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In brief

PCSOM to hold white coat ceremony

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM) will formally welcome members of the Class of 2011 during a traditional White Coat Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium.

White coat ceremonies are rites of passage for beginning medical students. The ritual encourages a psychological contract that emphasizes professionalism and empathy in the practice of medicine, and focuses on the importance of both scientific excellence and compassionate care for the patient.

As they embark on their quest to become tomorrow's physicians, the 76 incoming PCSOM students will take the oath of commitment and don white coats for the first time. The ceremony also helps to foster a special bond students will have with patients, colleagues, and teachers as they begin medical school. In the presence of family members, friends, and the campus community, students from the Class of 2011 will be "coated" by the students from the medical school's Class of 2010.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Maurice E. Nida, D.O., FACC, Internal Medicine residency project director and director of Medical Education at Norton Community Hospital in Norton, Va.

A physician for 15 years, Nida also serves as

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Board continues to weigh tobacco policy

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Standing firm on their resolution to make Floyd County schools "tobacco-free" properties, the Floyd County Board of Education met in special session Wednesday evening to continue work on drafting a final tobacco use policy for the school district.

Health advocates will surely praise

the efforts of the board should they vote to approve a proposal discussed during the recent meeting, but some board employees may not be quite so pleased to discover the policy currently being considered.

If the policy comes to be approved, board employees with tobacco habits will have to learn to curb those habits during work hours, as the policy currently being developed calls for the restriction of tobacco use on board

property by all employees during the time that those employees are engaged in their scheduled work day.

All board employees, teachers, administrators, office staff and "including custodians," according to Supt. Paul Fanning, will be prohibited from the use of tobacco products "while they are on duty" in board owned buildings and vehicles.

Each building shall have a designated tobacco product use area, to be

located no less than 25 feet and no more than 100 feet away from building entry/exit areas, but board employees shall be prohibited from using such areas until "after the school day has been completed and when the employee's work day has ended," according to the policy draft.

In addition, bus drivers shall not permit students to use tobacco products

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A HOME OF THEIR OWN



photo by Jessica Hale
LINKS is celebrating their latest home completion. New homeowner Kim Reed, along with daughters Kaitlyn and Carlie, have already begun to move in their new two-bedroom home located at Bonanza. Kim's parents, Millard and Freida, along with members of LINKS and the Floyd County Fiscal Court, held an open house for the family on Friday.



Police step up patrols for holiday

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Increased patrols and more safety checks are expected throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Kentucky State Police say traffic will increase significantly during this time period. Therefore, they will be using extra caution to ensure that citizens of the commonwealth are safe.

"As part of the nationwide 'Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest' campaign, troopers will be

conducting saturation patrols and safety checkpoints while coordinating efforts with local law enforcement agencies," says KSP Commissioner Jack Adams. "You'll see more troopers on the road and enforcement will be strict. Impaired drivers will be arrested and motorists exceeding posted speed limits or not using seat belts will be ticketed."

During last year's Labor Day holiday period, there were 770 crashes on

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Passed-over teacher sues Knott board

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County school teacher has filed a discrimination suit against both former Knott County Supt. Harold Combs and the Board of Education.

According to the complaint filed in U.S. District Court, Krista Hamilton claims to have not been chosen for an open teaching position due to her pregnancy.

The complaint alleges that Hamilton was the next person eligible for an open

position. Hamilton was placed on a "Seniority List" by the Knott County Board and says she was denied a teaching position at Carr Creek Elementary. The complaint further alleges that the job was given to a person who was listed below Hamilton on the seniority list.

Hamilton alleges that she requested a meeting with former superintendent Harold Combs and in that meeting, she was not given a justifiable reason as to why she hadn't been given

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Jury awards nurse \$800,000 for wrongful firing

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former nurse at Highlands Regional Medical Center has been awarded in excess of \$800,000 in a wrongful termination case.

Lonna Castle, a former obstetrics nurse at HRMC, filed suit against the hospital when she accused them of wrongfully terminating her position after she had complained that the obstetrics unit was understaffed. Castle claimed this situation placed the safety of the hospital's patients in jeopardy.

According to Castle's attorneys, Bobby Rowe and Mickey McGuire, Castle provided evidence that the unit was experiencing chronic problems with short-

ages of nurses and at times the nurses had to leave mothers and babies unattended to care for urgent situations.

The hospital's defense was that Castle was fired for failing to get patient consent forms signed and allegedly falsifying medical records. Castle said her reasoning for her failure to get the consent forms signed was due to the fact that she had to care for a patient who was having an urgent caesarean section procedure. A complaint filed with the Kentucky Board of Nursing against Castle was also dismissed.

After four days of testimony, the jury awarded Castle \$80,000 in back pay, \$500,000 in future lost wages and \$250,000 in punitive damages.

According to a press release issued by Bobby

Rowe Law Offices, this is the second recent loss at trial for HRMC. Three weeks earlier, another jury returned a verdict against Highlands in the amount of \$35,000 for the wrongful termination of Jessica Preece, a certified nurse's aide. The jury found that HRMC had interfered with Preece's right to take a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

At the time of Preece's pregnancy, she had applied for medical leave, but after her baby was born she attempted to return to work but was absent one day due to complications from the pregnancy.

The jury found that Highlands had interfered with her right to take a medical leave and wrongfully terminated her.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Charlotte Lynn Blackburn, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, August 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nancy Carolyn Cooley, age 63, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 26, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Jack France, 80, of Cowpen Road, Pikeville, died Wednesday, August 29, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, under direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Patsy Lou Griffith, 68, of Martin, died Monday, August 27, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Walter Johnson, 81, of Hyden Manor Nursing Home, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 30, at Hyden Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 2, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Judy Clay Justice, 58, of Canada, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, August 28, at Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. She is survived by her husband, Larry Justice Sr. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Rendi LaMartz, 74, of Minnie, died Tuesday, August 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ William Muncy, 57, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a native of Hatfield, died Wednesday, August 29, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson.

■ Matthew Jerod Potter, died Tuesday, August 21. A memorial gathering was held Saturday, September 1, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Pikeville.

■ Mary Alice Reed, 62, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, August 30, at Charles Arca Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, English David Reed. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 2, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Lexie Salisbury, 87, of Martin, died Sunday, August 26, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kerby Joseph (Joey) Senter, 30, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, August 28, at Draffin. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Thomas Shehee, 66, of Burdine, died Monday, August 27, at Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

■ Avalon Johnson Shepherd, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 26, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Lydia Stone, 78, of Garner, died Wednesday, August 23, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Alice Sowards, 93, of Lick Fork, died Wednesday, August 29, at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Edgar Tackett, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 28, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carolyn Sue Watson, 50, of Dana, died Monday, August 27, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jesse Watson. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ David Wayne Adkins, 42, of Freeburn, died Saturday, August 25, at Freeburn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 29, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Vicky Marie Wolford Adkins, 25, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, August 24, at Pikeville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Patty Laverne Cook, 63, of Hellier, died Friday, August 24, at Pikeville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Ann Dotson, 80, of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, August

26, at St. Mary's Holston Health Care, Knoxville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Miles Lambert Dotson, 86, of Phelps, died Sunday, August 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Ernie Fields, 63, of Freeburn, died Monday, August 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Helen Hurley Fields. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ George "Buddy" Everett Hodge, 82, of South Williamson, died Saturday, August 25, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Judy Clay Justice, 58, of Canada, died Tuesday, August 28, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. She is survived by her husband, Larry Justice Sr. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Nathaniel Jack "Doodle" Little, 26, of Elwood, died Monday, August 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Julia Ann Maynard, 65, of Lower Johns Creek, died Monday, August 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, R.C. Maynard. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 30, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Stephen Forrest Phillips, 54, of Canada, died Friday, August 24. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Stanley Phillips. Funeral services were held Monday, August 27, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Carl Williamson, 71, of Argillite, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, August 28, in Oakmont Manor in Flatwoods. He is survived by his wife, Mae Harris Williamson. Funeral ser-

VICES were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of Carman Funeral Home, Flatwoods.

■ Jason R. Wright, 24, of Virgie, died Thursday, August 23, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Floyd Davis, 69, of Kite, formerly of Mallie, died Wednesday, August 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Johnson Davis. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Roderick Lee Hall, 42, of Kite, died Tuesday, August 14, at his residence. Memorial services were held Tuesday, August 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Martha Hall Owens, 68, of Russell Springs, a Knott County native, died Monday, August 27, at the Russell County Hospital, Russell Springs. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Lydia Stone, 78, of Garner, died Wednesday, August 23, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Kaye Alley, 68, a native of Oil Springs, died Saturday, August 25. She is survived by her husband, James S. Alley. Services were held Monday, August 27, under the direction of Milward Funeral Directors, Lexington.

■ Willard "Bill" or "Buck" King, 67, of Ashland, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, August 25, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Sue King. Funeral services were

held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home, in Westwood.

■ Virgil W. Salyer, 92, of Picketon, a native of Flat Gap, died Saturday, August 25, at Southern Ohio Medical Center Hospice in Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 29, under the direction of Howe Wheeler Boyer Hornback Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Ada Howard Carpenter, 90, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 24. Funeral services were held Monday, August 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Ronald Hensley, 58, of Salyersville, died Saturday, August 25. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Vernal Dials, died August 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Services were held Friday, August 24, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Ernestine Reed Lambert, 82, of Lovely, died Tuesday, August 21, at Williamson Memorial

Hospital, at Williamson, West Virginia. Memorial services were held Saturday, August 25, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services.

■ Norma Spears Tackett, 97, of Incz, died Friday, August 24, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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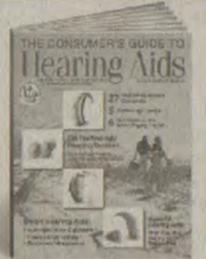
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Floyd County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at May Valley Elementary School, located at 481 Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649, on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy on real estate of 52.8 and personal property of 52.8 cents.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2006-2007 was 55.10 cents on real property and 59.4 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$7,441,807.32. The proposed General Fund Tax rate of 52.8 cents on real property and 52.8 cents on personal property is expected to produce approximately \$7,992,661.14. Of this amount, \$1,725,500.85 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rates for 2006-2007 are; 50.80 cents for real estate and 50.80 cents for personal property and is expected to produce approximately \$7,689,908.82.

The general areas to which revenue of \$550,583.82 in excess of 2006-2007 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$170,154.99, building fund \$133,681.08, and instruction \$247,017.75.

Per KRS 134.590, 0.4 cents may be added to the above rates to recover prior year losses due to exonerations. Total rates if 0.4 cents is added would be a proposed rate of 53.2 cents for both real and personal property, or a compensating rate of 51.2 cents for both real and personal property.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and the information contained herein.

PRIDE celebrates 10 years, begins new chapter

HAZARD — Southern and Eastern Kentuckians celebrated the 10th anniversary of PRIDE, their environmental cleanup and education campaign, today at the Hal Rogers Center in Hazard. The crowd applauded the cleanup results since 1997 and pledged to build on the momentum. They were buoyed by new state and federal funds announced by Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), PRIDE co-founder, and Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Rogers reported that since 1997, 7,227 homeowners have used PRIDE funding to install septic systems. Another 20,000 homes have been served by PRIDE-funded sewer projects. Local governments have cleaned up 2,452 illegal dumps. 486,392 students have participated in hands-on environmental learning projects, such as outdoor classrooms. 237,129 volunteers have contributed to PRIDE cleanup and education efforts.

Rogers congratulated and thanked the audience, as well as the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who could not

attend. "We have accomplished more than any of us ever imagined," he said. "Our hillsides are cleaner. Our rivers are healthier. Our students are better stewards. Our citizens are more likely to do the right thing with trash and wastewater. Our communities are more attractive to tourists, businesses and retirees."

"It is my hope that you will re-commit yourselves to this campaign, with a new passion and vision for the role you will play in the next chapter of the PRIDE story," Rogers continued. The audience raised their hands to show they accepted his challenge.

Rogers announced that \$3 million has been appropriated in the federal budget to continue the PRIDE campaign. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$2 million for the PRIDE Section 531 program to assist communities with sewer projects. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, the non-profit organization that coordinates the regional campaign, will receive \$1 million to support local cleanup and education efforts.

Fletcher also announced Kentucky Department of Transportation funding for PRIDE. The grant will be used for roadside cleanup and beautification programs throughout the 38 county region. The programs will include judge-executives, mayors and other community leaders while also creating a stewardship opportunity for children.

The celebration featured awards for outstanding contributions to the environment through PRIDE. The award winners are listed below.

■ **Unsung Hero Award:** Friends of Lake Cumberland, Friends of Fish Trap Lake and Friends of Laurel Lake

■ **Decade of Difference Diamond Award:** Lakis Mavinidis, Harlan County

■ **2007 Elementary School Campus of the Year:** Southside Elementary School (Lee County)

■ **2007 Middle School**

Campus of the Year: Corbin Middle School

■ **2007 High School Campus of the Year:** Somerset High School

■ **2007 College/Community Project of the Year:** Somerset Community College

■ **2007 Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year:** Ken Kinder, Pike County

■ **2007 Rogers-Bickford Environmental Leader:** Jeffrey Thomas, Casey County, and Rodney Potter, Pike County (both posthumously)

■ **2007 Kentucky PRIDE Award:** Henry Hinkle, Hinkle Contracting Corporation

Highlights from today's event will be broadcast on WYMT-TV on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. ET. Kentucky Educational Television (KET) also will air the same program, but the schedule has not been announced yet.

The PRIDE initiative was

launched in 1997 by Rogers and the late James E. Bickford, who was the Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. PRIDE serves 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. The organization links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end

illegal trash dumps and promote environmental education and awareness. PRIDE is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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while on a school bus. The policy draft also currently calls for the restriction of the use of tobacco products by visitors to school properties while school is in session, though the draft may be amended to allow visitors to use such products in designated areas only.

Composing a final draft of a board sanctioned tobacco use policy has posed some difficulty for board members, who have struggled with attempting to ensure the protection of the health of children while at the

same time attempting to accommodate the desires of members of the adult community, both employees and the general public.

Should the board vote to approve the policy draft currently being considered, it will prove to be a clear indication that they intend to place the safety of children over the nicotine habits of adults.

The tobacco use policy issue will be revisited at another time following further consideration by board members.

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Kentucky's roadways, resulting in nine fatalities and 276 injuries. Two of those fatalities involved the use of alcohol and six of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

Also, KSP made 218 arrests for impaired driving, issued 3,266 speed violation citations and cited 40 drivers for child restraint violations. According to state law, all children 40 inches in height or less, must be buckled into a child safety restraint seat that meets federal standards.

"Kentucky has a zero-tolerance policy regarding impaired driving," explains

Captain Tim Lucas, commander of the KSP Highway Safety Branch. "Driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 is illegal, but you can also be arrested for lower levels if you are under the age of 21 years of age or operating a commercial vehicle. If you are going to drive, it's best not to consume any alcohol at all."

Many lives can be saved if motorists follow three simple rules this Labor Day weekend," says Commissioner Adams. "Slow down, buckle up and don't drive while impaired."

Teacher

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the job. Combs later sent Hamilton a letter saying, "I don't think you have the right to be placed." Hamilton claims the usage of the words "right to be placed" is reference to the fact that she was six months pregnant at the time.

The complaint says Hamilton estimates she experienced lost earnings in the amount of approximately

\$38,000 plus other benefits along with suffering, humiliation and embarrassment as a result of the discriminatory hiring actions by the defendants.

Hamilton is also requesting an injunction mandating she be awarded the teaching position, punitive damages in the amount of \$1.9 million and attorney fees.

PCSOM

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adjunct clinical professor of Internal Medicine and chairman of Internal Medicine at PCSOM. He became a member of Pikeville College's Board of Trustees earlier this year. A graduate of the University of Virginia at Wise, he earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a Diplomate, Board of Internal Medicine, American Osteopathic Association and American Medical Association.

Nida previously served on the Norton Community Hospital Board of Directors. A member of the American Osteopathic Association and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, he has been recognized for his teaching excellence at both PCSOM and the Virginia College of

Osteopathic Medicine.

The community is cordially invited to attend the White Coat Ceremony. For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at (606) 218-5270.

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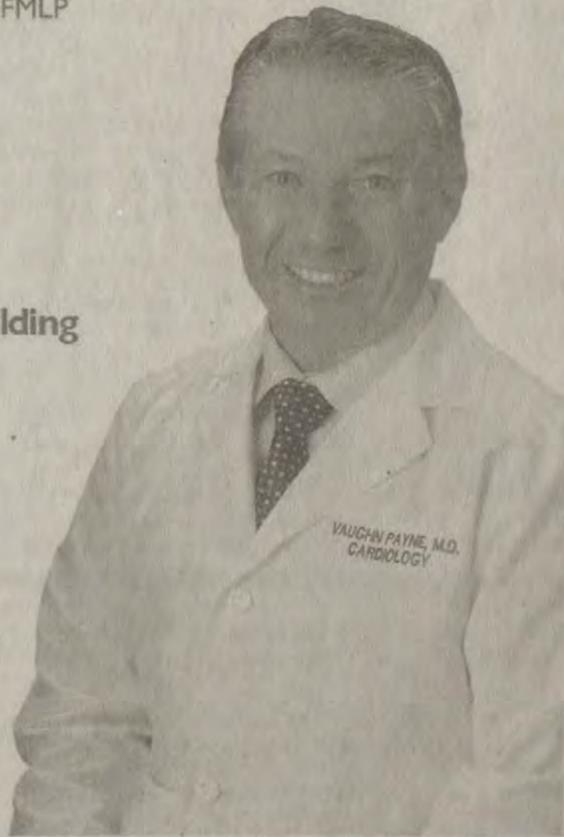
Dr. Vaughn Payne Cardiologist

Highlands Regional Medical Center is proud to welcome Dr. Vaughn Payne, Cardiologist, to our community. Dr. Payne earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri - Kansas City and his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky. Since 1992, he has also taught as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and before that taught as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Dr. Payne was recognized by the American Medical Association by receiving the Physicians Recognition Award and in 1991 received the American College of Cardiology/Syntex Education Award. An additional award came from the American Heart Association (Kentucky Affiliate), "Determination of Mechanisms of Receptor Specified Desensitization in G-Protein Coupled FMLP Receptors", 1989 - 1990. Dr. Payne is joining Cumberland Cardiology and is accepting new patients.

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Guest view

Fletcher doing little to unite party

With registered Democrats outnumbering Republicans in Kentucky by a margin of nearly 2-1, conventional wisdom says that for a Republican candidate to be successful in a statewide race, that candidate must receive nearly all of the Republican vote plus the votes of a large number of Democrats.

That's what happened in 2003, when Ernie Fletcher became the first Republican to be elected governor in 32 years. Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler was greatly damaged by a brutal primary campaign against Bruce Lunsford, who further weakened Chandler by endorsing Fletcher in the fall campaign. Meanwhile, Republicans were united in their support for Fletcher, then a member of U.S. House of Representatives representing the Sixth District and the hand-picked candidate of Sen. Mitch McConnell.

What a difference four years can make. While the other Democratic candidates for governor gave their full support to Democratic nominee Steve Beshear immediately after the May 22 primary, Republicans Anne Northup and Billy Harper have been silent since losing to Fletcher in the GOP primary. However, before the primary, they both repeatedly said the governor could not win re-election.

While the reluctance of Northup and Harper to rally behind the governor who defeated them in May could be dismissed as sour grapes, they are not the only Republicans to be lukewarm in their support for the governor's re-election.

Remember Steve Pence? His influence in Frankfort went from considerable to zilch immediately after he said he would not seek a second term as lieutenant governor. Pence still is the lieutenant governor, but exactly what he is doing in that role is anyone's guess. One thing he is not doing is campaigning for Fletcher's re-election. At least for the time being, the once-promising political career of Steve Pence — a former U.S. attorney who doubled as Fletcher's justice secretary before his split with the governor — has been derailed.

A number of elected Republicans — including U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning and state Rep. John Vincent of Ashland — endorsed Northup in the May primary. If Fletcher has attempted to get their support in the General Election, it has not been noticed.

Bunning recently said he had urged Fletcher to support putting the expanded gambling issue on the ballot. Instead, the governor has done the exact opposite.

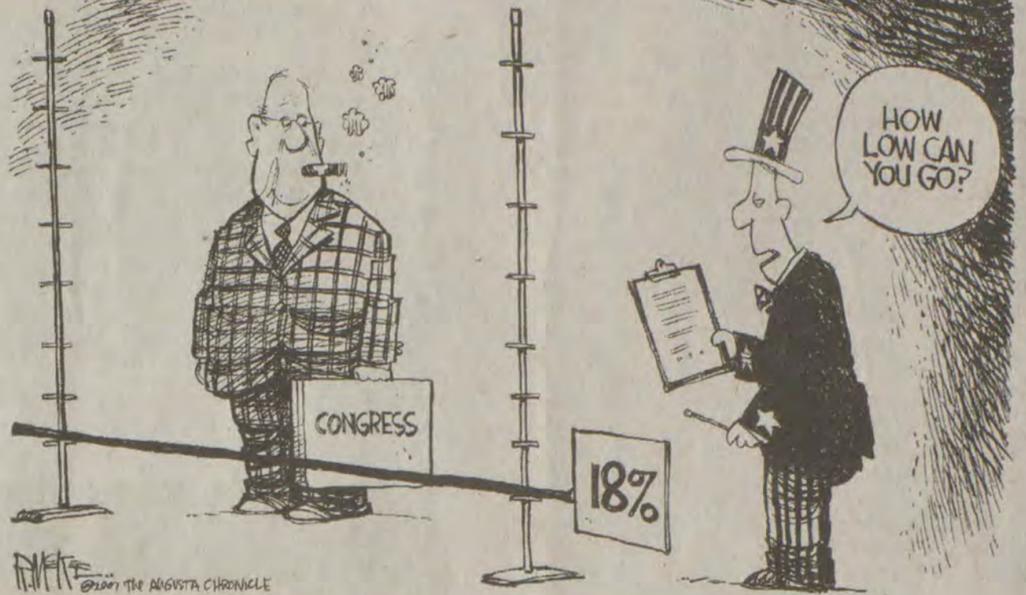
While Fletcher previously had indicated that he would allow a gambling amendment to be placed on the ballot, he now has made his opposition to Beshear's support of expanded gambling the centerpiece of his campaign.

Bunning said that position could work against the governor in northern Kentucky, one of the strongest Republican regions of the state. While an anti-gambling plank may play well with Southern Baptists and other conservative Protestants in other parts of Kentucky, the politically conservative Catholics in northern Kentucky take a somewhat different view of gambling.

We're not ready to concede this election to Beshear, not with what many expect to be a brutal campaign still to come and the governor having plenty of money to spend. But we will say this: Besides winning the votes of a lot of Democrats, Fletcher needs to do a much better job of uniting Republicans. If he can't, he could soon find himself out of a job.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland

APPROVAL RATING LIMBO



Rich Lowry Column

Hillary the Underestimated

Hillary Clinton has led in almost every national poll among the Democratic presidential candidates, usually by double digits. She has turned in a solid, self-assured performance in the debates, has revved up an impressive organization and hasn't made a major mistake under the glare of a media that magnify everything she does.

Clinton is the underestimated front-runner. Conservative commentators like me have especially tended to discount her. We have argued that she'd never dare to run for Senate in New York; that if she ran, she'd be a terrible candidate; and that if she really ran for president, she would collapse under the weight of her own dullness and high negatives. Alas and alack, it is instead incontrovertible that — in her own way — she's a talented politician who has a clear path to the Democratic nomination and to the presidency.

She's not a natural, a fact highlighted all the more by her association by marriage to the great natural politician of his generation. If the test of a candidate is whether you would like to sit down and have a beer with her, she will never pass it.

She excels on other tests. Iraq seemed her greatest liability at the

beginning of the campaign: She would either have to repudiate her vote to authorize the war, or be repudiated herself by anti-war Democratic voters. But she found her way out of the trap.

1.) She didn't apologize for her authorization vote, thus avoiding a blow to her credibility; 2.) She moved left in supporting a timetable for withdrawal, placating her party's base; 3.) She avoided the excesses of other Democrats panting for a pell-mell retreat, thus keeping intact her credentials as a potential commander in chief. This was brilliant politics. She leads in the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll both among Democrats who support a deadline for withdrawing troops and those who don't.

In those moments in the Democratic debates that have offered a choice between saying what the pacifist left wants to hear or saying what someone who might someday be president should say, she has done the latter. Her default mode is seriousness, and all her preparation shows. When she was asked in the most recent debate about the possibility of nearly three decades of a Bush or Clinton in the White House, I

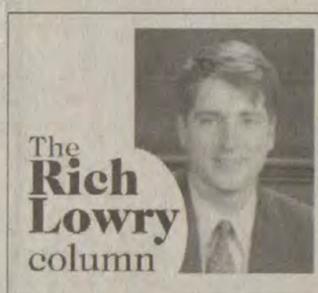
found myself commenting to a friend, "Watch — she'll hit this out of the park." Which she did with a joke about regretting that Bush won in 2000.

She was ready for the question, unsurprisingly. Her campaign operation is like something out of "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines." It knows how to attack and parry and do it efficiently. It is inconceivable that she would ever be embarrassed by her campaign the way Obama has been by his a few times this year — and if she were, someone would probably get fired.

Barack Obama has generated a lot of excitement. Maybe he will end up swamping Clinton, or she'll be done in by some unforeseeable issue or gaffe. But it doesn't look likely when Clinton has run a nearly flawless campaign and has done more than any other Democrat to show she's ready to be president.

I will never support her, but nor will I ever again underestimate her.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Dr. Kaul answers the nation's questions

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Burning questions of the day:
Q: What will the resignation of Karl Rove from the White House staff mean?

A: That's like asking what it meant when Vlad the Impaler hung up his spike. A lot less looting, pillaging and sacking of cities for one thing.

Q: Was Rove really that important?

A: Yes he was. He was the president's chief political strategist and hit man, no more malign than the rest of the White House crowd but far more effective. He was the architect of the divide-and-conquer strategy that proved so successful over two elections.

Unfortunately, while divide-and-conquer may win elections it is a hell of a way to run a country, which is why we now see the nation in disarray and Mr. Bush's reputation in well-deserved tatters.

So, with no more presidential elections to fix and the White House looking like the orphanage in a Dickens novel, Mr. Rove said he's leaving to spend more time with his family.

His family's loss is our gain.
Q: Do you think Barack Obama has enough experience to be president?

A: No, I don't. Mr. Obama is a bright young man with a relatively

short resume, virtually none of it in foreign affairs. He could use more seasoning. This is a trait he shares, in varying degrees, with Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and John McCain.

On the other hand, the most prepared man we've ever had coming into the presidency was probably George Bush the Elder — congressman, envoy to China, ambassador to the United Nations, director of the CIA and vice-president. The best you can say about his presidency is that when he got us into Iraq, he had sense enough to get out quickly. Would that his son were as bright.

Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon each came to office having been a congressman, senator and vice-president and each was, in his own way, a disaster. Experience is overrated.

Q: My Daddy says that the Democrats are weak on defense. What do you say?

A: Kid, I'm sorry to break the news to you but your Daddy is an idiot. It sounds as though he voted for Bush twice (three times if he lived in Ohio). Democrats are far too cowardly to be weak on defense.

This is a country that spends as much on "defense" as the rest of the world put together, allies included. Yet its politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, are always clamoring for more to be spent. It is a country that complains about "waste, fraud and abuse" in government, yet barely responds to the fact that our military establishment is the epicenter of waste, fraud and abuse. It is a

country that claims to be peace loving, but has been in virtually constant warfare for the past 65 years.

Weak on defense? Don't I wish.

Q: Is Barry Bonds' breaking of Hank Aaron's homerun record legitimate?

A: Your mistake is in thinking that Bonds broke Aaron's record. He didn't. He set his own. Aaron, in turn, did not break Babe Ruth's.

It is a convenient fiction that baseball records from different eras are comparable. They are not.

The conditions under which the game is played evolve constantly. There is the dead ball era, the lively ball era, the era of small parks, large parks, the spitball era, the slider era, the night baseball era, the era of train travel, of thin bats and thick, of weight lifting and batting helmets, high pitching mounds and low. Under these shifting conditions, no two records can have the same weight. Bonds has dominated the steroid era. That's all you can say.

In any case, a nation that habitually drugs its children to make them ruly, encourages its women to mutilate themselves in search of youth and whose men extend their sexual lives by chemical means, should not condemn the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes.

Personally, if someone offered me a drug that would make me write like Mark Twain, I'd take it.

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This Town, That World

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

WEATHER FORECAST

Warmer weather. I turned our furnace on this morning.

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The missing file of 1961 newspapers, advertised for in last Thursday's edition, was returned Thursday. But not before at least one call came, suggested that I look for it on this desk.

OUR OWN "THANK YOU"

It is "old hat" for The Times to add its praise of Governor Combs for what he has done for Jenny Wiley State Park, for college here, a modern highway from the Blue Grass into this section, and so on. We have no new way to say it, so we simply say, "Thank you." Moreover, we promise to remember this gratitude when, and if, he should disappoint us later on some lesser matter.

All who call Floyd County home should, if possible, be at Jenny Wiley State Park, Saturday, to see for themselves what their eyes will scarcely believe.

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I am not one who goes out looking for people to offend. So it is that, every week, as we attempt to cover the news of this county, we wonder who is unhappy because of something in the paper. Well this is one week, when if there's a squawk to be made about one new story, the squawker should be yours truly.

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Friend of our handed us another "Thought for the Week." It reads: "If you would get ahead, start today." We would have said, "start yesterday."

This was passed on to us by our good friend, George Snodgrass, of Allen:

SPREADING SCANDAL

How easily thoughts and tongues turn to gossip—that is very often of a character that does great harm to those of whom it is spoken. Here is a striking warning against this sin.

A story is told of a woman who freely used her tongue to the scandal of others and made confession to her priest of what she had done. He gave her a ripe thistle-top, and he told her to go out in various directions, and scatter the seeds one by one. Wondering at the penance, she obeyed, and when the task was completed, she returned to her confessor. To her amazement he bade her to go back and gather up the seeds she had scattered. And when she objected that this would be impossible, he replied that it would be even more difficult to call back again and destroy all the gossip and scandal she had circulated about others.

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Mikayla Stumbo, a student from Betsy Layne Elementary, worked her way across the rope course during an activity held this summer at 4-H camp, in London.

4-H Camp 'saves the day'

by HEATHER NELSON
FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION

Floyd County youth had an exciting week this past July 10-13 at the J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp, located in London. The theme of this year's camp was "4-H Camp Saves the Day." Over 200 young people from Floyd, Clay, Martin and Magoffin counties were able to spend a week having fun in the sun with counselors and campers.

Campers had the opportunity to

go swimming, hiking, fishing, and canoeing, as well as to participate in craft construction and many more fun classes. One of the biggest highlights of the week was a fishing tournament sponsored by Wal-Mart.

Along with taking part in classes, campers were also able to learn practical living skills and acquire knowledge in such areas as citizenship, communication, self-expression, leadership and responsibility. Campers were divided into teams in

order to make new friends and to help build teamwork networks.

Individual teams earned various points by competing in a costume contest where they dressed as their favorite super hero or villain, and then taking part in and placing in the Field Games, Talent Contest and Swim Olympics events.

To go along with the Super Hero theme, team names chosen included: The Fantastic Four, The

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Garrett Hammonds, a camper from Clark Elementary, enjoyed swim time at camp.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Bottom Feeder'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Forget the oddball title (which makes this sound like a sequel to "Brokeback Mountain") because this is a good, old-fashioned "monster movie."

The film begins on a high note with a midnight rendezvous, at an abandoned hospital, between an ailing billionaire, Charles Deaver, and a scientist named Leech. Turns out that Leech has developed a super serum designed to enhance the body's ability to heal itself. Deaver is desperate for help after a fire has left him with severe burns but he's no idiot and decides to test the serum on Leech. Since Leech is in relatively good health, Deaver has his goons work him over which consists of your basic beatdown plus a bullet in each leg.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Leech is then injected with his formula and tossed into a locked corridor for the night. Unfortunately, the thugs didn't pay attention to Leech's lecture on his miracle product. Most importantly they skipped the portion about side-effects, which include a ravenous hunger.

Leech has showed foresight by developing a meta-protein to be taken with the serum, but the thugs neglect to throw it in with him. This turns out to be a bad thing, as the subject must eat a tremendous amount to compensate for the drug. Leech gets by on the only thing in the corridor, which turns out to be rats. Fact is you are what you eat and Leech turns into an oversized rodent by morning.

The preceding events wind up entangling several characters who are drawn to the facility. First up is a maintenance crew, which is led by Vince and Otis, who supplement their 9-to-5 incomes by pillaging medical supplies. They keep their activities secret from their assistants Callum, slacker/stoner type, and Sam, Vince's niece.

Then there is a Rasta hobo looking for his dog, Sheba, and two thugs who allegedly work for Deaver but are actually CIA agents with their own agenda, natch.

It doesn't take long for ramandu to make an appearance and spoil everyone's day. Callum is the first to go and winds up as so much rat food after stumbling down a blind alley. Sam runs for her life and radios Vince, who has a change of heart about pilfering on the job and rushes to her rescue.

Meanwhile, the CIA agents also run afoul of razzilla, which leaves agent Krendle on her own. She appears to suffer from antisocial personality disorder and whacks the Rasta bum before realizing that there is strength in numbers. She promptly kidnaps the maintenance crew at gun-

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This is the best day of my life

by DIAN TUNE LOPEZ

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WORKING WOMAN'S SOUL"

Being a mother of five children who were all born within seven years tells me I am either very crazy or I love being a mother. For me it is the latter. From the moment I felt the first baby moving within my womb I was hooked. I knew my calling in life. I went to college; I did all the things that the modern woman is told to do. But all I really wanted was to be a full-time domestic goddess (as

Rosanne Barr says).

For many years I was a full-time mother; however, I did have to supplement my husband's income to make ends meet. So I would tend to and fall in love with yet more children. Not children I gave birth to, but working mothers' children. I loved those kids like my own. This allowed me to stay home with my own children and share my love for others' children. A working mom is a happy mom when her kids are happy. Well, I did my very best to make sure that their kids were happy.

When my last child started school, I decided that I would substitute teach at the local schools. I loved it. Again I was allowed to be home with my kids when they were at home. What I didn't realize was that I would be able to go on field trips with my own children. I would have freedom that I hadn't had in a long time. I had never been able to do this when I ran my home daycare. I felt that it was a fair trade-off to be home with my kids.

My son, who was 8 at the time, brought home a note to be signed for a field trip. For years I had always

checked the "No" box where they ask for chaperones. He pleaded with me to go. I already had a substitute job scheduled for that day. I thought about it for a while, and I checked the "Yes" box. Jonathan was thrilled, to say the least. I quickly notified the teacher that I wouldn't be able to sub on that day and she would have to find someone else. She wasn't thrilled, but she understood.

The field-trip day arrived. We

were going to ride the Bell Carol steamboat down the Cumberland River and then walk to the Spaghetti Factory for lunch.

The anticipation was just about to kill my son. He beamed with pride as we walked into the school building together. He introduced me to his class. I was so touched by his tender words and pride in me.

The bus ride from LaVergne, Tenn., to downtown Nashville is about 30 minutes on a good day. This can be a very

(See SOUP, page six)



Balding tires not something to mess with

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Hey, guys! I need your help doing the unthinkable: proving my father wrong. I drive a 2003 Chevy Tahoe. I live in Atlanta and go to Georgia Tech, so most of my driving is city driving. With the constant stop and go, bumpy pavement and having to drive around people who are in the "big city" for the first time, my tires have worn out. The front tires are balding. Since the tires are bald up front, I was going to get them rotated, but even my rear tires don't pass the "penny" test, so I figured I should replace all of the tires. My dad says that at the most, I should replace only the front tires with brand-new ones. I explained to him that having tires with full tread in front and ones with little tread in the rear would be dangerous. He then said that I shouldn't replace my tires until the rear ones start to bald as well. By that time, my front ones will be racing slicks. How bad an idea is it just to swap the front tires with the rear ones? Or is the best solution mine: Just get all new tires? — Peri

TOM: Well, your solution is the

right one, Peri. You need four new tires. But you need to have a little sympathy for the old man.

RAY: I trust he's still paying the bills these days. And I'm guessing that in addition to room, board, tuition, food, clothing, books, computers, ramen noodles and everything else the modern college student needs, he doesn't want to spend \$600 on a set of tires right now.

TOM: But that's exactly what he has to do. If the front tires are bald, they need to be replaced. And if the rear tires have insufficient tread — if you can see the wear bars, or they don't pass the penny test (insert a penny into the tread, Lincoln upside down, and if you can see the top of Abe's head, your tires are no good) — then they need to be replaced, too.

RAY: You don't want to just swap the bad tires in the front with the slightly better ones in the rear. If you have one pair of tires that's better than the other, the good ones should always go on the back. I know that seems counterintuitive, but you never want to create a situation where the front of the car noses down during emergency braking and then the rear end of the car slides around or spins

out. TOM: So give Dad the bad news. But give it to him gently. Mix it in with some good news. Say, "Dad, I got an A on my physics test, I need \$600 for new tires, and my girlfriend's not pregnant after all."

Warning beep driving reader to distraction

Dear Tom and Ray:

You guys are great, and my 6-year-old loves you, too. Please help me stay sane! I have a 14-year-old Honda Civic that runs great, even with 174,000 miles. My only problem is that the seat-belt warning light flashes and the warning noise beeps constantly. There is nothing wrong with the seat belt itself, but there obviously is a short somewhere. The cost to replace the entire seat-belt system is more than the car is worth at this point. But the cost of the therapy I'll need if I don't get this fixed or disconnected is even more! The mechanics say they won't touch it (i.e., disconnect the beep). I can't tell where it's coming from under the dash, or I'd yank it out myself. You have got to help me! Keep up the great work. — Jane

TOM: I'm not sure why you'd have to replace the entire "seat-belt system," Jane. I agree with you that it's probably the fault of a disconnected wire or a 15-cent electrical switch somewhere.

RAY: It's going to take a little bit of investigation, though. It could be in the driver's seat latch, where you insert the buckle. There's a switch there that tells the light and bell to turn off once you've fastened the seat belt. But, unfortunately, that's not the only possibility.

TOM: Right. It could be that the weight sensor in the passenger's seat is bad, and the car thinks there's a passenger when there's not. That's easy enough to test, by fastening the passenger seat belt and seeing if the warnings stop.

RAY: But I agree with your mechanics — I wouldn't just discon-

nect the warning system. It's there for a good reason. And if you think therapy is expensive, try orthopedic surgery!



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

TOM: So I'd take it to a Honda dealer. They're most likely to have seen this before, and may be able to home in on it quickly. Plus, it's likely to be covered by Honda's lifetime seat-belt warranty. Did you know Honda has one of those?

RAY: As long as the problem wasn't caused by an accident or by abuse (e.g., your kid pouring his juice box down there), it should be covered.

TOM: And even if it's not, fix it anyway. You'll be safer and saner. Poorer, yes. But safer and saner.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.



Teen counselors Brandy Wallen, Ariel Hopkins, Rebecca Ratliff and Mercedes Neeley kept campers busy and things running smoothly during camp week this past July.

Camp

Batmen, The Underdogs, The Power Puffs, The X-Men, The Ninja Turtles, The Justice League, The Power Rangers, The Incredibles, and The Transformers.

Plans are already in the works for next year's 4-H Camp. If you would like to be a teen counselor next summer, come join the Floyd County 4-H Teen Council — a teen program in Floyd County for students in grades 7-12.

For more information on the 4-H Teen

Council and the various activities that council members engage in, as well as other 4-H Programs in Floyd County, contact Heather J. Nelson, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, at 606-886-2668 or email to: hnelson@uky.edu.

Feel free to also visit Heather at the Floyd County Extension Service Office, located at 921 South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg, across from Brad Hughes Toyota.

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Lagoon

point, before revealing that she has an ulterior motive. Turns out that the military wants the serum as a potential weapon and Deaver isn't getting his hands on it.

These developments turn out to be bad news for Deaver, who is promptly gobbled up by the rat monster, along with his bodyguard. It is up to Krendle and the maintenance crew to save the world. Luckily, Vince reveals that he was a POW in Vietnam and he has the stones to see it through when it comes to hunting rats in tunnels.

It all comes down to an intense sequence where Krendle must hold off the rat dude while Vince plants a few explosives throughout the tun-

nel. But hold onto your hats, folks, because a grim ending makes it clear that the Army's "shock and awe" program needs a few good rats, I mean, maintenance men.

You've seen this type of film before but in the hands of first time director Randy Daudlin it at least gets the right treatment. That means that there isn't a whole lot of time wasted on unimportant stuff, like character development, but there is just enough stuff going on to keep you interested between scares.

Daudlin got his start in special effects and he does a fine job of keeping the rat in just enough shadow that you don't see the zipper on its suit.

The characters are also

interesting and given simple motivations like greed, survival and just wanting to make it home to sit back and eat a bowl of cereal. Vince turns out to be a believable working stiff placed in an over-the-top situation and is interpreted by character great, and human train wreck, Tom Sizemore.

It is no secret that Sizemore has had more trouble than Mark Foley's publicist. On top of all that, he's been exploiting his own problems by starring in a reality show and taping his sexual trysts for sale on the internet. Sadly, he's got oodles of talent, as displayed here, but no common sense.

Best line: "You didn't say that the rat had a gun."

2006, unrated.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Protect Social Security and SSI payments with direct deposit

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON
SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL
EXPERT IN PRESTONSBURG

Natural disasters such as wildfires and floods are forcing people in different parts of the country to leave their homes. The last thing a person who falls victim to this kind of devastation needs to worry about is how they're going to get their next Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment.

The good news for people who get their Social Security and SSI benefit payments by direct deposit is there won't be anything to worry about.

Even if you don't fall victim to any disasters, direct deposit is still the best way to receive your benefit payments. Here's why.

Direct deposit is safe. Your money is deposited directly into your account at your bank or financial institution. Because it's transferred electronically, there's never a risk of your check being lost or stolen.

Direct Deposit is quick. You'll get your payment faster when it's deposited directly

into your bank. Your money is immediately available to you once it's deposited into your account.

Direct Deposit is convenient. No more need to stand in line at the bank to cash your check, or to leave your house when the weather is bad. It's also nice to know your payment is in the bank instead of the mailbox when you're on vacation or away from home.

When faced with a devastating event, there's no question about where you'll find your payment when it's directly deposited into your bank. The same cannot be said for paper checks being mailed to mailboxes that no longer exist.

To learn more about direct deposit of your benefit payments, and to sign up, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit/. You can also call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and use our automated telephone services. If you are deaf or hard-of-hearing, call our TTY number at 1-800-325-0778.

Whether the weather in your area is terrific or terrible, you can rest assured that your



Kimberly Thompson

payments are safe and secure with direct deposit.

For more information about benefits and services call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

Soup

long time with 90-plus kids on a bus. Jonathan wanted me to sit by him. I chose not to be the disciplinarian to the children I was sitting by that day. I let the teachers and their aides do that. I focused all my attention on my son, and we talked the entire ride. We talked about

many fun and silly things. I listened while he talked. Our eyes met, and he looked deep inside mine and said, "Mama, this is the best day of my life." My heart was filled with true joy. A soft tear or two rolled down my face, and Jonathan asked me: "Mama, don't cry."

Mama, why are you crying?" And I answered, "Because you have made this one of the best days of my life."

The true joy of motherhood comes from the simple things that we do for and with our children.

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Allen

Any thoughtless, careless child can scatter a handful of thistle seed before the wind, but the strongest and the wisest cannot gather them again.

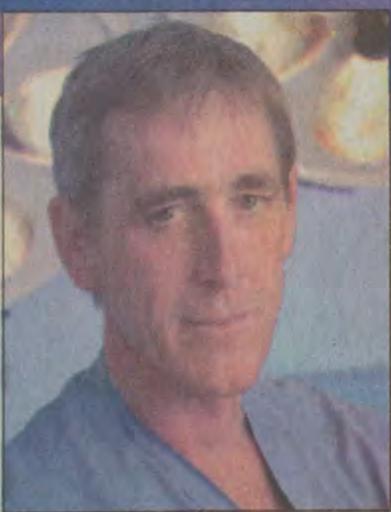
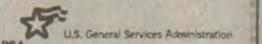
A confirmed gossip, either man or woman, is the most dangerous creature extant.

The possibilities of evil in such people are boundless. They start runs on banks. They murder reputations. They poison all cups of life. They constitute life's supreme pest and nuisance. They scatter firebrands and death. They are the

children of their father, the devil.

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Coach Kevin Keathley Show Presented by Appalachian Wireless to air on WYMT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Continuing to prepare for its debut season, the East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization has announced details for the Coach Kevin Keathley Show Presented by Appalachian Wireless. The show will air Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. on WYMT-TV, a CBS affiliate based out of Hazard, Ky. Beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, WYMT will

carry 24 one-half hour shows as part of an inaugural season.

"I couldn't be happier to be a part of CBS's Thursday lineup," said East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley. "To be able to get out and have our coaches show broadcast on the most-watched night in TV is big on many fronts."

WYMT's Derek Forrest will host the show.

"It is definitely an honor to be a part of one of the first professional franchises to come into Eastern Kentucky," said

Forrest. "The Miners will provide Eastern Kentucky with an exciting brand of basketball. Along with that, WYMT hopes to recreate that same kind of excitement with the Coach Kevin Keathley Show."

WYMT is owned by Gray Television and is a sister station to WKYT-TV, Lexington's CBS affiliate. The station is a leader in Eastern Kentucky news and sports coverage.

"WYMT has always made a commitment to bringing Eastern Kentucky to the fore-

front with their programming," Keathley confided. "This is something that has been in the works since I arrived here and to get this official is one more step in making this team the premier franchise both on and off the floor."

Each edition of the show will feature new and exciting insightful segments.

"We (WYMT) are excited to be the home of the Coach Kevin Keathley Show," said

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EAST KENTUCKY MINERS COACH KEVIN KEATHLEY

Thompson takes reigns of Pike Central boys' program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — AMark Thompson is the new Pike County Central boys' basketball coach. Thompson is the new head coach after David Rowe stepped down earlier in the summer. Rowe guided the Pike County Central boys' basketball program in each of its last 14 seasons. The successful Rowe is the only coach the Hawk basketball program has ever known. Rowe is the new Pike County Central High School Principal.

During Rowe's time as head coach, Pike County Central won five district championships, finished district runner-up five times and was runner-up in the region on three separate occasions.

Rowe posted a 221-178 overall record as Hawk head coach.

Since moving to the 60th District Pike County Central has won the district championship four out of the last five seasons. The 2007-08 season should be a successful campaign for Pike County Central, which returns five out of its top seven players, including three seniors. Power forward Tyler Hamilton, who averaged 10 points and seven rebounds per game last season, is the leading returnee. Point guard Colby Slone is back after averaging seven points and four-and-a-half assists per contest.

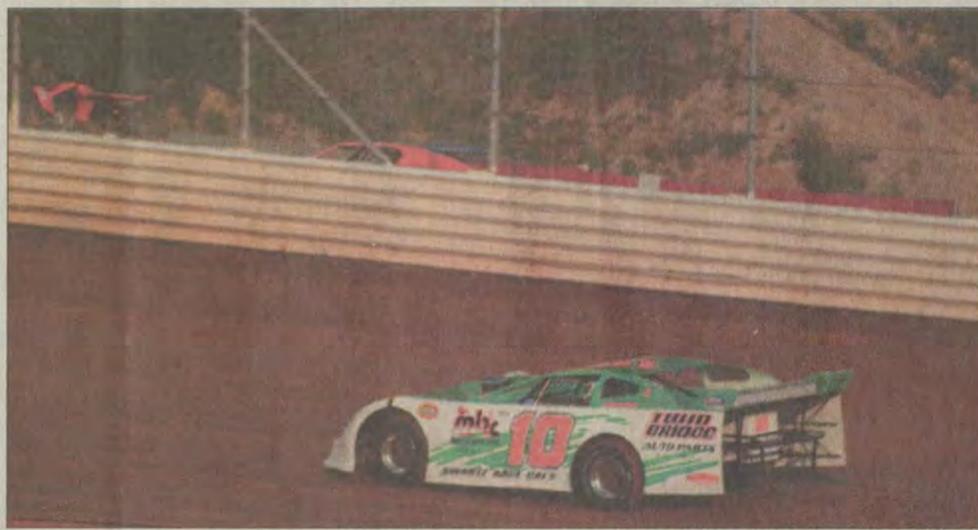
Forwards Joe Nichols (6 ppg) and Matt Adkins (4 ppg) and guard Michael Thompson (5 ppg) also return for PCC.

Freshman shooting Freddie McCoy could make an immediate impact for the Hawks.

"Coaching has been a passion of mine for over 20 years and I know I will miss not being on the hardwood, but I hope I can instill some of that competitive spirit into my staff and students as we work towards becoming one of the top schools in Kentucky," Rowe commented.

"I'm excited to be here and have the opportunity," said Thompson. "This is a very supportive community."

Thompson served five years as an assistant coach within the Lexington Henry Clay boys' basketball program. He was a Pike County Central assistant each of the last three seasons. Pike County Central finished last season 14-15.



VETERAN LATE MODEL DRIVER PAUL HARRIS was battling for last night's Battle of the Bluegrass Series win at 201 Speedway. The feature race ended too late to make today's edition.

file photo by Steve LeMaster

Breathitt 12, Prestonsburg 7

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

JACKSON — After opening the season with a 68-14 blowout win over Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg headed to Breathitt County looking to pile up more points in Week Two. Things don't always work out as planned as the Blackcat offense found out Friday night. Mike Holcomb's team turned the football over four times, but still managed to hold Prestonsburg to seven points while taking the annual Honey Bowl matchup. Breathitt County prevailed 12-7.

Neither team could muster any offense in the opening quarter as both offensive units went three-and-out on their first possessions. The game remained scoreless after one quarter. Breathitt County got on the board at the 9:35 mark of the second quarter on a one-yard plunge from senior quarterback Colby Fugate. The extra point sailed wide right and the Bobcats led 6-0. The score would remain 6-0 at halftime. Prestonsburg was in position to get on the board late in the first half, but a fumble at the Bobcat 19 yard-line would end the drive. A 55-yard run from junior tailback Alan Craynon gave the Blackcats the football at the Bobcat 20, but the turnover would end any hopes of getting on the board in the first half.

Breathitt County would add to the lead midway through the third quarter as sophomore tailback Channing Fugate scampered 21 yards for another Bobcat touchdown. The Bobcat two-point conversion attempt failed and Breathitt looked as if it would pull away, leading 12-0. Prestonsburg would not go away as the Blackcats got on the board late in the third quarter. A 36-yard touchdown pass from Bobby Hughes to Austin Gearheart got Prestonsburg within 12-7 with 1:55 left in the third quarter. Breathitt County would look to put the game away late, but an interception by Gearheart at the Prestonsburg 31 gave the Blackcats one last shot. After moving to the 45 yard-line with less than 2:00 remaining, a Hughes pass intended for Gearheart was knocked away and Breathitt County would hold on for the win. Breathitt County turned the football over four times while Prestonsburg lost two fumbles on the night. Craynon rushed for over 100 yards for the second straight week.

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file photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcat senior quarterback Bobby Hughes found receiver Austin Gearheart on a scoring strike for Prestonsburg's lone touchdown Friday night.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD Friday, Aug. 31

Breathitt County 12, Prestonsburg 7
Grundy, Va. 26, East Ridge 24
Pikeville 34, Ashland 21
Paintsville 54, Phelps 6
Johnson Central 50, Conner 12
Magoffin County 22, Allen Central 14
Jackson County 24, Betsy Layne 20
Belfry 51, Lawrence County 20
Pike County Central 38, Leslie County 12
Bath County 58, Lewis County 12
Russell 29, Boyd County 20
Fairview 12, East Carter 0

Allen Central sweeps P'burg, remains undefeated in district/conference

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central volleyball team remained undefeated in 55th District/Floyd County Conference play Thursday evening, sweeping Prestonsburg 2-0 (25-13, 25-8). Tiffany Clark led the Rebels with four kills on .500 hitting. Middle blockers Kimbo Blevins and Brittany Clark and rightside hitter Kelsey Jones pounded in three kills each. Outside hitter Brittany Hodge smacked down two kills for the Rebels. Setters Hannah Howard and Koko Martin both had one kill.

Larry Maynard-coached Allen Central hit .425 and recorded 14 service aces on 94-percent serving. Martin and Howard led the Rebs with four aces apiece. Brittany Clark was close behind with three aces. Blevins dropped in two aces. Martin and Howard dished out six assists apiece and Hodge assisted one. Defensively, Tiffany Clark and Hodge earned six digs each while Howard scooped up four. Brittany Clark blocked two Prestonsburg attempts and Blevins stopped one.

The Rebs jumped out to a 5-0

(See SWEEPS, page two)

Rebel JV team improves to 9-1

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Kelsey Jones led the Allen Central junior varsity team with eight kills on .889 hitting as the Rebels defeated 55th District/Floyd County Conference rival Prestonsburg 2-0 (21-16, 21-10) Thursday night. Leigh Williams dropped in three kills on 600 hitting for the winning team. Williams also paced the Rebs with four dishes. Jaimie Mullins and Chelsie Cordial had three assists each for the Allen Central junior varsity team, which improved to 9-1.

Mullins pounded in five aces to lead the AC team. Williams was also quite active, landing four aces.

Defensively, Mullins scooped three digs. Kelsey Jones, Sasha Jones, Cordial and Rebekah

(See REBEL, page two)

Bobcats drop heartbreaker to Jackson County in bowl game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — An upstart high school football program, Jackson County County improved to 2-0 Friday night following a hard-fought 2-0 win over host Betsy Layne in the opening game of the Bobcat Bowl. Jackson County held on to upend Betsy Layne, winning 24-20.

Betsy Layne (0-2) had possession of the football on its end of the field late in the game, driving in hopes of finding the endzone. Jackson County defensive/quarterback

Don Campos, however, intercepted a Brennan Case pass with less than one-minute remaining to dash Betsy Layne's hopes of pulling off the win.

Case was seven-for-25 passing for 230 yards and two touchdowns. The Betsy Layne quarterback was intercepted three times during the non-district game.

Freshman Dylan Maldonado was Case's top target, hauling in seven catches for a game-high 147 yards.

Defensive-minded Jackson County (2-0) was able to hold Betsy Layne senior running

back to zero yards.

Campos completed nine-of-20 passes for 93 yards. Betsy Layne managed to pick off two of the Jackson County quarterback's passes, Campos had one rushing touchdown and one passing score. The Jackson County quarterback rushed 13 times for 81 yards.

Fullback Nick Brumback carried much of the load out of the General backfield. Jordan Whitehead and Daniel Cox were also pivotal in the Jackson County triumph. Cox rushed for 52 yards and hauled in three catches for one touchdown for the Generals.

Magoffin County 22, Allen Central 14: Jordan Howard rushed 26 times for 167 yards and three touchdowns as Magoffin County turned back visiting Allen Central for the Founder's Bowl win. Howard also hit paydirt on a pair of two-point conversions for the Hornets.

Howard put the Hornets on the scoreboard with a 10-yard scoring run on Magoffin County's opening drive. At the end of the opening quarter, Hunter Crowder scored on a 25-yard run for the Rebels.

(See BOBCATS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

BOBBY MEADE AND THE SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS were hosting Evangel Christian Friday night in a non-district game. A complete story on the South Floyd-Evangel Christian game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Early-season squirrel hunting: Listen closely

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Squirrel hunting when the weather is hot and the trees are still loaded with leaves is a unique challenge. Unlike hunting later in the season, it's difficult to rely on your eyes — or a squirrel dog — to locate squirrels. Early season hunting calls for a different approach.

The early season squirrel hunter's first job is to listen for pieces of nut shells falling from trees and look for these cuttings on the ground as squirrels discard them from above. Start near trees where you would expect to find squirrels. Look for stands of hickory, walnut, white oak and beech. Soft mast is also important during early season, such

as hackberry, dogwood, black gum and wild grapes, among others.

Early morning and dusk are good times to set up, with lots of squirrel activity happening after sun-up. Many hunters simply set up near a nut tree and wait to hear squirrels cutting or moving from branch to branch. Watch and listen for cuttings falling from limbs. If you are patient, squirrels will give away their location. The thick foliage on trees in early season will help to conceal you from the squirrels. Early season is a good time for stalk hunting, too, because there aren't as many leaves covering the forest floor to give away your position.

During the early season when the weather is still hot, squirrels retreat to cool areas

near water like stream corridors, springs and river valleys. Drought conditions make these areas even more important for squirrels and hunters alike. That makes early season a great time to combine a squirrel hunt with stream fishing. Since it is legal to hunt squirrels from a boat, you may want to float a stream or small river for smallmouth and take a few bushytails while you're at it. Look for moving leaves in the tops of trees. Be sure to get permission from landowners to hunt and retrieve downed squirrels along the bank. Always be aware of what's behind your target, particularly if you are using a rifle.

A .22-caliber rifle is a squirrel hunting favorite for many, but rifle hunting is diffi-

cult in the early season. The leaves may help conceal you from squirrels, but it works the other way around, too. It's difficult for hunters to see squirrels well enough for a clean rifle shot. Shotguns 20-gauge or smaller work well for early season squirrel hunting, but a 12-gauge will do in a pinch. In addition to your firearm, early season calls for lightweight clothing and a healthy dose of bug spray.

Squirrel hunters can help wildlife biologists manage Kentucky's squirrel populations by participating in hunter cooperater surveys. Hunters fill out logs with details about their hunts, then send the logs back into the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at the end of the hunting season. Hunting

log cooperators receive a free hunting cap and annual report. For complete instructions and to print a hunting log, go to fw.ky.gov/smallgamelogs.asp on the Internet. Logs are also available by calling 1-800-858-1549 during normal weekday working hours.

Kentucky's fall squirrel season is going on right now. It closes Nov. 10-11 for the first weekend of modern gun deer season, then re-opens Nov. 12 and continues through Feb. 29, 2008. Hunters are allowed six squirrels per day, with a possession limit of 12 squirrels. Pick up a copy of the 2007-08 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever licenses are sold, for complete squirrel hunting regulations.

Hunter education is

required for all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, except kids under 12 and hunters who are license exempt. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available for \$5 online, which allows hunting for one year from the date of purchase without a hunter education card while accompanied by a legal adult hunter. Log on to fw.ky.gov on the Internet to find a hunter education course near you, or to purchase an exemption permit.

Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter.

Waterfowl blind drawings set for selected lakes, WMAs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Dates are now set for the waterfowl blind drawings for Lake Barkley, Barren River Lake, Green River Lake and Sloughs Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Those hunters interested in participating in the waterfowl blind drawing must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid 2007-2008 Kentucky hunting license, a Kentucky waterfowl permit and a Federal migratory bird permit

(duck stamp) at the time of the drawing.

The Lake Barkley WMA waterfowl blind drawing is September 17 at 8 a.m. Central time in the Lake Barkley Corps of Engineers office at Barkley dam off U.S. 62 near Lake City.

The Green River Lake WMA waterfowl blind drawing is September 29 at the Green River Lake Corps of Engineers office off Hwy. 55 approximately seven miles south of Campbellsville. Registration is 8 a.m. Eastern

time with the drawing at 10 a.m.

The Barren River Lake WMA waterfowl blind drawing is from 7 to 9 a.m. Central time on October 6 at the Barren River Lake Corps of Engineers office at Barren River Lake dam off Hwy. 252.

The waterfowl blind drawing for Sloughs WMA is September 25 at the Union County Middle School off U.S. 60 in Morganfield. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Central time with the drawing

at 7 p.m.

Hunters drawn for blinds on Lake Barkley, Green River, Barren River Lake or Sloughs WMAs are responsible for locating, preparing and maintaining the blind site for the duration of the 2007-2008 waterfowl seasons. Each drawn hunter may select a co-owner of the blind site for use in the absence of the hunter drawn and the co-owner must be present at the drawing.

Hunters may construct a permanent blind or use a boat or portable blind, but each

blind site must be permanently pinned with a permanent marker identifying permit holders for the site. Those hunters selected hold first rights for use of the blind site, but these blinds sites open to public use if the selected hunters are not in the blinds by 30 minutes before shooting time.

Coming Wednesday, Sept. 5: Read about the 8th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt/Campout

held at German Bridge Aug. 17-18. The feature will include numerous photos of this year's event. An additional photo gallery from the 8th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt/Campout will be posted online at: www.floydcountytimes.com

Share your hunting or fishing accomplishments with The Times Email photos and information to the following address: sports@floydcountytimes.com

Sweeps

lead behind two Brittany Clark service aces, a Blackcat unforced error, and two kills apiece from Kimbo Blevins and Brittany Hodge.

Prestonsburg would get no closer as Allen Central continued to pound the volleyball into the Blackcat defense — ultimately causing four consecutive unforced errors.

Koko Martin slapped in an ace and the Rebels grabbed an

11-5 lead. Brittany Clark and Tiffany Clark slammed in two kills and Hannah Howard produced three aces as the Rebels grabbed a 15-7 lead. A Tiffany Clark ace and kills from Kelsey Jones, Blevins and Hodge pushed Allen Central to a 22-12 lead. A tip from Martin and two unforced errors on Blevins' serves led to Allen Central sealing the 25-13 win.

Prestonsburg senior captain Julianne Frye landed an ace in the opening game of the district/conference match.

In game two, Allen Central jumped out to a 6-3 lead and led throughout en route to the 25-8 win.

The Rebels are due back in action Tuesday versus South Floyd in a key 55th District/Floyd County Conference match.

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Show

Kevin Keathley Show," said WYMT's Brandon Hensley. "We feel that the East Kentucky Miners are an asset to not only the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky and WYMT, but also the state of Kentucky. We are looking forward to including the Miners in our coverage."

The early editions of the show are already starting to take shape.

"We have already shot footage for the show and are currently in the process of constructing the set and designing the show's graphics," Keathley said. "We are going to work extremely hard to

make this a program that all age groups can enjoy."



The Miners — a property of Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc. — continue to have a strong presence in communities throughout Eastern Kentucky.

"Trinity Sports has made a strong commitment to this region and this is just one more example of how the company continues to make the Miners an organization all of Eastern Kentucky can be a part of," Keathley said.

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Rebel

Potter earned two digs each. Jones also blocked one.

The Allen Central JV team was back in competition this weekend at the KBA (Kentucky Basketball Academy), competing in the Lexington Lafayette-hosted 5-Star Tournament Invitational. AC wins freshman match;

Tiffany Burdzilauskas landed four kills and Leigh Williams slapped in three as the Allen Central freshman team won 2-0 (15-10, 15-11), improving to 7-1. Courtney Hodge earned a kill and four assists while Ciara Jones earned three assists. Samantha Rice had a kill and landed two aces.

Allen Central Middle School seventh-grader Katie Dingus earned her first high school over-the-net kill in the match. Defensively, Ricc earned six digs and a partial block, Williams scooped three and Burdzilauskas and Kelsey Jones stopped two each.

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Bobcats

Magoffin County (2-0) pulled off the win in come-from-behind fashion.

Allen Central led 14-6 at halftime following a defensive touchdown. Howard managed to score a touchdown and a two-point conversion for Magoffin County in each of the last two quarters.

Allen Central (0-2) will look to get in the win column next Friday night when it hosts Phelps in a key district game. Paintsville 54, Phelps 6:

Senior Cory Humphrey rushed for 147 yards on 11 carries as host Paintsville defeated district rival Phelps (0-1) convincingly. As a team, Paintsville rushed 41 times for 373 yards. The Tigers toted a commanding 33-0 lead into halftime.

Through the air — in his first start at quarterback — Paintsville senior J.D. VanHoose completed four-of-five passes for 117 yards. One of VanHoose's passes was a

75-yard scoring strike to Tyler Deaton.

Johnson Central 50, Conner 12: The Golden Eagles posted an impressive win in their home opener on a new turf field. In the Big Sandy Bowl, Johnson Central senior running back Shawn Grim rushed 17 times for 181 yards and four touchdowns as the Golden Eagles (2-0) rolled past Conner (0-1).

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Blackcats

to 2-0. The Blackcats will return home this Friday to take on district rival Bath County.

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. in the district opener for both teams.

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RIGHT BEAVER CLASSIC CHAMPS: Allen Central Middle's Amber Shepherd, Megan Jones and Logan Cline were all smiles following last weekend's Right Beaver Classic A-Team Tournament victory. At press time, Allen Central remained undefeated.

Epling voted U.S. Army Iron Man of the Week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

NASHVILLE — The U.S. Army Nashville Recruiting Battalion has announced that East Ridge's Caleb Epling is the Army Iron Man of the Week in Kentucky following Week One of the 2007 high school football season. Epling scored on offense, defense, and special teams in East Ridge's 27-0 win over rival Phelps in the Pike

County Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 25. One of Pike County's rising prep football players, Epling recovered a fumble in the end zone; scored on a 34-yard punt return for a touchdown; and rushed for 80-yards, including an 29-yard touchdown run. Fans from across Kentucky voted for Epling. As a weekly winner, Epling is now eligible for the Army Iron Man of the Year Award in Kentucky. High school football fans

voted on the weekly winner of the U.S. Army Iron Man Award at www.TheSportsFlash.com. Fans, coaches, athletic directors, and the media have until 5 p.m. each Sunday during the regular season to nominate a player for the Army Iron Man of the Week Award. Army Iron Man Awards are also handed out in Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and West Virginia.

ON TV: Louisville's WDRB, WMYO join Big Blue Network

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Louisville TV stations WDRB and WMYO have joined UK's Big Blue Sports Network. Wildcat fans in the Jefferson County market will see all Big Blue Sports programming on WMYO (Insight channel 10), including delayed football and men's basketball games and select live men's basketball games. Saturday's UK-Eastern Kentucky football game was shown delayed on WMYO at 11:30 p.m. UK coaches' shows for Rich Brooks and Billy Gillispie will be seen on

WDRB (Insight channel 9), Sunday's at 11 p.m.

"Everyone knows the Kentucky Wildcat football and basketball teams enjoy some of the most enthusiastic fan support in the country," WDRB/WMYO President and General Manager Bill Lamb says. "But even though tens of thousands of their fans fill the stadiums and arenas wherever and whenever they play, a lot more people can't make it to the game in person.

"That's why it's important that those fans have a local source to turn to for TV coverage of their team. Louisville

and the surrounding region is home to one of the largest concentrations of UK alumni in the country, and I'm proud that WMYO now has the opportunity to be that source for the games, and WDRB will be the home for the coaches shows Sunday nights at 11:00 p.m."

"UK has a great fan base in Louisville, and with WDRB/WMYO, Wildcat fans know they will get every game and coaches show available through the Big Blue Sports Network," Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "We're excited about our new TV relationship in Jefferson County."

Morris pleads guilty to reckless driving charge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — New York Knicks center Randolph Morris pleaded guilty Friday to reckless driving and agreed to pay a fine.

Morris, who was scheduled to appear in Fayette District Court for a preliminary hearing, didn't attend. His attorney, Jim Lowry, entered the guilty plea on his behalf and said the \$100 fine

and court costs would be paid Friday.

The former University of Kentucky star was arrested Aug. 7 in Lexington after an officer spotted him driving 62 mph — 17 mph over the speed limit — and failing to use a turn signal as he sped down an exit ramp.

According to the arrest report, Morris smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. He acknowledged he

had been drinking 30 minutes earlier and was given a preliminary breath test at the scene, with his blood alcohol level showing .069, below Kentucky's legal limit of .08.

Lowry declined to comment afterward. Morris signed with the Knicks in March after playing for Kentucky in the NCAA tournament. He played in five games for New York.

No more alibis: Bengals must avoid trouble to return to playoffs

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals have used up all their alibis.

To get back to the playoffs, a team that was a chic Super Bowl pick only two years ago must stop complaining, stay out of trouble and keep opponents out of the end zone. And, stop making excuses.

None of that comes easily to this group.

On their way to another 8-8 finish last season, players second-guessed the playcalling and fussed about their lack of carries and catches. The coach complained about the public attention on all those arrests. The defense looked clueless at big moments.

The end result seems to have made an impact.

Coach Marvin Lewis has promised to be tougher on misbehavior this season, following the advice of quarterback Carson Palmer and other veterans disturbed by the team's failure to convert its talent into a division title.

Even owner Mike Brown seems to have gotten the point — prodded by at least one call from commissioner Roger Goodell last season. The days of overlooking and excusing players' misconduct have to end.

"Standards are different, let's face it," Brown said. "In the old days, if guys got into a fight, it was, 'Who won?' Now it's, 'Who's in jail?' It's just different."

"They know they have to do the right thing, but they're young guys, energetic guys. And sometimes they step over the line. Last year, we had more of that than we've ever had. It was, in my opinion, aberrational, but we have to answer for it. We have."

They avoided players with troubled pasts in last April's draft. They also started taking a hard line on off-field misconduct. When linebacker A.J. Nicholson was charged with assaulting his girlfriend in

May, the Bengals released him a day later.

The team also is using a psychiatrist to work with players, much the way it uses a nutritionist to help them keep their bodies in shape. And it's counting on Goodell's firm line to take care of those who still don't listen.

"We're trying to put emphasis on them surrounding themselves with the correct people," Lewis said. "That's No. 1, right from the start. You need to move away from family and friends that draw you down the wrong path and bring negative attention to you."

"The commissioner made steps where guys now are going to lose not only money but playing time, and that's big."

How Lewis deals with whatever problems crop up will be important, too. In the past, he tended to criticize

players privately and defend them publicly, sending a conflicting message. He has warned the team that trouble won't be tolerated anymore.

"Marvin has told us he's really going to batten down the hatches and make an example out of somebody," Palmer said. "It looks like guys have gotten the point and are going to stay out of trouble."

Palmer has been the most outspoken in calling for change. The Bengals sorely missed their disciplined players last season — Goodell suspended middle linebacker Odell Thurman for the season and receiver Chris Henry for two games. Lewis also suspended Henry for one game, and benched cornerback Deltha O'Neal for a game following his arrest.

"You want guys on your team that you know you can count on, guys that are going to be here to play week-in and week-out," Palmer said. "When it's crunch time, you know they're going to make the right decisions. Whether it's crunch time and they're

being peer-pressured to do something outside of football, or it's crunch time on third down and you have to make a play."

"It looks more like we've got guys like that. We'll find out as the year progresses."

They know this already: The season is likely to come down to staying out of trouble and keeping teams out of the end zone.

With Palmer, running back Rudi Johnson and receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, the Bengals have one of the league's top offenses. Palmer has fully recovered from the reconstructive knee surgery that slowed him at the start of last season.

Chad Johnson was particularly impressive in training camp, inspired by Lewis' challenge that he improve his overall game after leading NFL receivers in yards last season. He's also eager to get back to stretching the league's anti-celebration rules as far as they'll go.

"Yeah, it's my motto this year," he said. "I'm bringing

sexy back for this year. It's that Ocho Cinco. It's going to be a beautiful season. Trust me, it's going to be a good year."

It won't be unless the defense improves. That high-powered offense was offset by the league's worst pass defense last season. The Bengals overhauled the defense again in the offseason, letting cornerback Tory James and safety Kevin Tynes leave and releasing linebacker Brian Simmons.

They've added depth to the defensive line, promoted cornerback Johnathan Joseph — last year's top pick — into James' spot, and drafted cornerback Leon Hall in the first round this year.

If the defense struggles again, the next one to go could be the coordinator.

"It's time for us to go as a unit, and it's right on me," defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan said. "I'll accept that responsibility. It's time for us to step up this year and take our game to another level."

No more alibis.

Brohm throws for 4 TDs, No. 10 Cards win 73-10

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — It took Steve Kragthorpe all of one play to let his players know that the coaches may have changed at Louisville but the offense has not.

The Cardinals scored a touchdown on their first offensive play under their new head coach, and nine more trips to the end zone soon followed as No. 10 Louisville ripped over-matched Murray State 73-10 on Thursday night at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Brian Brohm threw for 375 yards and four scores in just over a half of work, and Louisville's offense hummed with the same precision that became its trademark under former coach Bobby Petrino.

"A lot of people thought we were going to have a drop-off after we swapped coaches," said wide receiver Harry Douglas. "A lot of people had doubts, but we picked up where we left off last year."

Namely, in the end zone. Louisville scored on all but one possession and had little trouble with the Racers.

Murray State, a member of the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA), received \$300,000 to drive four hours from the Racers' campus in southwestern Kentucky to serve as fodder in a debut Kragthorpe had been thinking about since being hired to

replace Petrino in January.

"It's been a long seven or eight months," Kragthorpe said. "It was nice to get out there going again. I thought we were pretty clean for the most part."

Pretty crisp too. Brohm completed 16 of 21 passes, many of them to receivers who had little trouble finding open spaces against Murray State's inexperienced defense.

"We executed well on offense," Brohm said. "We did a lot of things the right way, but we've still got a lot of room for improvement."

Maybe, though it will be hard for the Cardinals to top the ease with which they dispatched the Racers.

Brohm was hardly the lone

offensive star. Douglas finished with five receptions for 151 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Gary Barnidge had four receptions for 46 yards and two scores, running back Sergio Spencer rushed for 60 yards and two touchdowns and Trent Guy added a 54-yard punt return for a score.

By the time Brohm put a towel over his shoulder 20 seconds into the second half, the Cardinals led 56-10. It didn't get much better for the Racers.

Though they were able to move the ball early against Louisville's revamped defense — even tying the game at 7 in the first quarter on a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt to Derrick Townsend — competitiveness would be

fleeting against a team determined to start the Kragthorpe era with a bang.

Louisville's 73 points were the most since it scored 79 against Ogden in 1926 and extended the Cardinals' home winning streak to 19, the second-longest in the country behind USC.

Still, the Cardinals weren't perfect. The defense allowed the Racers to hold the ball for long stretches and missed several tackles. Yet Kragthorpe wasn't asking for perfection, just a basic grasp of his system.

The early returns were promising. Brohm had little trouble locating his receivers, and he was barely touched by the Racers' defense.

Murray State actually won the time of possession battle, though the Cardinals

exchanged quantity for quality. Louisville ate up yards in large chunks, averaging 10.2 yards per play.

"Brian was very sharp tonight. He's a surgeon out there," Kragthorpe said. "He gets us in the right play, and he was very sharp from a mental standpoint, in total command."

Ehrhardt threw for 88 yards and a touchdown for the Racers, and Paul McKinnis ran for 72 yards for Murray State, which is coming off a 1-10 season and has 72 underclassmen on its roster.

"We saw speed that we aren't going to see the rest of the year," coach Matt Griffin said. "What I wanted to see was our kids come into this environment and compete, and they did that."

UK's Mabry sustains broken thumb

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky sophomore linebacker Mikhail Mabry sustained a broken thumb in practice on Thursday and will be out indefinitely, Coach Rich Brooks announced.

Mabry incurred the injury during a routine drill when his thumb jammed on another player's knee, Brooks said. Mabry will undergo surgery on Friday.

Mabry was working with the second team at middle linebacker. The 6-2, 235-pound sophomore from Mililani, Hawaii, is coming off a redshirt season. He saw action in seven games in 2005 as a true freshman and made five tackles.

Ticket sales update: The excitement over the 2007 Kentucky football team continues to spark ticket sales, as more than 51,000 season tickets have been

issued. For the general public, less than 100 sideline season tickets remain at a cost of \$248 each. Among end zone season tickets (\$199 each), only scattered single seats remain.

The 51,000 number includes 5,115 season tickets purchased by students, shattering the old student record of 3,549 set in 2005. That number continues to grow as the student season tickets sold at a brisk pace this past week.

Cincinnati Reds announce homestand highlights for Sept. 3-13

(Half-price tickets for students to all home games in September)

Monday, Sept. 3 — Cincinnati Reds vs. New York Mets, 1:15 p.m.

• Reach Magazine Family Game — One member of the family pays full price and the rest of the immediate family may purchase non-premium seats at the Super Saver price — a 45% savings! In advance of game day only. And, if you have any students, they get seats for half-price!

Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Cincinnati Reds vs. New York Mets, 7:10 p.m.

• Heart and Hustle Award Presented to Ryan Freel — Reds player Ryan Freel will be given a plaque as he receives Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association's Heart and Hustle Award in pregame ceremonies. The annual award was created to recognize one player on each team who demonstrates a passion for the game of baseball and best embodies the values, spirit and traditions of the game.

Wednesday, Sept. 5 — Cincinnati Reds vs. New York Mets, 12:35 p.m.

• Senior Citizen Special — Fans 60 and older may purchase non-premium seats at the Super Saver price — a 45-percent savings. In advance of game day only.

• Fastsigns Business Day Special — Drop your business card in the container at a Fan Accommodation Station and you could win tickets to the next Business Day Special.

Friday, Sept. 7 — Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Brewers, 7:10 p.m.

• Pepsi College/Teen Night — It's a Friday night party at the ballpark, complete with live music in the Fan Zone as part of the half-price student deal in September. Tickets are available at the GABP ticket windows or online at reds.com/students. Valid for non-premium seats only.

Saturday, Sept. 8 — Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Brewers, 7:10 p.m.

• Reds Team Photo Night presented by Sofa Express and more! — Free to the first

40,000 fans.

• Bleacher Discount Special — Fans may purchase bleacher tickets for only \$5. Subject to availability.

Sunday, Sept. 9 — Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Brewers, 1:15 p.m.

• Reach Magazine Family Game — One member of the family pays full price and the rest of the immediate family may purchase non-premium seats at the Super Saver price — a 45-percent savings. In advance of game day only. And, if you have any students, they get seats for half-price!

Tuesday, Sept. 11 — Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 7:10 p.m.

• Marino Family Welcome and ESPN Video — A pregame ceremony will honor the family of NYC firefighter Kenny Marino, who lost his life in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Kenny's favorite player was Ken Griffey Jr., who has been acquainted with the family since meeting them shortly after the tragedy. Kenny's son, Tyler, will throw out the first pitch.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 — Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 7:10 p.m.

• Iams Friends For Life Dog Day — Bring your dog with you to the ballpark and enjoy a great evening of activities for dogs and owners before the game! For just \$22, you can purchase Field Box tickets for both you and your dog! With each purchase, \$2 will be donated to SPCA Cincinnati. Additional human tickets are available for just \$17. Visit reds.com/dog-day to pre-register your dog and to purchase tickets!

Thursday, Sept. 13 — Cincinnati Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 12:35 p.m.

• Senior Citizen Special — Fans 60 and older may purchase non-premium tickets at the Super Saver price in advance of game day only.

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Homestand

• Half-price tickets for students presented by Pepsi — Back to school means the return of half-price tickets for all students to every Reds home game in September! Students can show their school IDs, hats, shirts or anything else school-related and receive half-price tickets in selected seating areas. Tickets are available at the GABP ticket windows or online at reds.com/students.

• George Foster Autograph Signings — The Reds Hall of Famer will be signing autographs at the RCF booth both pregame and from the seventh inning until the end of the game on Sept. 3-5.

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Reds acquire Buck Coats from Cubs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds Executive Vice President and General Manager Wayne Krivsky today announced the acquisition of OF Buck Coats from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations.

Coats, 25, this season batted .303 with 11 HR, 59 RBI and 18 stolen bases for Class AAA Iowa. His 19-game hitting streak from June 23 to July 14 tied for the fourth-longest this season in the Pacific Coast League.

Coats was optioned to Class AAA Louisville.

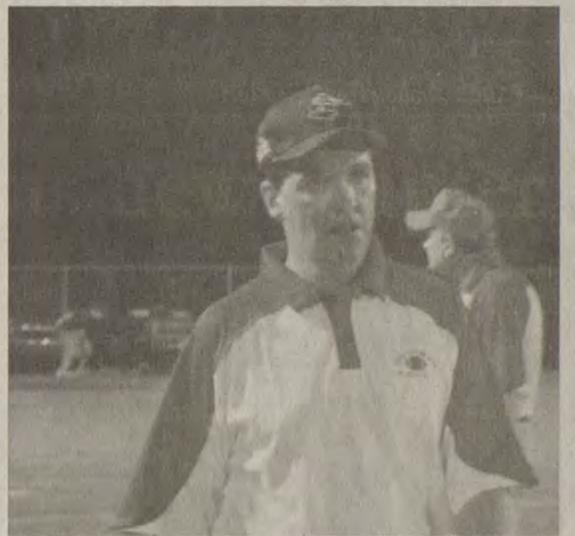


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PRESTONSBURG COACH JOHN DEROSSETT showed support for the East Kentucky Miners during the season-opener versus Betsy Layne by wearing one of the CBA expansion team's hats.

No. 2 LSU grounds Miss. State's passing attack in 45-0 debut

by CHRIS TALBOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Craig Steltz had three of LSU's six interceptions of Mississippi State quarterback Michael Henig and the second-ranked Tigers manhandled the Bulldogs again in a 45-0 victory Thursday night.

LSU's new starting quarterback Matt Flynn and new offensive coordinator Gary Crowton struggled to find a rhythm early, but they received plenty of help from Henig, who set a school record by throwing six picks.

It was LSU's eighth straight win overall and eighth straight in the series with the Bulldogs. Since Mississippi State's last win in 1999, LSU has outscored the Bulldogs 340-81, including three shutouts by 42 or more points.

Mississippi State has lost 12 straight games to Top 10 opponents and 11 of its last 13 home games.

LSU's Steltz, Curtis Taylor, Jonathan Zenon and Danny McCray had interceptions in the first half and Steltz added two more in the second half. The Tigers needed the help as a stout Bulldogs defense held them scoreless on every drive but one that wasn't set up by a turnover.

Henig also fumbled the snap on a fourth-and-1 attempt after he led the team on a nine-play drive in the first quarter that put the Bulldogs at the Tigers 36. It was one of only two serious forays into LSU territory.

Henig tied the school record for interceptions in a game that had stood since 1949 before giving way to freshman Wesley Carroll midway through the fourth quarter. It was Henig's fifth multiple-interception game in 10 career starts and the most picks he's thrown since giving away three passes against Alabama on Nov. 5, 2005, as a freshman.

While Henig struggled, Flynn gained confidence as the game progressed. After completing 3 of 7 passes for 23 yards in the first quarter, JaMarcus Russell's replacement zeroed in on Early Doucet. The fifth-year senior finished with 128 yards on 12 of 19 passing with two touchdowns and no turnovers in his second career start. That included an 11-yard touchdown to Doucet, who had nine catches for 78 yards.

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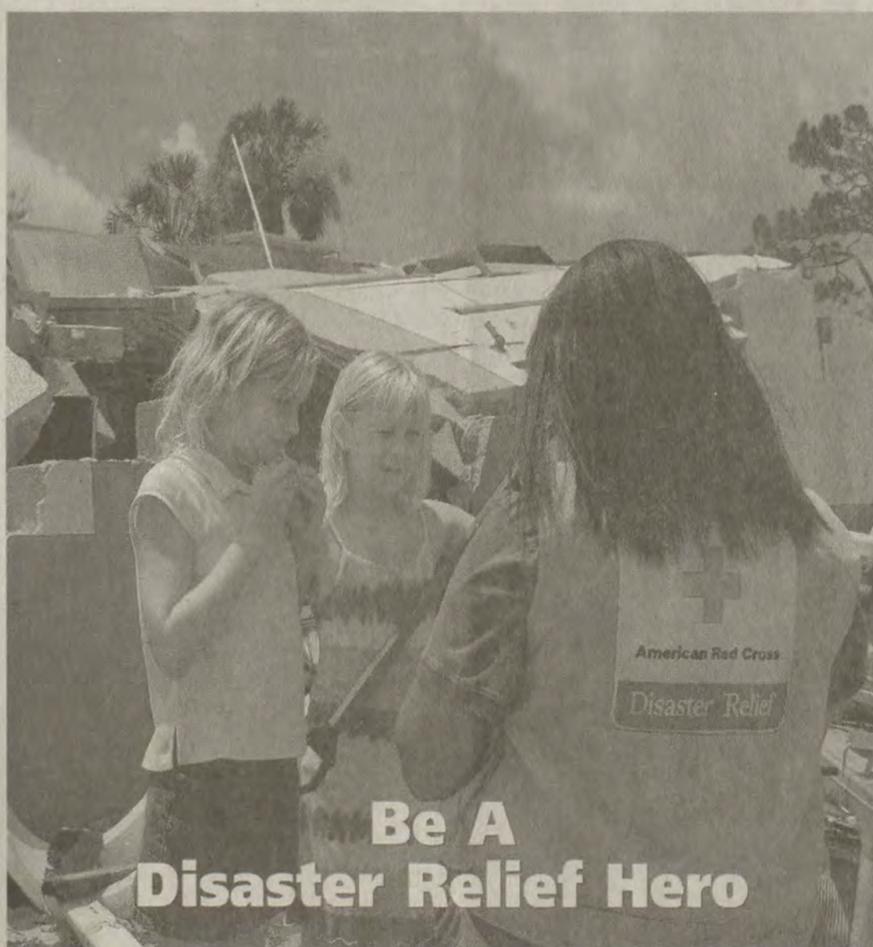
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wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a

SPECIAL SECTION September 28, 2007

Deadline to submit entries: Sept. 14, 2007



Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____

- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____
- Car Dealership _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Videos _____

BEST FOOD

- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____
- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Massage Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Physicians Asst. _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Appliances _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Beauty Salon _____

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Wednesday, September 14, 2007 (mailed or delivered).
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be published in the Friday, September 28th edition of the Floyd County Times.**