phone 263-1619.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2464; Darlene W. Amette, Pastor.

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donna Lafayette, Minister.

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Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; William L. Hunt, Minister.

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Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Assistant Pastor.

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Trinity Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueyville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louie Fernal, Minister.

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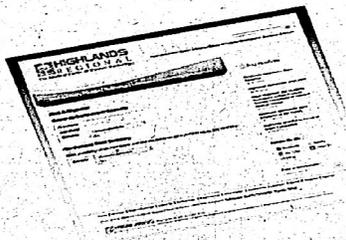
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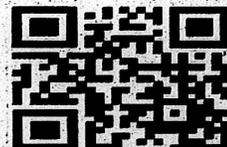


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Keathley coaches in top NBA D-League event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — A who's who of up-and-coming professional basketball coaches in America met up in Louisville during the final weekend in June, gathering at the spacious Hoops Academy to evaluate and monitor the NBA Developmental League's pre-draft camp. Coaches

such as RJ Adelman, assistant coach of the Houston Rockets and son of legendary NBA head man Rick Adelman, and Hall of Fame player turned coach Nancy Lieberman topped the list. Other top names recognizable to the D-League and NBA were NBA D-League coaches Nate Bjorkgren, Joel Abelson, Steve Gansey, Taylor Jenkins, Gene Cross

and Hernando Planells as well as Bob MacKinnon, former head coach of the Idaho Stampede and Colorado 14ers, and currently a head coach in China. Then there was Floyd County native and former East Kentucky Miners Head Coach Kevin Keathley, pacing the sidelines along with them. Keathley was in Louisville working the sidelines as one

of the nation's top up-and-coming pro coaches. "I had a great time coaching at the event," Keathley said. "I thought the NBA and NBA D-League did a great job organizing the event. It was well-run, the staff was first-class and it gave young coaches such as myself some valuable coaching experi-



KEVIN KEATHLEY

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COMMENTARY

No Bucket List but Wrigley visit ranks high

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

CHICAGO — I've never been one for lists. There are things I'd like to do or see before my time runs, but to say I have a so-called "Bucket List" would be lying. Such a thing doesn't exist.

But if I did — if I had a list of things to do before I die, last week I would have most assuredly crossed one off when I walked in the friendly confines of Wrigley Field.

No less an authority than Peter Gammons recently classified the legendary home of the Cubs as "a dump." Let's just say Peter gets to see aspects of the place I didn't, and while it's certainly got some years on it, I wouldn't say I agree with his assessment.

We went to last Monday's game with the Rockies, and let me begin by saying I had absolutely no rooting interest in the game. I've never really been a Cubs fan and other than the time Willie Blair and Dale Murphy called Colorado home, I've never been a huge supporter of the purple either.

But the game was secondary. I was there to see the museum, the shrine, the palace. It began from the moment we stepped off the train and arrived in the hallowed neighborhood called Wrigleyville.

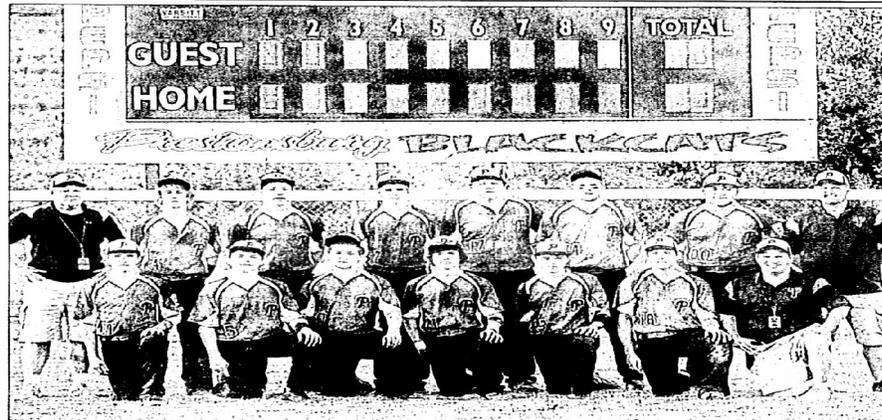
We walked a complete circle around the place, which is big as you may think. We took in the atmosphere, the souvenir shops and the famous "Murphy's" burger joint. We saw the rooftop seats, stood at the corner of Waveland and Sheffield and saw the locals standing beyond the left-field bleachers awaiting batting-practice home run balls.

Across the street from Murphy's, right in front of the entrance to the bleachers, is a statue of Harry Caray, the broadcaster so connected with the Cubbies that folks hardly remember he spent time both with the crosstown White Sox and the hated Cardinals before coming to the North Side.

Along with the rooftop seating, the most famous item on the outside of the stadium is the famous red marquee which is above the main entrance of the stadium. I'd like to have a dollar for every photo taken in front of it on the date of any Cubs' home game, and if such a price was paid, I'd have been shelling it out myself.

The inside of Wrigley looks much like the outside. It is nearly entirely painted forest green, just as the famous hand-turned scoreboard in centerfield. From the looks of it, the "dump" as Gammons called

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: The Prestonsburg Senior League All-Stars captured the District 7 title earlier in the week.

P'burg captures district championship

Team advances to State Tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Senior League All-Stars captured the District 7 championship earlier in the week at StoneCrest Sports Park. After posting back-to-back wins, Prestonsburg defeated Beaver Creek via forfeit. Prestonsburg will compete in the State Tournament at StoneCrest Sports Park next week.

More on each game follows.
Prestonsburg 9, Beaver Creek 2. Prestonsburg High School ace Trey Stapleton pitched the Prestonsburg Senior League All-Stars past Beaver Creek in the District

7 Little League Tournament Saturday evening at StoneCrest SportsPark. Helping his cause at the plate, Stapleton delivered in a 3-for-3 performance at the plate.

Prestonsburg opened tournament play 1-0 while Beaver Creek stumbled to 0-1.

Prestonsburg 10, Knott County 0. Prestonsburg plated 10 runs on only five hits on its way to a convincing 10-0 shutout victory over Knott County.

Adam Crisp, pitching for the first time this season for the Prestonsburg All-Stars, earned the win. Crisp registered 10 strikeouts for the Prestonsburg baseball team.

The Prestonsburg All-Stars set the tone early, scoring three runs in the opening inning. Prestonsburg expanded its lead in the fourth inning, manufacturing two more runs. Putting the game out of Knott County's reach.

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TREY STAPLETON

Jamerson named pre-season PoY in District 8

Blackcats picked as favorite

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — For the second straight year, Prestonsburg High School standout Joseph Jamerson has been named the pre-season player of the year in Class 2A, District 8. Jamerson is listed as District 8's top player in 'The Cats' Pausa, 2011 Kentucky Football Yearbook.

Jamerson led the Blackcats in rushing last season, picking up 553 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns. The versatile Jamerson was also a go-to receiver, ranking second in Prestonsburg's pass-catching department with 45 receptions for 747 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, Jamerson recorded a team-high nine interceptions and notched 80 tackles, ranking fourth for the Blackcats. Jamerson also kicked for Prestonsburg. He connected on 25 extra-point kicks during the 2010 season.

Prestonsburg's Adam Crisp, Alex Garner, Kinsey VanDine and Bryson Williams are touted as Players to Watch. Betsy Layne's Dylan Hamilton and Corey Jarrell also landed on the Players to Watch List.

Prestonsburg is the pre-season favorite in Class 2A, District 8. The Blackcats are ranked ahead of Leslie County (4-8), Shelby Valley (3-8) and Betsy Layne (7-4).

The Blackcats fell to Corbin in the 2011 Class 2A, Region 4 championship game. Prestonsburg will open the 2011 season on Aug. 19 at Perry County Central.



StoneCrest Golf Course held its annual youth clinic at the Jenny Wiley Executive Golf Course June 28-30. This year's clinic included 82 young golfers.

StoneCrest conducts youth clinic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG StoneCrest Golf Course held its annual youth clinic June 28-30 at the Jenny Wiley Executive Golf Course. A total of 82 young golfers attended this year's clinic. Fourteen volunteers provided instructional, organizational guidance and helped serve lunch for the three-day event.

Several parents also assisted guiding groups comprised of the young participants. The entire clinic was free, including lunch served daily. Funds were provided by donations from area civic-

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Wrigley

it, had been freshly painted. While the concourse is more narrow than its modern-day counterparts, it fits the feel of the facility. It is, in a word, cozy from inside out. While I was advised to sit in the bleachers in case I never make it back, I always prefer to be as close to the plate as I can, so I took advantage of one of those "legal" scalping Websites and paid less than face to sit directly behind the plate in the second section. While I felt good about my seats - five rows back in the second level - I had no idea exactly how good a seat I was scored.

Turns out the lowest level and mine were separated by only a walkway. And, to make my smile even wider, it happened that our seats were above a handicapped opening, which made them the first row of actual stadium seats in the section. The fact that there was a game being played at the park that day was secondary. Yes, the Cubs won 7-3 on a day that saw three different players - including Cub teamstar Carlos Pena and Aramis Ramirez - hit a pair of homers each. But, with apologies to the legions of Cubs' fans in the reading area, that didn't matter much. I was much more

excited about seeing the venerable old yard which has stood its ground since 1914, when it was erected in a mere six weeks for the grand price of \$250,000. Even by today's standards, that only translates to less than \$5.5 million. I will always remember being there, our tour of the grounds and seeing for my own eyes the things I'd only seen before on television and in dreams. I'll remember the sign, the scoreboard and the fact that my seats were so good for the game that I couldn't see Miss World sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." It was a day I'll never

forget. There are other parks I hope to someday see, but not even Fenway Park and its legendary Green Monster could excite me the way seeing Wrigley did. Its ivy was in full bloom, the locals were incredibly friendly and the seats were fantastic. I have no Bucket List, sporting or otherwise. But I'll never be taken out to the ball game the same way as the day I finally was blessed to walk into the friendly confines, where the ghosts of Banks, Caray and Santo will live forevermore.



GILBERT TO UPIKE: Tanner Gilbert, a standout football player at Clay County High School in Manchester, signed to play at the University of Pikeville earlier in the year.

Keathley

ance and an opportunity to network during the week. The event was really about the players and finding a diamond in the rough or a guy that might have slipped through the cracks. Almost 300 players turned out for a shot to be seen by NBA scouts, NBA D-League head coaches and front office staff.

Keathley enjoyed the opportunity to evaluate the aspiring NBA hopefuls. The tryout camp drew 263 players. "Anytime there is an event with this many players, you are going to have various levels of talent and experience," Keathley said. "That's okay because it's all about each player having their one shot to fulfill a dream. It's them really saying, 'I need to know where I stand as a player, I need to know if I have what it takes to perform at the highest level against the best.' Some proved they could."

Players were divided into 28 teams to play a total of four games Saturday and Sunday (June 25-26) while being evaluated. Eighty-four (84) officials called the games over the weekend. George Toliver, the D-League director of referee development, confirmed, 15 will be invited to a training session in Atlanta with a chance to be selected.

NBBL Vice President of Basketball Operations and

Player Personnel Chrls Alpert said between 30-40 players will be identified as top prospects, and 10-15 of those will be drafted. The former East Kentucky Miners head man was comfortable on the sidelines coaching against some of pro basketball's top young coaches. Keathley made the most of the unique opportunity.

"I enjoyed coaching my team - I had a kid by the name of Jonathan Thomas, he played not too far from here at Marshall," Keathley commented. I thought he did himself a huge favor by attending the event. In my view, he was one of the top five guys at the event. I'm almost certain he will earn a NBA D-League contract. I also had a player named Marvin Hill that played as good as any point guard at the event. I'm hoping he gets noticed. He certainly will have the opportunity to play somewhere professionally. Once I identified my better players, I really tried to give them a chance to showcase their talents and give them a chance to be noticed in front of the scouts in attendance. I thought my team did great job of getting them the basketball and playing unselfishly."

Some of the top players in attendance included A.J. Abrams, the leading career three-point field goal shooter

in the Big 12 Conference, South Carolina standout Brandis Ross and Brian Johnson, who played at Louisville and Mississippi State.

Keathley was the only coach with local ties in the event. A player from Pikeville was among the participants.

"A player I'm really high on, and ironically, got a chance to see him in our very first game of the weekend was Pikeville College standout Vance Cooksey," Keathley confided. "I think he has all the tools to play on the pro level. He didn't have the best personnel on his team over the weekend to showcase all he can do. However, I thought he did enough to earn himself a contract. He is another young man who will play somewhere professionally."

Keathley never hesitated to take the opportunity to coach in the event which also included former NBA players Larry Sanders, Emanuel Davis, Doug Christie, Jeff McInnis and Anthony Miller, all of whom are working their way up the coaching ladder.

"Anytime you get a chance to participate in an event such as this, you jump on it," Keathley added. "It's an opportunity to work with the best and at the same time, it's a chance to maybe help a player fulfill a dream along

the way."

Keathley had the fortunate chance to interact with many coaching peers.

"The event also gave me a chance to visit with some of the very best coaches on this level - individuals like Will Veig, Nate Bjorkgren, Joel Abelson, Taylor Jenkins, Gene Cross, as well as Bob MacKinnon and up-and-coming front office staff like Brian Levy," Keathley noted. "These are people that you will see in the NBA very soon and anything that I can learn from them is a bonus."

"I will certainly be back if they ask me for next year's event - I had a great time and enjoyed my experience," Keathley added. "The NBA D-League definitely put on an outstanding event and the Hoops Academy staff should be commended. Terry Howard and Brandon Paquin were outstanding hosts for the event."

Just like some of the players at the NBA D-League tryout camp, Keathley continues to inch closer to the highest level.

H.S. FOOTBALL 2011

- Allen Central
Aug. 26 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2 at Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 Paintsville, 9 p.m.
Sept. 23 Williamsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 at Pineville, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 at Knott Central, 7:30 p.m.
Betsy Layne
Aug. 19 Brecken County, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 Knott Central, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 Hannan, W.Va., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
Prestonsburg
Aug. 19 at Perry Central, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26 at Shenandoah, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2 Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 Bethy, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Pike Central, 7:30 p.m.
South Floyd
Aug. 26 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2 at Jones, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 at Knott Central, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 Brecken County, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Pineville, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 Bees, 7:30 p.m.

Clinic

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-minded businesses. At the end of the clinic, gift bags were presented to each participant, included in the bags were passes for a free round of golf at the Jenny Wiley Executive Golf Course, a free bucket of balls at the StoneCrest Golf Course, a golf ball, a bag of tea, a divot tool and free tickets for the participants' family to the next Kentucky Opry Show at the Mountain Arts Center (MAC).

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P'burg

Prestonsburg pushed across five runs during its fifth plate appearance. Knott County was limited to four hits. The Knott County All-Stars committed eight errors in the loss.

Prestonsburg dominated early, scoring nine runs in the bottom half of the first inning. Eventually, Prestonsburg plated nine runs via six hits.

Beaver Creek was held to two hits. The Beaver Creek All-Stars committed one error.

Prestonsburg starting pitcher Trey Stapleton only threw 15 pitches in the game, notching three strikeouts. The Prestonsburg All-Stars built up an early lead and never faltered en route to the forfeit win.

Prestonsburg 9, Beaver Creek 0. The Prestonsburg All-Stars owned a commanding 9-0 lead in the second inning on Tuesday when Beaver Creek was forced to forfeit when one of its nine players was injured and unable to compete in the postseason matchup.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Rubber'

by TOM DOTY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

An abandoned tire suddenly develops sentience and proceeds to embark on a rampage of death, destruction and gratuitous channel surfing in this absurdist horror flick.



Tom Doty
 Times Columnist

You have to love a filmmaker who embraces a ridiculous premise, and this flick accomplishes that with gusto. We open on a desert where a car approaches the camera. A man gets out and another lets himself out of the trunk and then addresses the audience directly. The speech is hilarious. It pokes fun at how things happen in movies just to move the story along, while ignoring common sense. The narrator notes that this film will be an "homage" to "No Reason" logic.

The film sure is, as it follows the adventures of a tire, named Robert, that comes to life and wobbles off to find its destiny. It smooches a scorpion and appears to enjoy the activity. It tries to roll over other items but is too lightweight. It then figures out that it has psychic abilities (no reason) and can make things explode simply by looking at them and scribbling until it emits a killer burst of energy.

Meanwhile, the film jumps another shark by having a built in audience of spectators who watch the action with a fire on top of a dune. They comment on the action and watch the flick, which gives the filmmakers an opportunity to do exposition in a creative way.

Robert becomes infatuated with a gorgeous brunette and follows her to a hotel. It gets a room there and enjoys some TV for the night. The next morning it has a showdown with a maid, who makes a big mistake when she tosses Robert out of the shower stall and into the parking lot. Robert reacts poorly and trembles until the poor woman's head redecorates the room - at least she won't have to clean up the mess.

Meanwhile, a sheriff shows up and turns out to also be the guy we met coming out of the trunk in the beginning. He investigates the hotel killing and actually begins to buy the idea that a tire did it. While this is happening an assistant shows up in the desert and feeds the audience a roast turkey that they devour. Too bad it's also poisoned. This leads the sheriff to declare that they can end the movie but he has spoken too soon. Turns out a wheelchair-bound movie fan opted to skip the meal, so the show must go on.

The sheriff has his deputies gather up every spare tire they can for the stinkiest fire ever captured on film (at least they didn't release this in "Odorama"). Robert, however, is not dumb. He sees as he watches this development from afar.

Cut to three days later and just about everyone in town lies dead of an exploded head. The sheriff has one desperate plan to kill the whitewall from hell, but will Robert realize he's rolling into a trap?

See this to find out and you'll be glad you did. Sure, it's dumb, but the film knows that and rolls with it. The script is witty and only asks that you sit back and be entertained. There are a lot of in-jokes here for film fans, and just enough carnage to keep horror fans amused, as well. Fun, absurd and very gory. What could be better?

The film is mainly the work of French first-timer Quentin Dupieux. He shows a grasp of cinematography and film history that should serve him well, especially

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Brittany Brown just getting started, but already an achiever

Twenty-one-year-old Brittany Brown, originally from Dublin, Ga., and now a student at Carl D. Perkins Job Corps in Prestonsburg, has yet to complete her training at the center but can already boast of achievements.

Since April, Brown has worked with the Floyd County Conservation District and only recently completed her 12 weeks with that program. During her time there, she worked in numerous capacities ranging from office administration duties to assisting with environmental education presentations.

And her hard work and character did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. "I know they still want me to work for them, but I can't," Brown said, smiling. "I've finished my 12 weeks."

In a letter written shortly after Brown finished her work with the conservation district in late June, Tony Grubb, Floyd County's district office manager of the program, said he and the others at the district could imagine the 21-year-old, who now lives in Florida, at any position she might decide to pursue.



Brittany Brown

"Ms. Brown was a valuable asset while being assigned to our office," Grubb said. "We

felt that she would be a great addition to any company or field she decides to pursue in her life."

Such praise came not only through this letter in late June, but also while Brown was working with Grubb and the others at the Floyd County Conservation District. Just before leaving, Brown was awarded a certificate of appreciation from those she had worked with since April.

But another highlight came during one of the statewide board meetings, Brown said.

"During the meeting, they introduced me and said what a good job I had been doing," Brown said. "It surprised me because I was just sitting there typing away and then they asked me to stand up and introduced me. It was nice."

Though Brown is currently training in Hotel Lodging at Perkins Job Corps, she says her key career goal would be to study criminal justice and eventually work in that field.

"For me this is just a starting point," said Brown, who expects to finish her training in September.

Students from around Big Sandy area chip in to help cancer patients

Students throughout Pike, Floyd and Johnson counties proudly participated in "The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program, one of LLS's "National School & Youth" programs that raises money to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma while providing information and support services to patients and their families. Pennies for Patients teaches students caring, sharing, respect for others and the value of community service, in addition to supporting an important cause. The need for cures is critical: nearly 912,900 Americans are battling blood cancers, and leukemia remains the leading cause of disease-related death among children under 20. Over 3,000 individuals in Kentucky and Southern Indiana are currently battling a blood cancer.

The Pennies for Patients program ran for a three-week period. Students at Betsy Layne Elementary in Floyd County raised over \$2,300.00 to help LLS advance its mission to find cures. "This was a great experience for our students," said Sandy Akers, teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary. "It taught them that they can make an important difference in the lives of others. It is gratifying that our students' efforts are benefiting an outstanding organization like LLS." Other participating schools were Allen Central Middle School, W. R. Castle Elementary, Blackberry Elementary, Runyon Elementary, and Southside Elementary.



Students at Betsy Layne Elementary recently participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program. Pictured front row (left to right) are Rebecka Miller, Alona Neece, Whitney Howell, Katie Tackett, Aaron Rogers. Back (left to right) are Scrapy Barnes, School and Youth Programs representative for LLS, and Sandy Akers, teacher at BLES.

During the 2009-10 school year, 25,000 schools across the country raised \$19 million through School & Youth Programs. In Kentucky and Southern Indiana, 257 schools participated in the Pennies for Patients program raising \$226,000.

"It was so inspiring to see the Betsy Layne Elementary students

volunteer and really care about helping others," said Karyl Ferman, Executive Director for the Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter. "It's a program that is truly meaningful for them because leukemia is a disease that impacts children, and the students learn that they can really make a difference."

For more information about

LLS's School & Youth Programs, visit www.schoolandyouth.org. The Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter is located at 301 E. Main Street, St. 100, Louisville, KY 40202. Their phone numbers are (800) 955-2566 or (502) 584-8490.

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DINNER DIVA

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If you're wondering which nut butter is the healthiest, the award would have to be handed to almond butter because it has a bunch of fiber, protein, and calcium. It's also my favorite because it has the smoothest taste with a very subtle sweetness. It's a fantastic complement with bread, berries, and sometimes just plain off the spoon!

Before you go to the store and buy a jar of cheap peanut butter, keep in mind that those are usually full of added sugars, salt, and

hydrogenated fats you do not need to be giving your body. Find the natural and organic nut butters and always check the ingredients to make sure there aren't unnecessary additives.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An excellent week for genre flicks saw two action movies and a documentary competing for your rental dollar.

■ "Hobo with a Shotgun" — The best news is that this film is good enough to support that title. It is based on a short film by Jason Eisner (who is back for the feature version) that won a contest run by the makers of "Grindhouse" (Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez). Rutger Hauer stars as the titular character, who rolls into the cesspool of a city and blows a gasket when he witnesses the obscene levels of corruption. The best bit has him lecturing a roomful of newborn babies about what they can expect out of life, but the action bits aren't bad either.

■ "13 Assassins" — Japanese genre king Takashi Miike is back with this samurai action epic. The film boasts some of the best swordplay you'll ever see, but just wait for the finale that finds the titular band outgunned, outnumbered (a la "Wild Bunch") and ready to take

down an entire army that has been brutally abusing the citizenry. Heads will roll, as well as burning cows.

■ "Nightmares in Red, White and Blue" — Finally a documentary anyone can enjoy. This film traces the history of the American horror movie. They start with Thomas Edison's "Frankenstein" and go all the way up to Eli Roth's "Hostel." Smart stuff with well-observed recollections by John Carpenter, Roger Corman and George Romero. There's plenty of the red stuff, too, and a ton of extras.

■ "Maanix: Season 5" — Mike Connors returns as the principled and rugged private detective. He gets great support from co-star Gail Fisher, as his loyal secretary, Peggy True. This was the season where the show broke into the top 10 (it helps that it got a Wednesday night slot) and it's also the year it garnered award show attention from the "Emmys" and the "Golden Globes." Guest stars include Milton Berle, John Vernon and Dean Stockwell. The show also got a lot of attention this season that it kept until it

ended three years later. Next week look for the sci-fi classic "Damnation Alley" and a film adaptation of Michael Connelly's "The Lincoln Lawyer."

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CARS 2 (G) OPEN CAPTION Saturday, July 9 — 2:00 p.m. only

What your Facebook page says about you

LEXINGTON — The growing popularity of social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter has rapidly changed the way we communicate as a society. These days, we share practically everything online. The question of whether there is a connection between our personality traits and the way we display our personal information on the Web recently caught the attention of a University of Kentucky researcher.

UK psychology Professor Nathan DeWall conducted a study on the connection between narcissism, a personality trait marked by "self-promotion, vanity and grandiosity," and how narcissistic individuals display themselves to friends on Facebook. DeWall's research included two different studies testing his hypothesis that narcissistic people used social networking sites to draw attention to themselves.

"Our study shows that narcissists are always on the prowl to self-promote, even on social networking sites," he said. "When they aren't drawing attention to themselves with the words they use, they compensate by displaying self-promoting pictures."

Study 1 determined if

narcissistic people displayed more self-promoting and "sexy" images when using fewer first-person singular pronouns to describe themselves. According to DeWall, "these people showed off their bodies to make themselves look especially sexy."

Study 2 looked at profane and aggressive word use and its correlation with narcissism. The studies were conducted using two different groups. Study 1 created a sample of undergraduate college students and used a number of inventory tests and Facebook, while Study 2 consisted of a large sample of adults and used surveys, questionnaires and essays.

The evidence from the studies showed that narcissistic individuals used self-promoting images and anti-social words to draw attention to themselves online.

Despite the evidence, DeWall doubts narcissists are aware of their actions. "It likely occurs beneath their conscious awareness," he explained. "They behave aggressively and try to draw attention to themselves when they feel threatened in any way. Narcissists appear confident, but they're really fragile people. Insult them and 'look out!'"

Lagoon

with a bigger budget. The cast is mainly unknown, though Broadway star Stephen Spinella shows up as the sheriff and there is a sharp turn by 1980s "Direct to Video" King Wings Hauser as the disabled film fan who has a ton of suggestions on how to

improve the film. The ending is a hoot, as Robert possesses a tricycle, which leads an army of abandoned tires on an unsuspecting Hollywood.

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ANTICIPATION HIGH AS OHIO VALLEY GOLD & SILVER REFINERY OPENS FOR BUSINESS NEXT WEEK IN PRESTONSBURG!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box, a lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins, you should be, according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years," said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring," says Miller.

Next week, starting Monday at 9am and every day next week through Friday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in Prestonsburg at the Comfort Suites. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories," says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand next week starting Monday through Friday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1965 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure

if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying

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current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during Refinery hours at (217) 787-7767.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Monday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through next Friday. No appointment is needed for the general public.

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SILVER AND GOLD COIN PRICES UP DURING POOR ECONOMY.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Prestonsburg with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

By Ken McIntosh
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. Next week, starting Monday and continuing through Friday, the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth, according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high, prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coin's worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now, even well worn heavily circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy half dollars, Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now, according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start mining coins until 1792," says Eades. He explained, "Before that, people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mint and began distributing the coins

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century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins. Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. But not all gold coins were turned in. "Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold," said Eades.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchased including foreign coins, Indian cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins, as significant damage can be done and the coin's value

COINS: All coins made before 1965: silver and gold coins, dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

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JEWELRY: Gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, all types of stones and metals, rings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. (including broken and early costume jewelry)

WAR MEMORABILIA: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc: swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters.

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE READY TO CASH IN! International buyers in town next week and ready to stimulate economy!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents poured in to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery this week—inquiring about items to be purchased by the team of buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers next week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items, along with the coins, gold jewelry and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a local shot in the arm for our economy—the spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 next week at the Comfort Suites, paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company has explained that these collectors are paying collector prices for the vintage items and it is great way for people to get a great value for their items.

