

# Bluegrass Beacon

There's no skating around the value of personal accountability

I couldn't believe my eyes. While driving by Bowling Green's new skatepark the other day, I must have seen two dozen kids grating and flying through the air. Not a single one of these budding extreme-sports stars wore a helmet to protect themselves against falls into a sea of concrete.

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date would do what the warning sign fails to do? When Bowling Green's extreme-sports park to skatepark, a local contingency traveled to Louisville's extreme-sports park to consult with those in charge and get a look at the facility. Louisville passed an ordinance requiring skateboarders to wear protective gear. However, it does not require a helmet to protect themselves against falls into a sea of concrete.

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these kinds of laws? No. People miss something - common sense. They make choices and sometimes pay the ultimate price for them. Some skateboarders have already broken bones and incurred other serious injuries at Bowling Green's skatepark, but not because the city code lacks a law requiring protective gear. Rather, the injured chose to fly without protection, and they paid the consequences. But hope springs eternal, even if helmets won't.

I talked to one parent who passed responsibility for her 12-year-old son.

"No helmet, no skating - that's the rule in our house," she told me. Her son usually whines about how it isn't "cool" to wear a helmet, she said.

She doesn't budge: "It's not cool to be laying up in a nursing home somewhere with brain damage, either," she tells him.

She's not waiting on some government law to keep her son safe. She chooses to exercise responsibility while teaching her son to act responsibly - as a skateboarder and a citizen.

Now if only every obese, ATV-riding Kentucky smoker and skateboarder would do the same.

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## Births

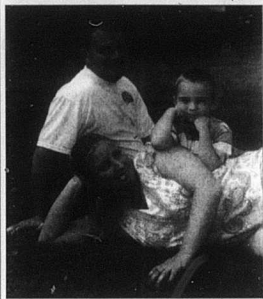
Bailey family welcomes son



Craie and Jennifer Bailey would like to announce the birth of their son, Boyd Cole Douglas Bailey. Cole was born at Central Baptist Hospital on April 27, 2007 at 8:42 p.m. He weighed 5 lbs and was 18 in long. Proud grandparents are Carla Brewer of Carlisle, Larry and Becky Brewer of Sharpburg and Carl and Sherrill Bailey of Paris. Cole was welcomed home by his brother and sister, Walker and Whitney Bailey and his Great Grandmother, Madeline Hunt.

## Engagement

Sturgeon - McCarty announce marriage



Zachary Sturgeon would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of his mommy, Tamara Sturgeon to Billy McCarty. Tamara is the daughter of Charlie and Brenda Fryman. Billy is the son of Larry McCarty of Carlisle and Martha McCarty of Sharpburg. Tamara is a 1999 graduate of Nicholas County High School and is currently employed at Cooper Standard Automotive. The wedding and reception will take place on July 7, 2007 at 3 p.m. at Forest Retreat in Carlisle. Invitations are being sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## Hamiltons welcome son



Wilson Hunter Hamilton was born to Mitchell and Ashley Hamilton of Carlisle on May 21, 2007 at Harrison Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds and three ounces. His grandparents are Timmy and Missy Fryman and Mitchell and Karen Hamilton, all of Carlisle. His great-grandparents are Elmo and Rosa Myers, Paul and Connie Fryman and the late Robert Wilson and Merle Jenkins Hamilton.

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fused, everything. Not that he doesn't do most of that all the time anyway, but I just appreciated it so much more when I couldn't do any of it myself. I'm sure by the end of that week, he was ready to wring my neck and was thrilled when the doctor said I could lift my head back up. He was able to go back to school and finish out the year while I stayed home another week and took care of the babies. It was great spending some time with them not having to work. I still had some trouble seeing and there is no way I could have driven to Vegas that week, so it was nice to be able to relax at home. Well...relax as much as possible when you are taking care of twins. My babies were amazing too! They must have known that Mommy was not running at full capacity because they seemed to be much more relaxed and slept great the whole time. They have been sleeping through the night, or at least most of it, which I will say is amazing! After my surgery, they would go to bed around 9:30 or 10 and not get up to eat until around 6 or 6. It was great! Since I've been back to work, of course they have gotten up to eat at 3, but

## Support group forming Aug. 6

A new Diabetes Support Group will welcome members beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 6. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Nicholas County Health Department. The Support Group will meet once per month and is designed for those who want to know more about Diabetes and how to cope with it. Certified Diabetes Instructor Janie Whitehead will lead the group speaking on special topics as well providing recipes and general information.

band, Ben. Thank you for filling in on my column and for taking such amazing care of the babies and me for the past two weeks...well, me for the past 8 years! I love you so much!!  
Until next week, make it a great one!  
Amy

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