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### In brief

## Man jailed on charge of threatening judge

Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON — An Eastern Kentucky man accused of threatening a judge on an Internet forum is in jail.

Kentucky State Police say they arrested 36-year-old Steve Edward Tompkins of Mount Vernon on Thursday after a posting appeared on the forum entitled "Let's Assassinate Jeffrey T. Burdette."

Burdette is a circuit judge for Rockcastle and Pulaski counties. He told the Lexington Herald-Leader that Tompkins threatened him 10 years ago when he was a prosecutor, but declined to comment further.

Tompkins is charged with retaliating against a participant in a legal process, a Class D felony.

He remained in jail Friday with a \$100,000 bond. He did not have an attorney listed in jail records.

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# School system braces for gas prices

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

The familiar big, yellow buses will be rumbling on the roads tomorrow as school officially begins in Floyd County, and officials with the school system are ready to feel the pain at the pumps with the high cost of diesel fuel

that every bus in the state drinks down at a rate of 8-to-10 miles per gallon.

Superintendent Henry Webb is asking employees to do the best that they can to help combat the rising fuel prices.

"We're asking our principals and staff to be as efficient as they can with the resources that they have," Webb

said. "We may see some cutbacks on school trips at some of the schools, but we have not issued a district-wide plan."

According to Karen Johnson, transportation director for Floyd County schools, 91 buses will be on the road every school day, with a combined average of 7,900 miles traveled per day

in order to complete all of the routes.

"We are going to shorten our idle time for the buses to help with fuel consumption," Johnson said.

The most common of the buses, the large 66 passenger vehicle, has a 60 gallon tank and averages around eight

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## NEW WHEELS



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Assistant Police Chief Brian Hall shows off the new Prestonsburg Police Department golf cart cruiser.

# P'burg police to begin patrols on golf cart

by JARRID DEATON  
Features Writer

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Police Department recently debuted a new vehicle that they will use to patrol the city's streets, and it

looks like something that would more commonly be seen at StoneCrest.

The new cruiser is a golf cart.

Assistant Police Chief Brian Hall backed the cart out of the storage building where it is

kept when not on duty and explained the reasoning behind its purchase.

"It's a way for us to cut back on fuel," Hall said. "We've had a positive response to it from

(See CART, page three)

# Suit claims trucker was speeding

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A lawsuit was filed last week in Johnson County after a 2006 automobile accident

left a young woman bedridden and unable to communicate. Mary A. Ward, 24, of Harold, was injured when the two-door sedan she was driving was struck by tractor-trailer on Route 321 at the intersection of U.S. 23 near Turner Branch.

According to Brenda Osbourne, with Kirk Law firm, who represents Ward, the "tragic accident" would

spare her young life, but would leave her a mere shadow of her former effervescent self."

According to a report by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Ward had to be airlifted to Saint Mary's Hospital in Huntington. According to Osbourne, after two months at Saint Mary's, Ward was able to return home, but requires the constant 24-hour care of relatives.

According to the complaint filed on Ward's behalf by her mother, Janice Ward, "Ward's

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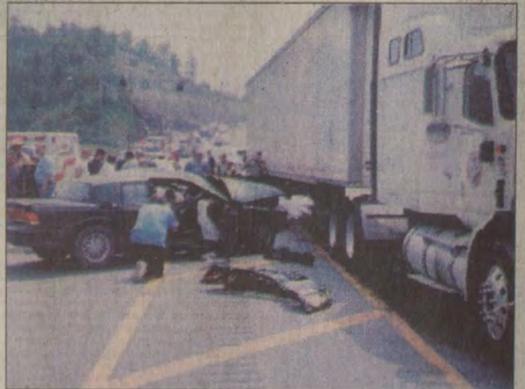


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This 2006 accident left Mary Ward bedridden and dependant on family members for care. Her attorney says the truck driver's speeding was the cause.

# HRMC breaks ground on Harold clinic

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday with a number of dignitaries from Highlands Regional Medical Center to launch the construction of the new Harold Primary Care Clinic, just off U.S. 23.

According to Stephanie Damron, director of marketing and public relations, "Officials from HRMC, the Harold primary Care Clinic, and members of the community listened as Highlands CEO Bud Warman and Chairman Ted Nairn talked about Highlands' commitment of bringing outstanding health care to the people."

"I am proud to be part of an organization that is always looking toward the future and keeps the patients at the front of the decision-making process," said Warman. "The choice to build a new Harold Primary Care Clinic is just another example of how Highlands is helping patients access quality

and affordable health care."

According to Damron, "Harold Primary Care will be a full-service clinic with room for four providers, a pharmacy, physical therapy office, lab and radiology capabilities.

Damron says that the building is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2009.

The groundbreaking for the new facility was followed by an open house for the new Harold Primary Care physician Dr. Jeremy Parsons.

Dr. Parsons graduated from Pikeville College in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry. Parsons then went on to the University of Louisville, where he graduated from the School of Medicine, before moving on to East Tennessee State University for his graduate medical education.

Dr. Parsons is currently a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.



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Highlands Regional Medical Center held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Harold Primary Care Clinic

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Martha O Chafin, 84, of Martin, died Monday, July 28, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Bernice Collins, 69, of Garrett, died Wednesday, August 13, in Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Collins. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Robert E. "Bob" Dermont, 83, of Nicholasville, formerly of Martin, died Monday, August 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Dermont. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ John Grubb Jr., 77, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 2, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, August 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Norma Faye Spears Hunt, 70, of Stanville, a Betsy Layne native, died Monday, August 11, at the Signature Health Care Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Darlene Jacobs, 68, of Martin, died Saturday, July 26. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Johnson, 85, of Virgie, a Floyd County native, died Monday, August 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 15, under the direction of Hall &

Jones Funeral Home.

■ Martin Eli Johnson, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 10, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Spears Johnson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Herbert Gene Salisbury, 83, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, August 10, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Martha Pearl Salisbury. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Tramble Shepherd, 66, of Hueysville, died Thursday, July 31, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Alean Hall Springer, 76, of Minnie, died Saturday, July 26. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Sallie Syck Amos, 84, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 10. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jean Branham, 78, of Wellington, formerly of Meta, died Wednesday, August 6, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Willie Coleman, 86, of Wolfpit, died Friday, August 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, under the direction of Lucas & Son

Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Johnson, 85, of Virgie, died Monday, August 11, at her home. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Paul Kilgore, 67, of Hellier, died Sunday, August 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Kilgore. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy Tackett Rose Mullins, 82, of Shelby Gap, died Sunday, August 10, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ William David "Dave" Stratton, 84, of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Edna Mae Charles Stratton. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Vella M. Wolford, 59, of Freeburn, died Friday, August 8, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Reba Harmon, 82, of Pilgrim, died Saturday, August 9, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James A. Harmon. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Lannie G. Maynard, 58, of Louisa, died Friday, August 8, in the University of

Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Perry Maynard. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

■ Mark Luther McCoy, 40, of Big Stone Gap, Va., died Thursday, August 7, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

■ George Meade, 67, of Magnolia Mississippi, formerly of Whitehouse, a native of Lawrence County, died Thursday, August 7, in Mississippi. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 10, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home of Paintsville.

■ Randolph Robertson, 78, of Louisa, died Thursday, August 7, in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Irene Wilson Robertson. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Roscoe Sizemore, 67, of Louisa, died Saturday, August 9, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Sue Tankersley Sizemore. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of Bowling Funeral Home, London.

■ Bobby Terry, 37, of Louisa, died Wednesday, August 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Angel Terry. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Robert Harper Jr., 77, of Salyersville, died Saturday,

August 9. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ James M. Howard, 78, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 8. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Mark Franklin "M.F." Rice, 88, of Salyersville, died Monday, August 11. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Larry Abe Wireman, 63, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, August 6. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Gary Ray Holbrook, 46, of Wittensville, died Tuesday, August 12, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Linda Holbrook. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Julius Ceasar "Hopper" Little, 65, of Flatgap, died Tuesday, August 12, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, August 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Rexford Music, 69, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, August 13, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Paul Wade Trimble, 80,

of Paintsville, died Thursday, August 7, at the Hospice Care Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Claude Michael "Mike" Warnock, 60, of Oil Springs, died Wednesday August 13. He is survived by his wife, Kaye Hampton Warnock. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Maywood Martin Amburgey, 76, of Pine Top, died Thursday, July 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Maxine Stumbo Dye, 65, of Frankfort, formerly of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, July 29. Funeral services were held Friday, August 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Edith Reynolds Gibson, 92, of Mousie, died Monday, July 28, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Elder James D. Watts, 68, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Knott County, died August 3. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

## Kentucky Governor's Scholars visit The David School



A group of students with the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program visited The David School after viewing the PBS documentary "Country Boys."

DAVID — Established in 1983, the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program strives to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders and create models of educational excellence for teachers and students.

This year, one of the program's focus groups made up of the top high school students in the state, visited The David School in order to learn about Appalachian youth, education and community service.

Following a viewing of "Country Boys," a PBS documentary filmed at The David School, which tells the story of two boys growing up in Appalachia determined to beat the odds and struggling with who they are and who they can become, the group of 21 Governor's Scholars, hosted by Morehead State University, and led by Erin Heidrich of the psychology faculty of the Governor's Scholar Program, contacted the school and set up a field trip to David.

On Wednesday, July 16, the group arrived and first received

an introduction regarding the school's mission and its educational commitment to area youth. Afterwards, the group joined the faculty for lunch and participated in community service projects throughout the campus and community.

At the end of the day, each of the program's members noted aspects of the school, which they found to be particularly unique to education in Kentucky.

"A great alternative for giving students an opportunity to get their high school diploma," said one of the group members. "A great example of the effort to improve education in Kentucky."

"I did not know the school held such high regards in making the school feel like a family", said another. "I think it is a great program that is really helping kids with struggles of all kinds."

The David School was honored to be a partner with the Governor's Scholars Program and Morehead State University for enhancing the minds and hearts of the next generation of leaders.

## Local physician named to cardiology board

Dr. Vaughn Payne, M.D., a Cardiologist for Cumberland Cardiology located in the Highlands Regional Medical Center Office Building, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Governors for the Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

The Board is made up of 10 representatives from 4 districts in Kentucky and is led by Dr. David J. Moliterno, M.D., co-director of the Gill Heart Institute and chief of cardiovascular medicine at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. The Board provides education and networking opportunities for about 200 Kentucky cardiovascular specialists, including physicians, nurses and physician assistants.

Dr. Payne has been recognized with awards by the American Medical

Association, the American College of Cardiology, as well as the American Heart Association. Since joining the Highlands team in 2007, Dr. Payne has worked to diligently to improve the overall heart health of the people in the Big Sandy region.

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•Soccer	█	(0 Votes, 0%)
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**AARP**  
Health Educator to be Guest Speaker at Jenny Wiley AARP  
Jane Bond, health educator from the Floyd County Health Department, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528 AARP, to be held Tuesday, August 19, at 6 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg. She will address the subject, "Preparedness for Medical Emergencies in Floyd County." She will also discuss the need for volunteers. John Rosenberg, chapter president, urges all members and friends to attend.

# KEMI holds training for mine companies in Pikeville

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

*Editor's note: Portions of the following story, which originally ran Friday, were inadvertently deleted. It is reprinted here in its entirety.*

PIKEVILLE — Hundreds of mine safety and rescue workers from four states attended a mine safety training competition Wednesday and Thursday at Bob Amos Park Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance, which

sponsored the first-ever competition, hopes to see it become an annual event.

"For the last year or so, we [KEMI] have been getting more involved in these mine safety events ..." said KEMI representative Ryan Worthen. "From what we've seen in the past year, we saw this as a great opportunity to bring a lot of these mining companies together."

On Wednesday, 25 mine rescue teams from Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and Illinois competed in a mock

mine disaster set up on the park's baseball fields. During the competition, teams navigated their way through a maze representing a mine disaster. Along the way, they encountered obstacles to overcome or tools to help them in their quest to safely retrieve victims trapped inside.

Most teams spent a little over an hour on the task, while judges quietly stood nearby, scoring how they reacted to the circumstances with which they were presented.

"You're looking at the best

of the best out here," said KEMI representative Daven Hoskins, as he surveyed the scene. "It takes a different type of guy to put his life on the line to save others."

At the nearby YMCA building, another competition was being held for teams of mine emergency technicians, who are responsible for providing first aid to the injured.

While everyone else was kept in isolation, one team at a time would work on an "injured" miner, treating various injuries they might

encounter in real emergency.

On Thursday, the competition switched gears, as 57 certified mine foremen competed in pre-shift mine examiner competition, during which they would record and correct hazardous conditions in all areas of a mock mine.

The mine foreman "is only one guy," Worthen said, "but if they do the pre-shift inspection correctly, they'll never need the mine rescue team."

Also on Thursday, a bench competition was held, during which benchmen were judged

on their ability to clean, test and accurately diagnose and fix problems in the breathing apparatus used by mine rescue teams.

While the event was fully sponsored by KEMI, 150 officials from the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration and the state Office of Mine Safety and Licensing were on hand to help judge the competition. The event gave participating mine companies credit for one of the two training sessions required by MSHA.

# Kentucky buying bonds to help troubled student loan program

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Kentucky state officials have a way to help thousands of college students banking on a student loan to help finance the coming fall semester, Gov. Steve Beshear said.

The state is buying a \$50 million bond to help the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation, also known as The Student Loan People, offer students loans in time for the coming academic year. The bond will serve as a "short-term bridge" until federal money arrives later, Beshear said.

"This is a very innovative approach, and an innovative solution to a difficult problem," Beshear said at a Friday afternoon Capitol news conference. "It's a solution that many other states have not

found."

Without the help, the Kentucky loan corporation would have run out of money and ceased making new loans. Now, however, it will continue offering loans to about 110,000 students across the state, CEO Edward Cunningham said.

Cunningham said the corporation had run out of money as of Thursday and was unable to offer students new loans.

States across the country have faced similar problems in the wake of the national mortgage crisis, collapse of credit markets and overall sour economy, Cunningham said. Other states have stopped issuing loans or considered tapping their public pension systems for help.

The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, for example, has stopped issuing new loans

forcing the approximately 40,000 families it serves to look for private, less favorable, loans elsewhere.

More than 120 lenders nationwide have stopped or suspended their participation in all or part of the federally guaranteed student loan program, Cunningham said.

Not so in Kentucky.

"It's a problem to which we did not contribute, but it is a problem to which we are a victim," Cunningham said. "This \$50 million in financing will enable The Student Loan People to meet the needs of all Kentucky students and their families."

Jonathan Miller, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, said the state would also be getting a good investment in the deal. Miller said it would pay better than other investments the state might be investing in.

Joe McCormick, executive director of the Kentucky College Access Network, said the federal government's plan requiring lenders to find their own money up front may hurt students in some states. States need to make college more accessible to students, McCormick said.

Students at Kentucky's public universities, which have been grappling with

increasing costs and decreasing state funds, are also in line for tuition increases this year. The tuition spikes range from 6 percent to nearly 10 percent depending on the university.

"We needed the governor to take decisive action and we appreciate the fact that he's done that," McCormick said. "We need to improve college access in this state."

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to 10 miles per gallon. According to Johnson, the fuel mileage on the smaller buses isn't much different, with stopping, starting and traveling the curves and steep hills of the region taking close to the same amount of fuel as the larger buses.

The cost of diesel fuel has remained higher than gasoline and is currently well over \$4 per gallon, showing no real signs of slipping below that

mark in the past few months.

In Pike County, officials are considering limiting athletic events to within the county and having bus drivers begin their routes from home as a way of combating

Some other school systems in the state are considering a four-day school week to help lower the fuel bill for both buses, parents and staff, and Floyd County has inquired about the pros and cons of

adopting the reduced schedule, but no plans are currently in place to make the change.

While the cost of keeping the buses away from empty is a concern for Johnson, she points out that safety is at the forefront of her thoughts.

"We want to remind parents to watch out for our buses," Johnson said. "Please stop when the drivers have their stop arms out. We need to keep our children safe."

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## Cart

the public. People are coming up and talking to the officers when they see them drive by. A lot of citizens are saying that it's the best looking golf cart they've ever seen."

As part of the department's attempt to lower the fuel bill, Hall, along with Mayor Jerry Fannin and Police Chief Mike Ormerod, came up with the idea to add the golf cart to the city's police fleet.

The cart is used to patrol the

back streets from Prestonsburg High School down to around Gold Slone's gas station.

"We patrol around four nights a week in the cart," Hall said. "It's always on the back roads. We don't take it out on the main road."

According to Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg, the golf cart is one part of the city's plan to go green.

"We're working on making

our own bio-diesel fuel," Graden said. "We've also purchased some hydrogen fuel cells that will double the amount of miles the vehicles are able to get per gallon. It's all part of some administrative changes to help us go green."

If the golf cart continues to work well for the police department and help keep the rising fuel bill at bay, Hall said they will consider adding another one to the force.

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## Lawsuit

injuries were received when a tractor-trailer owned by G & P trucking of Gaston, S.C., and operated by George A Hand of Lithonia, Ga., crashed into her car, a crash that was caused, according to the complaint filed by Kirk Law Firm, by "excessive speed."

The lawsuit names both G & P trucking and Hand.

According to official records, an eye witness, Katrina Morhl, of Lowmansville, stated that the tractor-trailer was speeding, "as if it came out of nowhere and hit the driver of unit #1.

(Ward)"

"Mrs. Mohl and her daughter happened to be beside the road and saw everything," said John Kirk. "Mrs. Mohl reported to the police officer at the scene what she had seen and the officer correctly made the proper notation on the report."

The complaint reportedly seeks compensation for past, present and future medical expenses and suffering, lost wages, "and such other compensation as is just, as well as trial by jury."

"This is a tragic thing that happened to a fine and healthy

young woman," Kirk said. "This is a close family and each member carries the pain of what has happened around each day. Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and Mrs. Ward take care of Mary on a constant basis and Janice does likewise, even though she works full time as a nurse at a nursing home."

Kirk added that Ward has a life expectancy of 50 years. "Given the costs for medical care and other care she will need, it can be reasonably be expected that all that will take at least \$5 million."

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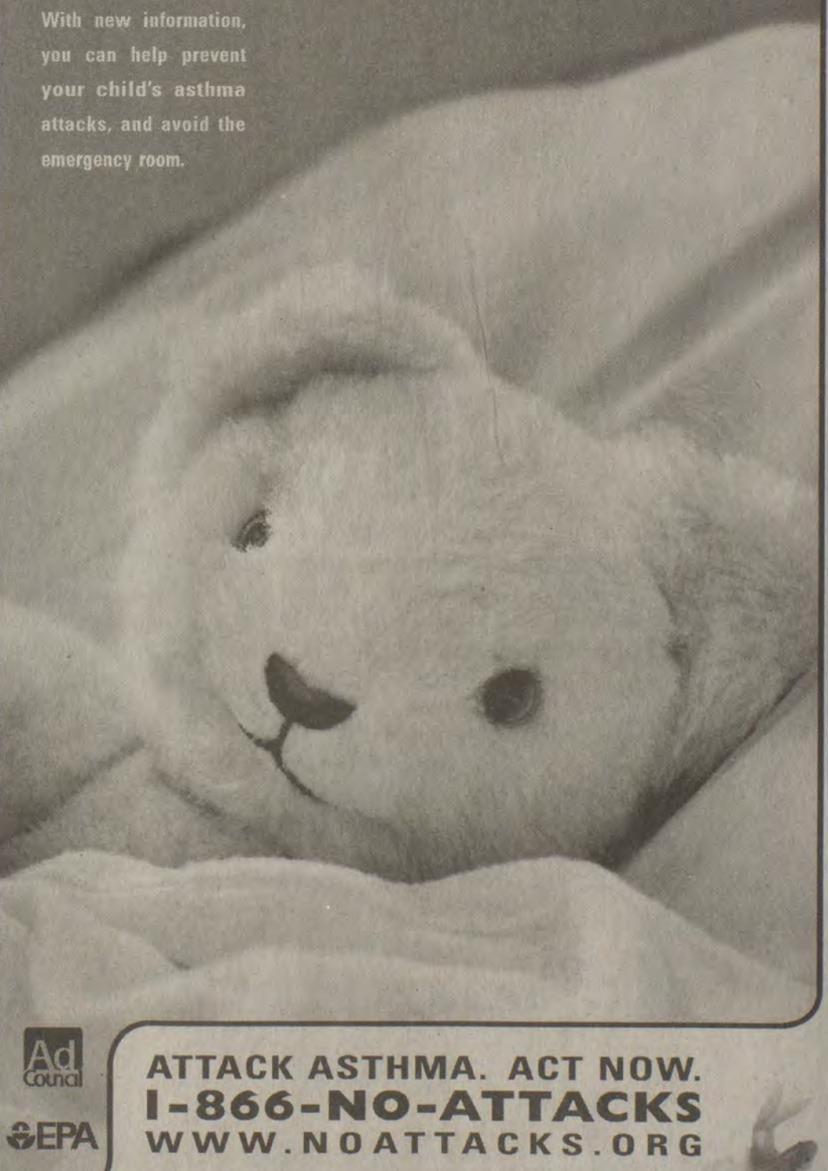


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Guest view

## Time waits for no one

When the final night of the 2008 General Assembly has been described, the words “chaotic” and “hectic” have been used. With the clock clicking down to the constitutionally required April 15 midnight deadline to pass legislation, the House and Senate scrambled to complete work on many key bills, including the all-important highway construction bill.

But when midnight came, the work wasn't finished. No problem. They pulled the plug on the clocks in both chambers and worked on.

But it was a problem. As powerful as our Frankfort legislators are, they can't stop time and can't fudge on the state Constitution, either, and we're glad a judge called them on the foolish and illegal practice.

Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled that legislation that would have authorized hundreds of Kentucky road projects worth billions of dollars was invalid because it was not approved and sent to the governor before midnight on the legislature's last day.

The Constitution is plain: During the regular, even-year session, the General Assembly can work for only 60 days and not beyond April 15. Passing bills on the 16th is forbidden, stopped clocks or no.

We welcome Shepherd's ruling if for no other reason than it puts to bed the practice of stopping the clocks. It was once a fairly common practice that had faded away, only to reappear this year.

With 60 days to work, on top of 30 days during odd-numbered years, there's no excuse for the General Assembly to run out of time. Even if Shepherd's ruling creates heartburn by calling into question the legality of other laws that were passed after midnight on April 15, a deadline is a deadline, and words in the Constitution mean what they say.

Of course, this wasn't the outcome envisioned by Senate President David Williams, who sued challenging the constitutionality of Gov. Steve Beshear's April 28 veto of the transportation bill. If the bill itself is unconstitutional, then the matter of Beshear's veto is moot, which appears to make it a victory for Beshear. ...

As for stopping the clocks, we have to agree with House veteran Rep. Danny Ford, a Mount Vernon Republican, who was heard to say on that fateful final evening of the 2008 session: “It's been 15 years since I've seen that clock stop. I think we are reverting to a bad way of doing business.”

— Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



“I'm not sure if Georgia's medals should be added to Russia's total. Depends what happens with the invasion.”

## — Chuck Norris

### An affair to remember

Now that John Edwards has admitted to his affair with 42-year-old Rielle Hunter, the big test looms again before the American public: Do we care? Do we think it matters? Do we believe that there should be any code of conduct or moral standard for those in public office, even if it is the highest one in the land?

Justifications for political improprieties abound. There are historical ones: “Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, etc. had moral failures, so what's the big deal?” There are also personal ones: “We shouldn't judge. No one is perfect. Who are we to point fingers?”

Don't misunderstand me. I believe in personal redemption. I myself have experienced it, as I wrote about in the chapter “A sin that became a blessing” in my autobiography, “Against All Odds,” in which I discuss an adulterous one-night stand in the early '60s that resulted in my wonderful daughter Dina. That is why I hope, as he says, John Edwards truly has asked God and his wife for forgiveness, and I pray for their restoration and the long road that results from it.

But then again, John Edwards continues to minimize his culpability by playing linguistic and moral dodge ball. He lied to his closest col-

leagues and the public for nearly two years about the affair. And even in his confession last week, he doesn't call it a “lie,” a “sin,” an “affair” or “adultery.” Rather, he repeatedly calls it merely a “mistake” or a “serious error in judgment.” Is that all it is?

I believe leadership should be above reproach. I believe those who govern should lead also in civility and decency and that their character should be congruent with their call to office. Like parents to children, a nation's politicians' integrity and character should supersede its citizens. But as long as we the people tolerate leadership immorality and elect corrupt politicians, we cannot expect the heart and character of our nation to improve.

It fascinates me that American naturalization law incorporates “good moral character” as a prerequisite for citizenship but no such legal standard is expected of those who govern our citizens. In a post-Clinton era, government trusts seem to be the rule more than the exception. Immorality is not only tolerated but also expected among public servants now. Have we at last severed or totally compartmentalized their personal and political lives so that never the twine should meet?

Enduring public humiliation is not the only price a political leader should pay for improprieties; I think they should be disciplined and suspended, if not disposed from public service. The consequence of corruption also should be increased restrictions, if not a banning from certain areas of future public service. If one cannot properly handle his private affairs, can we truly expect him to handle political ones? If politicians can't rightly steward the duties and offices granted to them, then they should be removed and kept from the public trust. As Christians, we should be abundant in forgiveness; but as Americans too, we should be diligent in protecting political trusts from those who do or might abuse them.

To help restore national civility and decency is just one of many reasons I wrote my new book, “Black Belt Patriotism,” which will be released Sept. 7 and is available at Amazon.com for pre-order. During the next few weeks, I'll give a few sneak peeks at its contents in my column.

With the Edwards affair and political integrity again hot in the news, here is just a taste of what I say in the

(See NORRIS, page six.)



Chuck Norris

## — beyond the beltway

### Revving up for a dirty campaign

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

First, they charged Barack Obama with being eloquent. Then they called him a celebrity. And now, finally, they're accusing him of being black.

Will these Republicans stop at nothing?

In truth, it would be an exaggeration to call John McCain's campaign tactics thus far “dirty.” Tacky, certainly, but they have not yet risen (or fallen) to the level of “dirty.” (Although the ad lying about Obama blowing off a visit to wounded troops in Iraq so he could get a photo op comes close.)

Right now, it's more at the level of a high school jock yelling insults at the smart kid who's stealing his girl. “Nyah, Nyah, you're an intellectual and your mother dresses you,” that sort of thing. Kid stuff.

Dirty, I image, is not far away; it depends on the polls. (If McCain falls behind in the polls, you are really going to see some nasty ads.)

Right now, the McCain camp is content to go with the tried-and-true Republican tactic of attacking its opponent's strengths.

Does Obama have a remarkable gift for phrase making? He is accused of being glib. So was Winston Churchill, of course, but never mind. Is he able to draw huge, enthusiastic crowds wherever he goes? He is accused of being a celebrity, a fellow traveler of Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. Is that weird or what? The McCain people have a candidate who

can barely fill a coffee shop and they're trying to paint that as an advantage?

(This is what Paris Hilton's mother — a McCain contributor by the way — had to say about that ad: “It is a complete waste of the country's time and attention at the very moment when millions of people are losing their homes and their jobs. And it is a completely frivolous way to choose the next president of the United States.”)

The McCain people even went so far as to show Obama hitting that three-point shot in front of the troops in Iraq. It was a marvelous moment and a great shot but the only reason you might want to call attention to an opponent's basketball skills like that is to emphasize that he is, well, black. (Although, frankly, black guys tend to take it to the rim. It's white, suburban players who settle for the J.)

Then, when Barack predicted Republicans were going to stress the fact that he didn't look much like the pictures of presidents on our money, the McCain camp was quick to yell “Race card, race card. He's playing the race card.”

Oh please.

Black candidates — unless they're running for office in a predominantly black city or congressional district — have no advantage in playing the “race card.” For every person who votes for them because of their race, two or three will vote against them for the same reason.

If anything, whenever the McCain

campaign says “race card,” it's playing the race card, calling attention to the fact that Obama is black without actually having to say it.

People, most of them, don't like to admit their racism. They express it in other ways, largely by believing ridiculous rumors. Here is a sampling of the things people say about Obama and what they actually mean:

■ “He's arrogant.” (He's black.)

■ “He's not patriotic.” (He's black.)

■ “Won't say the Pledge of Allegiance.” (Black.)

■ “He's a Muslim.” (Way black.)

McCain's campaign scratches those itches and will continue to do so because he doesn't have much of a campaign without them.

However, more than the race card the McCain people are playing the dumb card. They think the American people are dumb enough to take seriously these trivial, empty “charges” they keep leveling against Obama (including that Barack's suggestion that we keep our tires inflated is somehow silly).

The dumb card worked for George Bush against Al Gore when the Republicans used Gore's smarts (“He invented the Internet — ha-ha.”) against him.

Let us, in these dire times, hope it does not work again.

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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.

Cool it!

### NO RESULTS

One wisecracker advised heat-shrivelled humans to think cool, and lick the humidity, Sol and the whole outfit. Suggested one might gaze out upon the street, leaning into the gusty wind, see it deep in the snow, a villager head bowed, coat pulled tightly around him. Declared that would help...Well, it appears my imagination has let me down. I've done everything short of hitting myself in the mouth with an imaginary snowball, and I'm still burnin' up—or, maybe it's down.

### LIMIT CATCHES

Had a card this week from Appellate Judge Edward P. Hill, who reports from 'way up in Wisconsin, that he's catching his limit every day. I report back to any friend Judge that I caught my limit, Monday. One.

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A little girl was asked what made a heat-devil shimmer, and she opined it wasn't shimmering. It was shivering 'cause it had come to a cooler climate.

### OF NAMES AND SUCH

Credit Richard Howard with this one.

These two French poodles, freshly manicured and coats a-glistening, were strolling haughtily down the street, when they met a derelict mutt who was suffering from malnutrition and a slight case of the mange. But, always the friendly one, he accosted the two strangers and inquired, "What's your name?"

One of the two sniffed and replied, "Mimi, M-i-m-i."

The mutt scratched an itchy ear, and turned to the other and mildly inquired after her name.

Up with her head, "Fifi is my name, F-i-f-i."

"Now, my good fellow," one asked, "pray tell us your name."

"Fido. P-h-i-d-e-a-u-x."

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## MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE



At the Derby Dinner Playhouse, Scott Bradley currently plays piano in the production of "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming." He has also served as musical director for "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," and will serve in the same role for the upcoming "Irving Berlin's White Christmas."

# Love of music takes Bradley to Indiana

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Scott Bradley's life has been filled with music. From his job as band director at Paintsville High School to his time spent with the Jenny Wiley Theater, Bradley has utilized his musical talents, and now he is musical director for the famous Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Indiana.

"I have been involved with theater and music pretty much for my entire adult life," Bradley said. "I always tell the music and theater kids back home that you don't have to be on Broadway or in the movies to be a working artist. You can make a living at it."

Bradley, a native of Prestonsburg, started as a musician in the pit at Jenny Wiley Theater before becoming music director for a few years. Bradley then assumed the mantle of artistic director and directed around 30 shows and produced seven seasons at Jenny Wiley. While there, he composed the score for "The Legend of Jenny Wiley" which is still being used in the productions. Bradley will return to Jenny Wiley to direct the music for "The Legend of Jenny Wiley"

next summer.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Bradley said. "I'm anxious to see it back on its feet again."

Bradley believes that his time at Jenny Wiley set the foundation for his future success.

"Any success that I've had is directly related to my experience at Jenny Wiley," Bradley said. "If you are from Prestonsburg and don't go to Jenny Wiley Theater, it's like a New Yorker never going to the Statue of Liberty."

At the Derby Dinner Playhouse, Bradley just finished as musical director for the summer production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," and is currently playing piano on stage in the production of "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" which runs through September 28. He is also set to musical direct the Christmas production of "Irving Berlin's White Christmas."

"Things are going really great for me there," Bradley said. "I've been here about three months and the talent and audiences are both awesome."

The Derby Dinner Playhouse is one of the oldest and largest dinner theaters in the country. Derby Dinner Playhouse opened in 1974



Scott Bradley, a native of Prestonsburg, was recently named musical director for the Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Indiana.

under the general management of Carolyn Thomas. In 1985, Thomas opted to purchase the Indiana dinner theater with partner Bekki Jo Schneider. In the last 23 years, attendance at the Derby Dinner Playhouse has grown to over 200,000 patrons per year.

For more information on the Derby Dinner Playhouse, visit <http://www.derbydinner.com>.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Raw Force'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Julia Child couldn't have cooked up a better dish than this low-budget effort, which has all the ingredients of a drive-in classic.

Take one dash of kung-fu, a heaping portion of cannibal monks and a zombie army, and place them on a tropical island. Now introduce damsels in distress, who are seldom dressed, and place them on the island after being kidnapped by an ex-Nazi who plans to trade them to the monks for a ton of jade.

Things may look dire now, but finish it all off with shipwrecked heroes who just happen to be the founding members of the Burbank Karate School and you have a tasty treat that stirs every genre film flavor into an affordable, and better yet, watchable stew.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

The story, as it is, follows a tour group that signs on for a low-budget cruise of the Pacific. Their passenger list includes the Burbank dudes, a hard-drinking captain, a cook (who also happens to be a martial artist), assorted beach bunnies and a couple headed for a messy divorce.

The Burbank guys are there to see "Warrior's Island." They have heard the legends that fighters went there to die after bringing dishonor onto themselves (whatever). The rest of the passengers are just looking for a little shipboard romance and some sight-seeing, but everyone is disappointed when the ship gets attacked by pirates who make off with women and set fire to the boat.

The Burbank trio escape with assorted "Love Boat" rejects and find themselves on "Warrior's Island," but nobody gets a warm welcome. After taking out the pirates, our band is greeted by the monks who offer them rescue if, and it's a huge if, they can defeat a kung-fu army of the living dead.

While sharing a supper with the holy ones, our band discovers that the monks raise their army by consuming the flesh of young women and this leads to a major disagreement that can only be settled by a massive brawl. It's a decent set piece which also offers the filmmakers a chance to squeeze last-minute thrills onto the menu, such as a beheading, some bone-breaking battles and death by various martial arts weapons.

This one gets the drive-in formula right, though it actually misses a few ingredients such as a good script and seasoned actors. However the whole is greater here as you get chase scenes, well-staged fights and a ton of assorted nastiness.

The film even manages to end on a high note and promises a sequel that, unfortunately, has yet to happen.

The other bonus here is that the film is part of the "Grindhouse Classics" boxed set which includes 19

(See LAGOON, page six)

## Walking with Jenni

by CHARLES DOERSCH  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NATURE LOVER'S SOUL"

Snow has returned to the Rockies. Outside my window, all the Douglas firs are sugared by a night spent in falling snow and frosting cloud. In the bare aspens, a Steller's Jay cocks a white eyebrow and peers in the windows to see if we'll put out more peanuts. Mountain chickadees chuckle. Nuthatches beep and giggle. Two mule deer bucks stand grazing beside the gravel drive. The mist

moving through the forest gives the magical impression of an elfin fairyland.

This morning, I'm wishing my 5-year-old niece Jenni were here. She loved to go on nature walks. "Uncle Chuck, can we go botanizing?" was her frequent request, and out and away we'd go — in rain or shine.

Her brother, Paul, also loves "botanizing," but for different reasons. For him, it's an exercise in reading the landscape, a great adventure of identification and discovery. By the time he was 3, he could iden-

tify a dozen trees by their English and German common names.

But for Jenni, a nature walk was about meeting new creatures that might need to be loved.

Squatting beside a tiny chickweed blossom, she would look up to me and say: "I love this chickweed. May I touch it?" She would stroke it with a finger and smile, and sometimes she'd bend down and touch it to her lips.

Walking with Jenni in the woods wasn't about cataloging, but about encounters — each one a possible new friend. Loblolly pine cone, sweetgum ball, fox squirrel, shamrock oxalis, spiderweb, and snail. Each one a possible source of delight, each receiving a nod or a

variation of a hug.

Jaded adult that I am, I know nature to be a battlefield of endless struggles, a hard place where life and death trade places in a merry-go-round of unlamented losses, and uncelebrated births. But walking with Jenni would restore my sense of wonder. With one wave of Jenni's small hand or the sound of her little voice singing its happiness, a dandelion seedhead became a crystal ball of

fairy ballerinas waiting to be pirouetted out and through the summer air.

Even though it's been more than two years since she was taken from us in a car accident, I try to keep walking with Jenni.

Though the woods seem darker and more chill than ever, she wouldn't have it so. Walking with Jenni, these woods are a wonderland, icicles are candy canes, and pine squirrels are glancing over their shoulder at me with glee.

Walking with Jenni, the world is here to be loved.



# New EPA ratings are lower, but more true to life

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I have noticed that most, if not all, new cars have lower miles-per-gallon estimates for 2008 than they had for 2007. Why is this? Are the cars less efficient, or are the ratings stricter? — Ray

TOM: The EPA fuel-economy numbers were, in fact, adjusted downward in 2008 in an attempt to get them from "ridiculous" to "plausible."

RAY: Before 2008, everybody knew that the EPA numbers were not real — meaning that nobody would ever get the mileage that the EPA claimed the car would get. If the EPA said a car got 20 miles per gallon around town, you'd be lucky to get 15. In fact, the real-world, city numbers were probably 30 percent lower, on average, than the EPA estimates.

TOM: So, the only real use for the EPA numbers was for comparison purposes. In other words, if you were buying a 2000 Ford Expedition, you knew it would never really get the 12 miles per gallon around town that the EPA estimated, but you knew that the same year's Honda CR-V — EPA-rated at 22 mpg city — was almost twice as good. And that was well worth knowing.

RAY: But it was time for an update. The original tests were done in the 1970s. And besides being done under "ideal" conditions, they didn't reflect how people drive now. So the EPA made some changes.

TOM: People drive at higher speeds now than they did during the "Speed Limit 55 MPH" days of the '70s. And higher-speed driving uses a lot more fuel. So the EPA added a high-speed component to its tests.

RAY: Almost all cars have air conditioning now, which was not true in the '70s. AC use increases fuel consumption. So portions of the new test are done with the air conditioner on.

TOM: The old tests were done at ideal temperatures, which don't reflect the reality of drivers in cold-weather states, where cars are warmed up for minutes on end in the morning, and burn fuel less efficiently when they're cold. So, the new tests include a cold-weather component.

RAY: And finally, rather than driving like Nedley the Nerd during the tests and accelerating as if there were a police officer with a grudge on your tail, the new tests add some hard acceleration phases, to reflect getting onto highways and passing other vehicles.

TOM: I notice they don't have an

"arm out the window, holding lit cigar, with mother-in-law in back seat" test yet, do they?

RAY: Not yet. Anyway, the new tests, of course, are still valid for comparison shopping, but they're also much closer to the fuel economy you'll actually get with these vehicles. In fact, Consumer Reports says that in a few cases, they even got better mileage than the new EPA estimates.

TOM: So, while the numbers are lower, they're at least real numbers now. If you'd like to see more information on the EPA mileage ratings and a list of every car sold in America and its EPA fuel-economy numbers, check out [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

### Rough stuff doesn't break brakes

Dear Tom and Ray:

Way back when, when I was 16, I went on a backpacking trip with my pal Cliff. We took my venerable '68 VW Squareback. As we were approaching a stop sign with railroad tracks in front of it, I braked while crossing the tracks. Cliff informed me that it is bad to apply the brakes on rough surfaces, as this greatly taxes the brake system. He said you should brake before hitting the rough stuff. This sort of made sense, and I have been doing it for more than 30

years now. Is there any truth in this? Can I step on the brakes while going over railroad tracks? — Jon

TOM: Well, Cliff gave you good advice, Jon. But for a completely wackadoodle reason.

RAY: Right. It IS good to slow down before you go over a rough surface like railroad tracks. But not because you'll hurt the brakes. You should slow down before railroad tracks so that you go slowly OVER the railroad tracks.

TOM: Driving fast over rough surfaces punishes your suspension system, and puts extra wear and tear on things like your tie rods, ball joints and steering components. So it's always good to slow down before you go over railroad tracks, potholes or speed bumps.

RAY: But if you need to slow down while driving ON a rough surface, go ahead and do so. The brakes couldn't care less.

TOM: If the surface is rough enough that the tires are literally bouncing up off the ground momen-

tarily, the anti-lock braking system will kick in to keep you from skidding. In that case, you may feel the brake pedal pulsing. That's exactly what's supposed to happen with ABS. There's nothing wrong with that.

RAY: The bottom line is that the brakes are there to slow or stop the car. And especially with modern computer-controlled systems, like ABS and electronic stability control, our best advice is to use the brakes when you need them. Don't worry about protecting the car — let the car protect you.

TOM: And if you're feeling generous, drop a dime to Cliff's adult children — and tell them they don't have to spend the next 30 years worrying about hurting their brakes. Because you know he taught them the same baloney!

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](http://www.cartalk.com).



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## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

# Getting SSI? Be sure to report living arrangement changes

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON  
SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL  
EXPERT, PRESTONSBURG

Did you know that if you get monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments you are required to report any changes in your living arrangements to your local Social Security office? It could mean an increase, or decrease, in your payment amount. Here's why.

Your SSI payment is based on your income, not on your expenses. However, the cost of living expenses such as food or shelter that someone else provides may be considered income to you and could reduce your SSI payment. Items you receive that cannot be used for food or shelter are not considered income and will not affect your SSI payment. For example, we wouldn't count things like

kitchen appliances or a personal computer that someone might give you as a gift.

Your monthly SSI benefit may vary depending on where you live and whether someone else pays for your living expenses. Generally, you can get up to the maximum SSI payment if you live in your own place or you live in someone else's residence, but you pay the full cost of your food and shelter.

However, your SSI benefit may be reduced if:

- You live somewhere else and you pay only a part of your share of food or housing costs; or
- You live in a house, apartment or trailer but someone else pays for your food, rent or mortgage expenses, and other things like electricity and garbage removal; or
- You're in a nursing home or hospital for the whole

month and Medicaid pays for over one-half of your bills.

The important thing to remember is to let us know if anything changes in your living arrangements - where you live, who you live with, or how the bills are paid.

Visit Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi) for more information about living arrangements and how they may affect your SSI eligibility or monthly payment

amount. Or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information about SSI call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg KY. Representatives are available to assist you with questions about your SSI benefits.

# Extension Notes: 4-H camp a blast to the past

by HEATHER NELSON

Floyd County youth had an exciting week July 8-11 at the J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp located in London, Kentucky. The theme of this year's camp was "4-H Camp Blast To the Past."

Over 200 young people from Floyd, Martin and Magoffin counties were able to spend a week having fun in the sun. Campers had the opportunity to go swimming, hiking, fishing, and canoeing, as well as participate in craft construc-

tion, and many more fun classes.

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 to make new friends and to help build teamwork. Teams earned various points by competing in a costume contest (where they dressed as their favorite music, movie or TV personality from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's), and placing in the Field Games, Talent Contest and the Swim Olympics. To go along with our Blast to the Past theme, team names included: "The Beatles," "The T-birds and Pink Ladies," "The Jedi's," "The Marvels," "The

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### 4-H Youth Development

Heather J. Nelson  
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Time Machines," "The Kiss Army," "The Pac-men," "The Hippies," "The Super Smash Brothers," and "The Thunder Cats."

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

this and other 4-H Programs in Floyd County, contact Heather J. Nelson, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, at 606.886.2668 or [hnelson@uky.edu](mailto:hnelson@uky.edu). You may also visit her at the Floyd County Extension Service

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other drive-in classics that hit on all genres and include horror films, spaghetti westerns and even one of those man vs. nature pseudo-documentaries. Watch a few of these and you'll be in movie heaven, or hell if you're one of those art

film fanatics who insist that every movie bear a cumbersome message.

Best line: "They claim that female flesh gives them the power to raise the dead."

1982, rated R.

## Norris

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section "The basis for morality and civility":

"Whatever happened to decency, respect, and fair play? Remember when a handshake was the only contract that was needed in negotiations? Whatever happened to the days when fourteen-year-olds (like the young George Washington) set themselves to learn and write out freehand by their own volition the 110 *Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation* (a book written by Jesuits for the instruction of young gentlemen)?"

"Good morals precede good laws, which is why government isn't much help. Unless the people and their legislators are grounded in morality, the best of laws will be broken and the worst of laws will be made, legalizing immorality. We can't look to government to improve decency, civility, and morality. For that we need to look to another source.

"John Adams put it well when he said: 'We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our

Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'

"Our Founders had a better answer than government or even education. God is the answer. God is the moral compass of America. Or He should be, if we ever want to restore morality in our homes and civility to our land. Our Founders believed morals flowed from one's accountability to God, and that, without God, immoral anarchy would result."

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## Wildcats move off land, take to water

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team had two practices on Thursday. In the morning session, UK players took to the water.

"We went swimming this morning and I think they had a good time," Coach Rich Brooks said following the second Wildcat workout. "It's that beat-up period of fall camp. We have a bunch of guys that are nursing 'ow-ies' (minor injuries). The guys who did practice, practiced pretty good this afternoon, but the ranks are thinning out a little bit. "The injuries aren't significant

at this point," Brooks continued. "They're all bumps and bruises, sprained ankles, things that should be well within 2-3 days. Maybe some of them should be well tomorrow."

Thursday marked the 10th consecutive day of preseason practice, including five practices in the last three days. The players and coaches are putting in 14-hour days, primarily practices and meetings, beginning each day at 8 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m.

Friday's practice emphasized review of assignments as the Wildcats headed into a scrimmage session Saturday. Jarmon featured on Football

Saturdays in the South: Wildcat defensive end Jeremy Jarmon is one of the players featured in an episode of "Football Saturdays in the South," produced and syndicated by Raycom Sports.

Jarmon will appear in episode No. 6 of Raycom's summer series. The show, entitled "Defensive Stars of the South," will air on these stations that serve Kentucky markets: Bowling Green - Saturday, Aug. 16 1 p.m. CT; Evansville, Ind. - Sunday, Aug. 17 5 p.m. CT; Lexington - Saturday, Aug. 16 1 p.m. ET; Nashville, Tenn. - Saturday, Aug. 16 5 p.m. CT; Paducah - Saturday, Aug. 16 12:30 p.m. CT.

A total of 61 stations are carrying the show. For a complete list of stations, dates and times, go to raycomsports.com.

FSN South and SportSouth Preview Kentucky Football: The SportSouth and FSN South cable channels will carry a 30-minute show previewing the 2008 Kentucky football team. Here is the schedule, all times Eastern:

SportSouth - Tuesday, Aug. 19, 9 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 20, Midnight; Friday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m.; Friday, Aug. 22, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 24, 9 p.m.

FSN South - Thursday, Aug. 21 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 22, Noon.



file photo SENIOR SETH SETSER is back to help lead the Prestonsburg football team. The Blackcats hosted Hazard and Clay County in a scrimmage session Friday night.

## Booth joins MSU athletics department

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Brittany Booth has joined the Morehead State University athletic department as an assistant director of athletics and will be in charge of MSU's marketing, promotions and fundraising efforts. She will also be in charge of the Eagle Excellence Fund and the annual golf tournament and auction.

Booth most recently served as the Director of Sports Marketing at High Point University since May of 2007. In that role, she handled all the marketing and promotional efforts for HPU's 16 athletic teams. She also oversaw High Point's radio broadcasting and basketball advertising campaigns and was in charge of production for game programs, posters and schedule cards. Booth was also heavily involved in game management duties.

Before her time at High Point, Booth was a promotions assistant for Nelligan Sports Marketing in Louisville where she was involved in day-to-day operations for the promotion of University of Louisville men's and women's basketball and football.

From 2005 to 2007, she served as a graduate assistant and marketing assistant in University of Louisville's athletic department. She helped coordinate community and alumni activities and was the chairperson for the 2006 Homecoming golf outing. As a marketing assistant, Booth helped coordinate the marketing budgets for men's and women's soccer and oversaw all game day activities for those events. She also assisted in community promotional events. Booth began her career as the Assistant Director of Operations for the Fort Wayne Fever, a Premiere Development League soccer franchise.

As assistant director, she had a variety of responsibilities, including budgets, sponsorships and advertising. She also directed the internship program and worked on NCAA compliance issues. Booth also designed game programs, media guides, ticket brochures and many other promotional materials for the Fever.

She is a 2002 graduate of Indiana University and earned her Master of Science degree in sport administration from University of Louisville in 2007.

## GOLF: EKU golfer Bowling wins Kentucky Open

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Eastern Kentucky University senior golfer Trey Bowling won the 2008 Kentucky Open by two shots. EKU golfers have now won the event two straight years, Phil Hendrickson claimed the 2007 title. Bowling fired a 1-under par 71 during Thursday's final round of

the 89th Open and finished with a three-round total of 206, 10-under par. Bowling, who entered the day tied for the lead with Troy Hawkins, held off a charge from Andrew Stephens (208).

After Hawkins double-bogeyed the first hole, Bowling was the sole leader the rest of the way. He birdied the second and

fourth holes to extend his margin. A 225-yard approach shot on the par-5 12th landed within six feet of the hole and allowed Bowling to card an eagle. However, back-to-back bogeys on the 13th and 14th holes and another on the 16th allowed Stephens to close the gap to two strokes. Pars by Bowling on the final two holes kept

Stephens at bay. Seven other current and former EKU men's golfers competed at the Kentucky Open which was played at Audubon Country Club in Louisville, a 6,720-yard, par 72 course.

Hendrickson (71-69-70—210), who claimed the Ohio Valley Conference player of the year award as a senior in the spring, tied

for fourth. The Danville native shot a final round 2-under 70 and finished four shots back of his former teammate.

"After seeing my teammate win last year," Bowling said following his win. "Go, Colonels! is all I can say."

Bowling a Manchester native. He graduated from Clay County High School.



file photo BLHS VOLLEYBALL: The Betsy Layne High School volleyball team defeated Shelby Valley and Johnson Central in its first two matches of the new season. Head coach Christina Crase guides the BLHS volley program.

## Stewart hires Newman for new team

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Tony Stewart, who will become an owner-driver next season, hired Daytona 500 winner Ryan Newman as his teammate.

Stewart, a two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, made the much-anticipated hiring official Friday at Michigan International Speedway, selecting his fellow Indiana native as the second driver for Stewart-Haas Racing.

"This is something that we've all been looking forward to since the day that we first spoke with Ryan and (wife) Krissie about coming over here and joining the team," Stewart said.

Stewart, who will leave longtime employer Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of the season to begin a new phase of his career, said he

expects this announcement to add to the steady flow of racing people to his operation.

"The addition of Ryan coming on board now, I think, is going to make that list even grow larger," Stewart said.

Newman will leave Penske Racing at the end of the season to drive the No. 4 Chevrolet for Stewart.

"It's just a great opportunity," Newman said. "I think a lot of Tony from a personnel standpoint as well as a driving standpoint, and I've seen his success from an ownership standpoint with the USAC cars and the World of Outlaws cars. I've seen him

get the job done in other venues, and I look forward to the opportunity."

In July, Stewart announced he was leaving the Gibbs team after 10 successful seasons and two Cup titles to become part owner of what has been the midpack Haas CNC Racing.

Stewart will use childhood hero A.J. Foyt's No. 14. That car will be sponsored by Office Depot and Old Spice.

Stewart said he had hoped to announce multiple sponsorships for Newman's car on Friday, but that the deals were not yet done.

The two drivers have a combined 45 victories and 53 poles in Cup. But most

of Newman's success came in his first few years with Penske. And, despite starting the year by nipping Stewart for the win at Daytona, Newman's 2008 season has been disappointing.

"The thing that impressed me the most about Ryan was that he asked all the right questions," Stewart said. "We've still never spoke about a dollar in the contract. The questions he asked me about how are we going to win races, how are we going to win championships, how are we going to get the right people in place to do the right jobs. ... It was first and foremost about how he was going to run and how we were going to insure that we were going to get him quality cars, equipment, people to surround him to give him that opportunity."



RYAN NEWMAN

## BoB Series headed back to area

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series' sanction of the 4th Annual Hall of Fame Classic at Brownstown Speedway in Brownstown, Ind., has been canceled due to the track promoter wanting the series to alter the tire rule for the event.

An altered tire rule was experimented with at the last series event at the track back in June. The move

resulted in a lower car count at that event than at the event that was contested back in May. The prior event had utilized the Battle of the Bluegrass Series tire rule.

The next events for the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Models will be an Eastern Kentucky weekend doubleheader, beginning on Friday, Aug. 29 at Mountain Motor Speedway in Isom, Ky., paying \$3,000-to-win, in an event

that was rained out back on July 4. The following evening on Saturday, Aug. 30, 201 Speedway in Sitka will host the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series in a \$5,000-to-win event.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series sanctions regional Super Late Model events at tracks in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

The current O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late

Model point standings is as follows: 1. Victor Lee (Stanford) - 3,129; 2. Tyrel Todd (Science Hill) - 2,555;

3. Tim Tungate (Campbellsville) - 2,432; 4. David Webb (Nicholasville) - 2,418; 5. Eric Wells (Hazard) - 2,275; 6. Zach Carney (Mooresville, Ind.) - 2,198; 7. Larry Gray (Lexington) - 2,139; 8. Mike Jewell (Scottsburg, Ind.) - 1,840; 9. Arnie Fields (Flemingsburg) - 1,799; 10. Chris Combs (Isom) - 1,782.

## MSU wins fourth straight OVC academic award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Morehead State University has been awarded the 2007-08 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award, the fourth consecutive year the institution has won the award. The award is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year. The University of Tennessee at Martin finished as runner-up and was closely followed by Eastern Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State University.

It marks the ninth time overall that Morehead State has claimed the honor in the 22-year history of the award, which is now the most in Conference history.

"We spend a great deal discussing with and demonstrating to student-athletes the value of academics and that you can have balance between being a great student and a great athlete while in college," said MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "We congratulate our more than 350 student athletes on this very important honor."

The league also announced the recipients of 16 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards, which are presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Two Morehead State teams were honored: Women's Tennis and Volleyball.

"This Conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "The Academic Achievement Awards are a very visible reminder of the values of the Ohio Valley Conference. Morehead State University deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by its student-athletes."

It was also announced that 116 student-athletes were awarded Ohio Valley Conference Medals of Honor. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. MSU had 12 student-athletes honored with Medals of Honor: Mary Linehan (Women's Cross Country), Michael Brown (Men's Golf), Zack Unger (Men's Golf), Kim Beiting (Soccer), Shannon Smith (Soccer), Sarah Funston (Softball), Brittany Scheer (Softball), Catherine Butts (Women's Tennis), Allison Nickell (Women's Tennis), Kelsey Cronin (Volleyball), Holly Evans (Volleyball) and Emma Keough (Volleyball).

The OVC also announced that 82 MSU student-athletes were named to the 2007-08 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. To be listed, recipients must have achieved at least a 3.25 grade point average and have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in their chosen NCAA-sponsored sport or sports.

# Dickerson's big night lifts Cincinnati to win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — It took a rookie in just his third day in the major leagues to help the Cincinnati Reds finally come through against the Pittsburgh Pirates and starter Ian Snell.

Chris Dickerson had three hits and broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-out RBI double to help the Reds beat the Pirates 3-1 on Thursday night.

"That was a huge at-bat," Dickerson said.

With the score tied 1-1, Corey Patterson doubled to lead off the sixth against Snell (4-10) and moved to third on a ground out. Andy Phillips, pinch-hitting for starter Johnny Cueto, hit a grounder to third and Patterson was tagged out in a rundown after breaking for home.

Phillips advanced to second on the play and scored when Dickerson lined a double into the right-field corner.

The 26-year-old outfielder tried his best to block out the situation during his at-bat.

"I just told myself, once (Phillips) got to second, to relax," Dickerson said. "I took a couple of deep breaths and didn't put too much pressure on myself to succeed."

Dickerson, who made his major-league debut Tuesday, also doubled in the third and tripled and scored in the ninth on a squeeze play.

"I'm kind of speechless," he said. "That was exciting. I felt really comfortable tonight, and that's the most important thing. I worked out the jitters in the first game."

Dickerson was called up from Triple-A Louisville to fill the roster spot created when Adam Dunn was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday. He went 1-for-4 with a double, a run and stolen base on Tuesday before sitting out Wednesday's game.

Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said Dickerson, named the organization's Minor League Player of the Month for July, has brought energy to the team.

"That's what young people do," he said. "And he's brought some speed, whether it's covering ground in the outfield or on the bases. It's great."

Javier Valentin homered in his second straight start for the Reds, who took two of three from the Pirates and won for the fourth time in 19 games. The first baseman, who is 10-for-19 with three home runs in his career against Snell, also walked twice.

The Reds left at least one runner on base in the first six innings, stranding nine for the game, and failed to take advantage of five walks from Snell.

"Early on, we left some guys out there, and you're hoping it doesn't come back to haunt you," Baker said.

Snell allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

"It was a nice game for him," Pittsburgh manager John Russell said. "I can't fault two runs. We were right in the game."

Cueto (8-11) allowed one run and four hits in five innings to break a six-start winless streak. The right-hander struck out seven.

Francisco Cordero, one of five Reds relievers, pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save and the 200th of his career.

Andy LaRoche, playing with his brother Adam for the first time as teammates, had an RBI single in the first for Pittsburgh, but also grounded into a double play on a ball hit right at second baseman Brandon Phillips with the bases loaded and one out in the seventh.

"We didn't get them in," Andy LaRoche said. "I wish we could have done more. I hit the double-play ball right at him. I wish I had hit it somewhere else."

Pittsburgh, which has 28 come-from-behind wins this season, left 10 runners on base, including the bases loaded in the first and two on in the fourth and fifth.

"It was one of those nights where we didn't get the big hit like we have," Russell said. "If you look at the game, we should have won."

Notes: Pittsburgh closer Matt Capps (right shoulder bursitis) pitched a scoreless inning and struck out two batters in a rehab assignment with Double-A Altoona. The right-hander will join Triple-A Indianapolis for his next rehab appearance. ... The Pirates have signed sixth-round pick Robbie Grossman, an outfielder out of Cypress-Fairbanks (Texas) High School. ... Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said Jerry Hairston, limited to five at-bats in the second half because of a right hamstring injury, could see action this weekend when the Reds host the Cardinals. ... The Pirates agreed to a contract with sixth-round pick Robbie Grossman, giving the high-school outfielder a \$1 million signing bonus. No. 2 selection Pedro Alvarez still has not signed.

# Utecht makes good first impression on Bengals

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — Ben Utecht headed for the left sideline at full speed, some 20 yards down the field with no defensive back nearby. He looked back over his shoulder and saw Carson Palmer's pass coming right on target.

The tight end stretched out both hands, cradled the ball gently and pulled it into his chest, completing a crowd-pleasing play near the end of the Cincinnati Bengals' practice on Thursday afternoon.

Get used to it.

The Bengals' offense could have a little different look this season, the result of one big decision and one important acquisition. After they struggled to move the ball consistently during their 7-9 season last year, they committed

themselves to running the ball better, so they're not so one-dimensional.

And, they signed Utecht, who gives their passing game a different dimension.

"He's a huge target, great wingspan, great hands," Palmer said. "He wants to be great. He's always asking questions, always studying film. He tried to learn the entire offense in the first day, and then was frustrated when he didn't have it down."

"When you get a new guy that comes in that's so hungry to learn, so hungry to be ready to play and contribute, it's great."

It's already paying off.

During a 20-17 preseason victory Monday night in Green Bay, Utecht caught Palmer's first touchdown pass of the preseason, a 14-yarder that ended with the tight end point-

ing to a group of 10 relatives and friends in the stands.

"It's always great to start a season like that, to connect with the team, to connect with Carson," Utecht said Thursday, with drops of water running down his nose from a cloudburst at the end of practice. "I don't think the Green Bay fans were too happy — they thought I was heckling them. But I was pointing to my family."

Utecht also led the team with four catches for 34 yards, an indication of how he could quickly become an important part of an offense that doesn't use the tight end as a receiver very often. Reggie Kelly had 20 catches last season with no touchdowns.

The Bengals signed Utecht to a three-year deal as a restricted free agent from Indianapolis. Utecht started 14

games last season and had 31 catches with one touchdown.

Until now, the Bengals haven't needed a pass-catching tight end because they've had three dangerous receivers — Chad Johnson, T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chris Henry. The Bengals released Henry after his latest arrest in the offseason. Utecht and Kelly could help make up for his absence.

"If you've got two tight ends that can stretch the field or block, it really puts the defense in a situation where they never know if you're going to run or pass," Utecht said.

Coach Marvin Lewis is pleased with how quickly Utecht has learned the offense. The tight ends' responsibilities are different on running plays in Cincinnati than they are in Indianapolis.

# Edwards shines in Bills debut in Toronto as Steelers drop exhibition

by JOHN WAWROW  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Trent Edwards might not know all the words to "O, Canada," just yet, but the quarterback sure hit all the right notes in helping the Buffalo Bills make a successful debut in their new northern home away from home.

Shaking off a sluggish performance in the Bills' preseason opener last week, Edwards was near-perfect in two series, going 9-for-11 for 104 yards and two touchdowns, in Buffalo's 24-21 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday night.

"It happened at Toronto's Rogers Centre, and allowed the Bills to make a strong first impression in kicking off their five-year, eight-game series in Canada's largest city and financial capital.

The small-market franchise has adopted the city as its second home to generate additional revenue. The Bills will become the NFL's first franchise to begin playing an annual regular-season game outside the United States when they face AFC East rival Miami at Toronto on Dec. 7.

On Thursday, all that was missing was Edwards singing

the national anthem to make the "Northern Exposure" outing complete.

"Well, I don't know all the words to that song, but I'll say this: We're very excited just in the fact that we feel we improved off last week's performance," Edwards said, referring to a forgettable outing in which he went 1-of-5 for 18 yards in a 17-14 loss at Washington last weekend.

Against the Steelers, Edwards overcame adversity, three times converting third-down situations, including a 22-yard scamper up the middle to erase a third-and-11 deep in Bills territory. He showed he could go deep, opening the game with a 33-yard pass to Lee Evans. And Edwards showed great touch in hitting tight end Robert Royal for both scores, including a 13-yarder to cap an 11-play, 90-yard drive.

Of those 90 yards, Edwards accounted for 79.

Fullback Darian Barnes was certainly impressed with the offense and Edwards, the 2007 third-round draft pick who took over the starting job ahead of J.P. Losman midway through last season.

"Polished. He seemed very very polished," Barnes said. "It almost wasn't really a surprise because you see him do

it in practice, and he came out and had such a command over the offense. It's a good feeling."

The Bills sealed the win when rookie first-round draft pick Leodis McKelvin scored on an electric 95-yard kickoff return immediately after Pittsburgh cut it to 17-14 on Rashard Mendenhall's 6-yard run.

The Steelers (1-1) were inconsistent, lacking finish on both offense and defense in suffering their first loss in four preseason trips north of the border.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger had a solid outing, going 9-of-11 for 142 yards with a touchdown — a 40-yarder to Santonio Holmes — in three series.

More focus was on the Steelers' backup situation, with newly signed Byron Leftwich making his first appearance after Charlie Batch broke his collarbone in a 16-10 win over Philadelphia last week.

Leftwich completed his first attempt, a 24-yarder over the middle to Nate Washington, but then proved inconsistent, looking like someone who had only three days to pick up the Steelers offense.

The former Jacksonville

starter finished 5-of-11 for 41 yards during six series.

"I got my feet wet," said Leftwich, who made his first on-field appearance since losing the starting job in Atlanta to Joey Harrington following a 31-7 loss to Tampa Bay on Nov. 18. "As comfortable as you can feel with two days (of practice), I think some good things happened, though."

Leftwich did acknowledge he had to ask Mendenhall about how a play went.

"He sat there and just smiled and we laughed about it. But those things happen," Leftwich said.

Coach Mike Tomlin acknowledged he put Leftwich in a tough situation this week.

"I think it was a nice start for him. We'll see where it goes," Tomlin said.

The announced attendance of 48,434 was about 5,000 short of capacity, and considered a disappointment for series organizers, who are paying the Bills an average \$9.75 million per game to show the NFL that Toronto can be home to a permanent franchise. Steep ticket prices, ranging from \$75 to \$575, didn't help. Hours before the game, fans were purchasing tickets with a \$575 face value for as little as \$90.

# Book authored by EK Miners coach available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley is a teacher of the game of basketball. In 2004, Keathley authored a book on basketball entitled *Hardwood Constitution: A Blueprint to Coaching Success*. The book remains on sale through various retailers. Coaches and fans alike have access to ordering the book online through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) and other retailers.

"I have played on the highest levels in the game of basketball, and yet, I still learned a great deal from playing for Coach Keathley," former University of

Kentucky standout Anthony Epps wrote in the Foreword to *Hardwood Constitution*.

Keathley has coached Epps, Antwain Barbour and other former college standouts.

Keathley authored the book with thoughts of helping young coaches in mind.

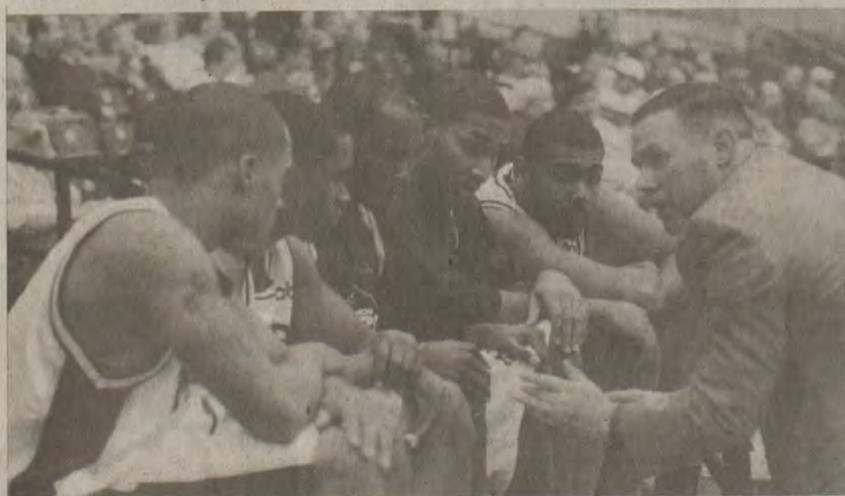
"I wrote the book to help give aspiring young coaches an idea of what it takes to make it in this profession," said Keathley. "This book actually will serve as a lead in to a second book that I'm writing. Hopefully in the next year or so, that second book will be ready for release."

In his first season as East Kentucky Miners head coach, Keathley guided the

CBA expansion team to a 26-22 regular-season record. The Miners also reached the CBA Playoffs during the debut season.

"If someone wants to be a college or professional coach, you must learn every aspect of the business and my book gives the reader some basic concepts to think about," Keathley added. "Whether you're an elementary, junior high or high school coach, this can be beneficial to you in some capacity."

Links to retailers currently carrying *Hardwood Constitution* have been added to the Coach Kevin Keathley Bio portion of the East Kentucky Miners website (www.ekminers.com).

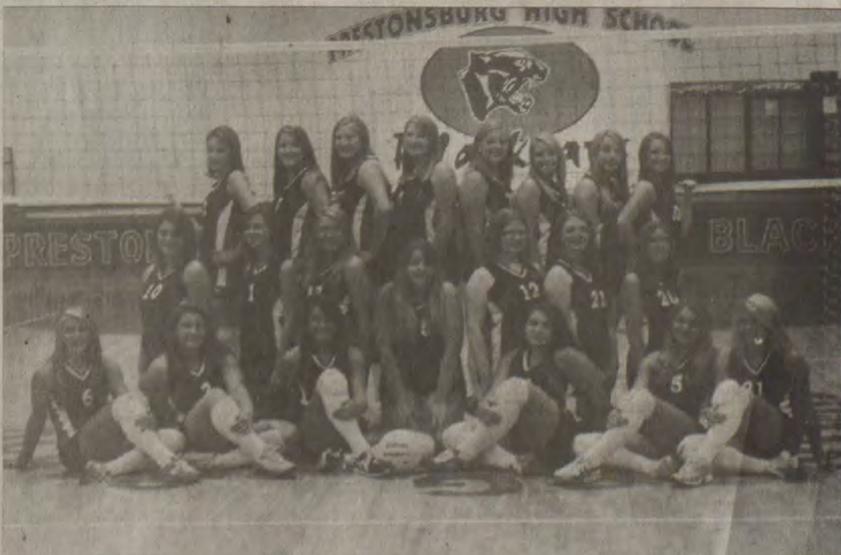


East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley authored a book on coaching basketball in 2004. Keathley is a Floyd County native.

# HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



THE SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM joined Prestonsburg and several other area teams in the Food City Summer Slam tournament.



THE PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM hosted the Food City Summer Slam tournament at four different schools.

# Wildcats eager to build on recent success

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Braxton Kelley has heard it more than once over the last eight months.

Sometimes it comes from friends. Other times he sees it in a newspaper, magazine or Internet message board.

When the Kentucky line-backer hears talk about the Wildcats' recent rise out of the Southeastern Conference cellar, too often Kelley doesn't hear reasons, but excuses, as if posting consecutive 8-5 seasons and Music City Bowl wins was a fluke.

"People think it was just a certain group of players like (quarterback) Andre Woodson or (wide receiver) Keenan Burton," Kelley said. "But I feel we've got the same amount of talent out here now. When those guys went down, we had guys that came in behind them and still made the plays."

It's time for those guys to step up for the Wildcats if they don't want to slip back into the mediocrity that defined the

program for decades.

"I believe we have become a better team over the last three years and I don't see us going back downhill to where we were," Kelley said. "We're not going to go back to the bottom."

From here, it would be a pretty steep drop, but not an unprecedented one for the Wildcats. Kentucky hasn't made it to three straight bowl games since Bear Bryant was the head coach nearly 60 years ago. The last time the Wildcats were coming off consecutive bowl appearances, they plummeted to 2-9 in 2000.

Yet the players say that was all long ago, well before coach Rich Brooks arrived on campus and changed the way the Wildcats practiced, prepared and played. There are billboards of the soon-to-be 67-year-old coach sprinkled across the state. The ads show Brooks bundled up in a blue parka with the phrase "experience matters" splashed across it.

The Wildcats think the experience of last year, of beating eventual national champi-

on LSU, rival Louisville and perennial power Florida State will pay off this fall.

"We know what it's like to win now," said wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. "It's like, when you get a taste of it, all you think about is wanting more."

Winning this year might look a little different for the Wildcats than it did the last two. The high-powered attack led by Woodson will likely be replaced by a slightly more conservative gameplan that will rely heavily on a talented stable of running backs and a steady offensive line.

Mike Hartline will begin the season as the starting quarterback, the de facto winner in a duel with Curtis Pulley that ended before it began when Brooks dismissed Pulley on Aug. 5 for a violation of team rules. Hartline, a redshirt sophomore; lacks Woodson's accuracy and experience, though he's nimble afoot and has shown flashes in practice of making the right play if not the spectacular one.

"He's a tough guy, he's mobile," Brooks said. "For the

most part he makes really good decisions. That hopefully will continue to improve with more reps."

The Wildcats don't really have a choice. The top three quarterbacks on the depth chart — Hartline, Will Fidler and freshman Randall Cobb — have a grand total of six career pass attempts, all by Hartline in mop-up duty last season.

"Mike's ready," said offensive coordinator Joker Phillips, who agreed in January to become Brooks' eventual successor. "He's trying to do the right things and he's made significant progress."

Some of Hartline's biggest strides have come off the field. Hartline's teammates have praised his leadership during offseason workout programs, and he's become the team's social coordinator, often meeting with new players in an effort to create a family like atmosphere.

"I just want to connect with them, let them know that I'm there for them, that they can call me for anything," Hartline said. "It makes everybody

very, very comfortable."

Hartline might be most comfortable handing off to a quartet of running backs that Brooks called the "deepest" he's had in his coaching career. Tony Dixon, Derrick Locke, Alfonso Smith and Moncell Allen will split time in the backfield, and they'll likely be active in the passing game as the Wildcats try to take the pressure off an inexperienced wide receiving corps.

It's a challenge Dixon said the backs are up to, no matter who is on the field. After two years of standing in the shadow, they're eager to step into the spotlight.

"With big names people felt like we relied on (them) to get the job done," Dixon said. "But now I feel like everybody feels they are involved and are going to get a piece of this pie."

There should be plenty to go around, particularly on defense. A liability at times the last few seasons, this year the defense could be the team's strength. Defensive end Jeremy Jarmon was fourth in

the SEC with nine sacks. Linebackers Kelley and Micah Johnson could be among the best in the conference and cornerback Trevard Lindley is already hearing NFL buzz.

"Maybe our offense isn't going to be scoring 37-38 points a game this year, but we don't plan on giving up a lot of points to where they have to score 38 points," Jarmon said. "We feel like the pendulum has swung a little bit back around to our side of the ball."

The Wildcats hope the same can be said of the program. The schedule includes the usual stiff tests against SEC powers Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. They're used to it. They're past the part where winning seven games a year is enough. They want more, and they know there's only one way to get it: win.

"We need to continue to climb the ladder and knock off some teams we haven't had some success with," Brooks said. "We need to continue to try and climb up the pecking order. ... For some years we were a patsy and that's no longer true."

# Hartline eager to prove he belongs under center

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Mike Hartline envisioned the day when Kentucky coach Rich Brooks walked over to him, put a hand on his shoulder pads and told Hartline he'd won the starting quarterback job.

Hartline just didn't envision the talk would come before the first snap of fall practice.

Yet when Brooks dismissed junior quarterback Curtis Pulley last week for violating team rules, it ended any training camp duel between Hartline and Pulley before it began, making the redshirt sophomore the de facto starter in the process.

Now, Hartline's goal is to prove it's a job he would have won anyway.

"You don't want to take anything for granted," Hartline said. "Just because Curtis is gone, that doesn't mean I don't have to work. That doesn't mean I can just rest easy. I've got to keep going."

The truth is Hartline may have already beaten Pulley before Pulley's legal troubles sent him packing.

Though the two played to a draw during spring practice, Hartline's work off the field over the last four months gave

him the edge in the locker room. Offensive coordinator Joker Phillips surprised some — including Hartline — when he said over the summer that Hartline appeared to be gaining the advantage because of his leadership efforts.

"As far as showing those other qualities that a quarterback needs besides athletic ability out on the field, that's what I was working on," Hartline said. "Things like trust, being on time, reliability, working with people, not afraid to put in extra time. That's what those guys are looking for."

It's the same kind of qualities that made former UK star Andre Woodson one of the top quarterbacks in school history. Hartline spent two years watching Woodson lead the Wildcats to consecutive 8-5 seasons and wins in the Music City Bowl. While he admires Woodson's poise — not to mention his arm strength — Hartline shies away from any comparisons between the two.

"You really just have to sit back and say, 'I'm not Andre Woodson. I'm going to be getting back and making my own

plays and doing my own game,'" Hartline said. "He said the exact same thing to me. Any time I needed advice or anything, he'd just reinforce it (saying) 'You're your own player, you have to make your own plays. You're not going to be me, you might be better than me, but you're not going to be exactly like the way I played.'"

Maybe, but a little bit of Woodson would go a long way toward making

sure the Wildcats don't slip back into the Southeastern Conference's second-tier. Phillips thinks Woodson's tutelage has helped Hartline prepare, and unlike the shaky situation Woodson inherited at quarterback four years ago, Hartline should have plenty of help when the Wildcats open the season Aug. 31 at Louisville.

"Andre had to start his first college football game at Auburn, and he didn't have the weapons around him that we have now," Phillips said. "We didn't have the running game that we have now. We didn't have the big-time receiver that we have now in Dicky Lyons. We didn't have the young tal-

ented receivers around him. He's got a lot of weapons."

Hartline's mission will be making sure he knows how to use them. Though he played well during the spring game, throwing for 124 yards and running for another 38 and a touchdown, he misfired on a couple of deep passes, a staple of the Wildcats' offense the last few years.

Brooks isn't worried, maybe because he doesn't have a choice. Backup Will Fidler is coming off a shoulder injury, and will be disciplined internally after being arrested for disorderly conduct last month. Pulley's dismissal makes freshman Randall Cobb the likely third-stringer. That makes Hartline — who has six career pass attempts — the guy, for now anyway.

"He's a tough guy, he's mobile," Brooks said. "He makes, for the most part, pretty good decisions and that hopefully will continue to improve with more reps."

After watching Hartline lead drill after drill during the offseason, of showing up early and staying late during weight training sessions, his playmakers are more than willing to be patient.

"It's our job to make sure that everybody knows he's the leader of this offense," Lyons said. "I'm going to follow him



Mike Hartline

# Bad news, haters: Buckeyes are loaded

by RUSTY MILLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the midst of the dog days of summer, a popular sports blog ran its predictions for the upcoming college football season.

One smart-aleck reader's post spoke volumes about the enmity many people have for Ohio State.

"National championship game prediction: (insert random SEC team here) 49, Ohio State 10."

After consecutive one-sided defeats in the last two Bowl Championship Series title games — 41-14 to Florida two years ago, 38-24 to LSU last year — it's clear that America is tired of seeing, reading and hearing about the Buckeyes. They were No. 1 all of the 2006 season until getting ripped by the Gators, then took advantage of a number of missteps by other teams last fall to take over the top spot heading into the championship game against LSU.

Throughout both years, the Buckeyes have been all over television, radio, newspapers, the Web — heck, several Buckeyes-themed books (including one inspirational tome by head coach Jim Tressel) came out this past winter.

No wonder a recent ESPN poll identified Ohio State as the most hated team in college football.

That's just dandy with offensive lineman Alex Boone.

"It's always fun to be hated, especially by everybody," he said. "We kind of take that with a little bit of pride."

The Buckeyes talk as if they don't understand why others dislike them so.

"They always bring up the bad memories," Boone said. "Some people are nice, but a lot of times it's like, 'What was it like to lose to LSU or Florida?' and you're like, 'Really, dude?'"

Yet Ohio State may get the last laugh. Here's some particularly bad news for the haters: Don't be surprised if the Buckeyes make it to their third-straight national title game and fourth in seven years.

Ohio State is loaded, with almost everybody back from last year's first unit except its best defensive lineman (Vernon Gholston), a decent linebacker (Larry Grant), an offensive tackle (Kirk Barton) and a largely anonymous fullback (Dionte Johnson).

The long list of returning stars includes tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells, who broke Archie Griffin's sophomore school rushing record with 1,609 yards, along with quarterback Todd Boeckman, linebackers James Laurinaitis and Marcus Freeman, cornerback Malcolm Jenkins and wide receivers Brian Robiskie and Brian Hartline. Another half-

a-dozen players are candidates for various national and conference awards.

Oh, and Tressel also added the nation's No. 1 quarterback recruit, Terrelle Pryor, who is often compared to a guy named Vince Young who played at Texas.

So, America, be prepared for more Buckeyes, all day, all night, all the time.

Freeman said he knows why so many are rooting against him and his teammates.

"That's just a sign of success," he said. "A lot of people envy that."

As evidence of how good and how experienced the Buckeyes are, consider that one of Tressel's biggest concerns in preseason camp was keeping his veteran players interested.

"We have I think 40 guys on our rosters right now that are entering years four or five and there's a little challenge there in our eyes to make sure that those guys come back into training camp (and) they don't think it's same-old-same-old," he said.

So while other schools are trying to find a starting quarterback or dream up some way to stop the other team, Ohio State's staff is working hard to not have a bunch of bored Buckeyes.

In due time, there'll be plenty to get their attention. The third game of the year makes for one of the red-letter days in college football this

fall: Ohio State at USC.

Should the Buckeyes defy their detractors and win that game, there are still plenty of land mines in the road ahead. They play at Wisconsin, at Michigan State and at Illinois — which upended them a year ago at Ohio Stadium.

Still, Ohio State received a clear mandate as the team to beat in the Big Ten in the pre-season. The Buckeyes have won back-to-back outright conference titles for the first time since 1954-55 and have enough talent to win a third in a row by themselves for the first time ever.

If they should pull that off, then a third straight trip to the BCS title game isn't out of the question.

The Buckeyes are hoping one more trip to the biggest game in the sport might be enough to push all those haters just that much closer to the edge.

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# Vols in hunt for '08 SEC title

by BETH RUCKER  
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee surprisingly reached the Southeastern Conference championship game last season. This season, the Vols are ready for the next step: Win the title.

Even if no one else outside of the Vols themselves agree. Most analysts and preseason polls predict Tennessee to finish third in the SEC East behind Florida and Georgia. But Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer argues his Vols are knocking on the door.

"We just came from the SEC championship. We played the stew out of the national champions. We won 10 (games). We've got to get over the hump," Fulmer said.

The Vols went 10-4 last season, lost to LSU in the SEC championship but beat Wisconsin at the Outback Bowl, their first bowl win since 2004. They have reached the SEC title game four times in the past decade, winning only in 1998 en route to a national championship.

Fulmer has eight starters back on offense and six on defense joining a number of younger players who earned valuable playing time in 2007. He also has new offensive coordinator Dave Clawson and a new starting quarterback in Jonathan Crompton, helping Tennessee freshen up its offense.

The four predictions for the defending SEC East champ may have something to do with a rough schedule, which opens on Labor Day night at UCLA.

The Vols host Florida on Sept. 20 and Alabama on Oct. 25, and travel to Auburn Sept. 27 and Georgia on Oct. 11. Four opponents — Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Kentucky — all have open dates before playing Tennessee.

Clawson likes to put the ball into the hands of his best play-makers, and he's spending fall camp finding those players.

"I don't care if we throw the ball for 300 yards a game or rush it for 300 yards a game, I just want to be productive and help the program win games," he said.

Crompton takes over for Erik Ainge, who finished third on the Vols' career passing list with 8,700 yards and signed with the New York Jets. Crompton's best experience was limited to playing nearly two full games for an injured Ainge in 2006. The high school Parade All-American threw two long TD passes in each of those games and showed his versatility with the run.

He showed off his arm and legs during spring practice, but also committed mental errors and forced plays that resulted in turnovers.

With 2,394 career yards rushing, senior Arian Foster needs 685 to pass Tennessee's all-time career rusher Travis Henry and is looking forward to a big year. He will have help from junior Montario Hardesty, finally healthy after a recurring ankle injury last season, sophomore Lennon Creer and freshman Tauren Poole.

The Vols also are bringing back the fullback, a questionable move with senior David Holbert suffering a season-ending knee injury during spring practice.

Tennessee has no shortage of wide receivers. Returning starters include junior Austin Rogers and seniors Josh Briscoe and Lucas Taylor, who led the pack with 1,000 yards receiving. Challenging for playing time are junior Quintin Hancock and sophomores Denarius Moore and Gerald Jones, who also will take some snaps under center to keep defenses guessing.

Led by senior Anthony Parker, the Vols return an offensive line that allowed a nation-low four sacks last season on 534 pass attempts. Under Clawson's offense, linemen will switch sides of the ball based on offensive formations.

The defense is led by the safety tandem of junior Demetrice Morley and sophomore Eric Berry.

Morley returns after spending a year getting his grades in shape, and has been a standout in the team's spring and fall scrimmages with several picks. Berry, who led the Vols last season with five interceptions and set a school record with 222 interception return yards, returns at strong safety.

The challenge will be replacing last year's leading tackler Jerod Mayo, the 10th pick in this year's NFL draft by the New England Patriots.

Junior Rico McCoy, who finished second with 106 tackles will anchor the linebacker corps with senior Ellix Wilson taking over Mayo's middle spot.

The defensive line only recorded 24 sacks last season but is expected to be stronger and faster, led by senior end Robert Ayres. Senior Demonte Bolden and junior Dan Williams will line up at tackle, while junior Wes Brown joins Ayres at end.

Depth at defensive tackle took a shot with Chase Nelson's season-ending injury, but Walter Fisher returns with plenty of playing experience. Donald Langley and Victor Thomas have shown promise during fall practice. Ben Martin and Chris Walker should play at ends as well.

Sophomore Daniel Lincoln, who set a single-season kicking record last year with 115 points, returns to handle field goal duties. He will compete for kickoff duties with sophomore Chad Cunningham, who will start at punter for at least the first five games while senior Britton Colquitt serves a suspension for an offseason drunk driving arrest.

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In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation

located 0.91 mile northeast of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 161.67 surface acres and will underlie 201.11 acres for auger of which 8.64 acres are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 354.14 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.85 miles southwest from KY Route 777's junction with KY Route 680 and is located along in Martin Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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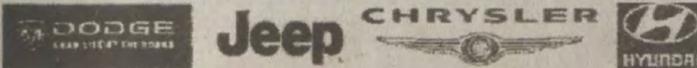
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# Your Guide to Game Day Grub

FAMILY FEATURES

All over the country, game day traditions include firing up the grill, cooking up a mess of chili or laying out a spread of munchies that last from pre-game to final whistle.

Ray Lampe, a.k.a. Dr. BBQ, knows a thing or two about football and cooking. He's been a professional barbecue champ, chef, cooking teacher and food writer. "I've spent a considerable amount of time cooking outside of an NFL stadium," he says. "NFL football and cooking great food for my family and friends have been constant and important things in my life."

His passion for barbecue and NFL football have led him to write the book on cooking great football food. In "The NFL Game Day Cookbook," (Chronicle Books, 2008), Dr. BBQ has come up with recipes, tips and menu ideas that will satisfy hungry fans everywhere. "Most of the dishes are designed to be elegant enough to serve at home," he says, "yet sturdy enough to travel to the game. But they all have one thing in common: it's all real food that people like to eat."

## The Game Plan

Just like NFL coaches, game day cooks need to have a good plan in order to get winning results. Dr. BBQ recommends having a lot of different food choices. "It's my experience that the food on game day is best served as a day-long smorgasbord. We all like to graze anyway, and with this approach you can please even the pickiest palate."

Be prepared with two coolers of drinks — one for diet and regular sodas, as well as bottled water, and one for beer. "I also like to offer a special drink of the day. Depending on the time of day and the location of the party, it may be homemade lemonade or a chocolate martini."

No matter where you catch the action, good food turns a football game into a football experience. Dr. BBQ has a theory: "The better the food at my party, the better my team will play." So get out the grills and smokers and help your team out with some great game day grub.

# GRIDIRON GRATES

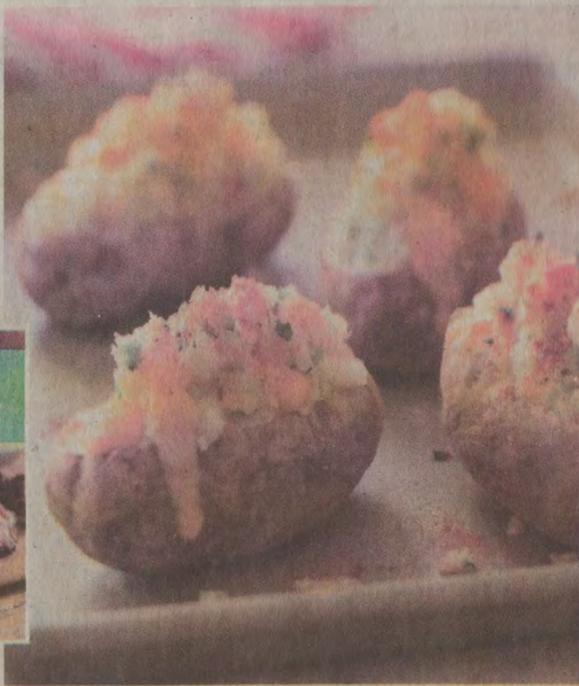
## Essential Equipment

In addition to charcoal grills, smokers, coolers, warmers and pans, Dr. BBQ takes a few other essential tools wherever he's cooking:

- **Instant-read thermometer.** I consider it invaluable for testing the doneness of meats.
- **Billy bar.** It's a simple but great tool made of cast iron with a wooden handle. It has a Y-shaped end that fits perfectly to the shape of the grill grates for scraping off the crud.
- **Gloves.** I always have a pair of heavy welder's gloves and silicone mittens to protect my hands when I'm handling hot grates or accessories. I also have latex gloves to keep my hands clean when I'm handling dirty grates or food.
- **Pop-up shelter.** Shade is a good thing on a hot day, and you can get one with your team's logo on it.
- **Take two.** Clean-up and cross contamination are serious issues. Once you use a plate for raw meat you can't use it for cooked meat or any other food until it's thoroughly washed with hot, soapy water. Wiping it off is not OK! If you won't be able to clean plates or utensils, bring two sets of what you need.



Author Ray Lampe, a.k.a. Dr. BBQ



## Buffalo Chicken Breast Sandwiches

Makes 6 sandwiches

- 6 boneless chicken breast halves
- Your favorite barbecue rub
- 1 cup Frank's Red Hot Sauce
- 1/4 cup (2 ounces) butter, melted
- 6 sandwich rolls
- 1 1/2 cups crumbled blue cheese
- 1 cup finely chopped celery

Prepare grill for cooking over direct medium-high heat. Season chicken breasts lightly with rub. Grill for about 5 minutes per side, or to an internal temperature of 160°F. Remove chicken to a plate.

In medium bowl, mix together hot sauce and melted butter. Dip each chicken breast in hot sauce mixture and transfer it to a rack to drain for just a minute. Transfer chicken to rolls and top each with an equal portion of cheese and celery.

## Nancy P.'s Smoked Cheddar Double-Baked Potatoes

Makes 4 servings

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 5 tablespoons butter, divided
- 2 bunches green onions, white and light green parts only, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup smoked cheddar cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- Paprika, as needed.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Wash potatoes, poke a few holes in them, and rub with oil. Bake for 1 hour, or until tender. Let them cool for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile in small skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add onions and garlic and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until onions are soft. Set aside. Slice top off potatoes and scoop out the pulp into medium bowl. Set skins aside. With potato masher, crush potato pulp. Add onion mixture, cream, salt and pepper, and mix well. Add cheese and fold gently until mixed well. Spoon potato mixture back into shells. Sprinkle lightly with paprika. Put potatoes on a baking sheet and return to oven for 15 minutes, or until hot.

## Sticky Fingers Cinnamon Bread

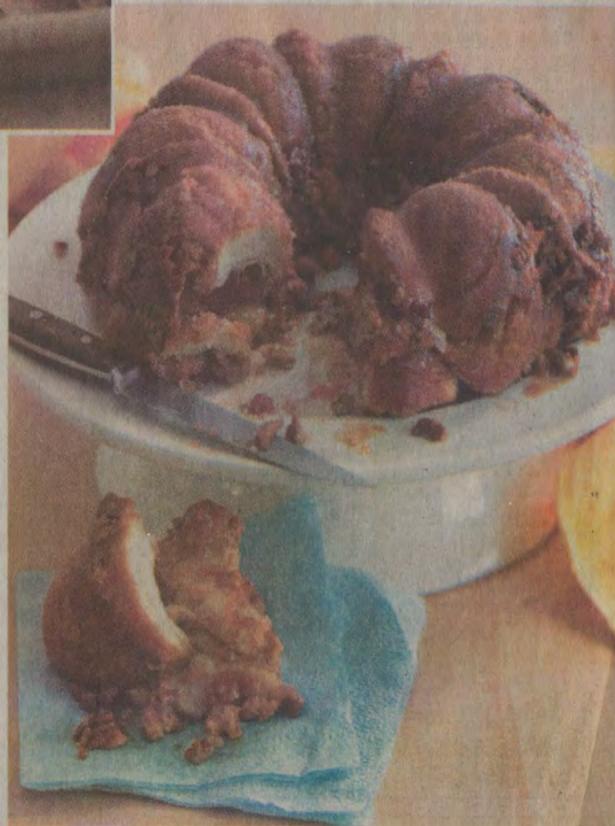
Makes 8 servings

- Baking spray
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 3 9.5-ounce tubes pull-apart biscuits (buy the small, cheap ones)
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 3/4 cup orange marmalade

Preheat oven to 400°F. With baking spray, coat a 10-inch Bundt pan.

In small microwave-safe dish, melt butter in the microwave. In small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar. Using 1 tube, pull apart biscuits and dip each one in butter, then in sugar mixture, and line baking pan with them, laying them flat. Sprinkle with 1/3 of the pecans, 1/3 of the butterscotch pieces, and 1/4 cup marmalade. Continue layering with the remaining 2 tubes of biscuits and the remaining pecans, chips and marmalade.

Bake for 25 minutes, or until top is golden and bubbly. Cool for 15 minutes. Invert pan onto a serving plate. If the top biscuits stick, just pull them out of the pan and replace them on the loaf.



Excerpted from "The NFL Game Day Cookbook," Chronicle Books, 2008.