

# Guest Editorial

**Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.**  
National Labor Day Enforcement Crackdown

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. Across the United States, 13,470 people were killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes in 2006. That was 32 percent — nearly one-third — of total motor vehicle traffic fatalities in the nation.

Of those 13,470 fatalities, 8,615 — nearly two out of every three — were drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or higher.

Kentucky recorded more than 6,300 alcohol-related crashes, resulting in 2,500 deaths and nearly 2,500 injuries in 2007. But Kentucky seems to be making some progress. The number of deaths resulting from alcohol-related crashes in Kentucky has slightly decreased each year since 2004.

We attribute this to enforcement campaigns, as well as our Drive Smart Kentucky educational program.

That's why local law enforcement officials will be joining with thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation through the Labor Day holiday to launch an aggressive crackdown on impaired drivers called Drunk Driving Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

Our message is simple: No matter what you drive — car, truck, SUV or motorcycle — if you are caught driving impaired, you will be arrested. No exceptions. No excuses. Officers will be out in force conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and using roadside officers to get more drunken drivers off the road.

We want everyone to play it safe. Much of the tragedy from drunken driving can be prevented with a few simple precautions:

- Whenever you plan on consuming alcohol, designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If impaired, call a taxi or a sober friend or family member to take you home.
- Use a Sober Rides program if your community has one.
- Promptly alert law enforcement when you see a drunken driver on the road.
- Wear a safety belt in a car and use a helmet and protective gear on a motorcycle. They are your best defenses against an impaired driver.
- And remember, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take the keys and help make other travel arrangements.

Drugging driver is simply not worth the risk of killing yourself or someone else. And the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest from impaired driving can be significant. Violators often face jail time, loss of driver's licenses, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses.

Don't take the chance. Drunken driving is a serious crime. Remember: Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

For more information, visit [www.highwaysafety.ky.gov](http://www.highwaysafety.ky.gov).  
**Chuck Geveden, Executive Director**  
**Office of Highway Safety**  
**Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

# OPINION

There is an old Chinese proverb that basically goes something like: "Whenever one door closes, another one opens."  
That is the case for me.

News-one of the driving forces in my life is the desire to do something that makes a difference. I have tried to do that all an sure there are some who are confident I have failed miserably. But some have encouraged us to continue editing and publishing the paper just as we have through this edition.

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**Bob's Broadcast**  
**By Hank Bond**

I was a great reward to be welcomed back to so many people.

We feel a debt to the people of Nicholas County as well as the rest of the state for the paper as we were ultimately able to write a periodical permit from the post office, which by law, allowed the Nicholas News to become the legal newspaper of Nicholas County.

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**By Steve Sealf**

Not that the Scails are officially residents of Carlisle. I think a proper introduction in order. Allow me to present myself and the title of how I came to be married to my beautiful wife, Cindy.

It was born in Syracuse, New York where my dad worked for GE. Shortly after I started kindergarten, Dad got transferred to Magnolia in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I was actually a pretty good growing up. I didn't get into much trouble or cause my parents much grief. I did the normal kid stuff like playing baseball in the city's summer league, playing football in junior high and participating in marching band and track through high school years — the whole time wanting to keep fairly decent grades.

Still, I was socially awkward. This was partially due to genetics. I had a scary, red-haired, freckle-faced kid with braces — a combination that very few girls find attractive. There's a new attraction that embarks on a path that will decrease the unemployment rate and bring more revenue into the state, provide a benefit to our economy and create new jobs throughout America.

The high cost of fuel has had a sweeping impact on our economy and our workforce. Many businesses have been forced to cut budgets and lay off employees in order to pay for the numerous cost increases that have resulted from high gas prices. We must act now to increase the supply of American-made energy and diversify our energy production.

According to the National Defense Council Foundation, a non-profit think tank, developing natural gas and oil resources in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) could create more than two million new jobs across the U.S. (National Defense Council Foundation: "The Economic Impact of ANWR Resources"). The Council also estimates that drilling could gain up to \$3 billion in new revenues from energy production in ANWR.

The Rand Corporation, another non-profit think tank, estimates that the oil shale industry could create more than a hundred thousand new jobs and provide billions in revenue for local, state and national governments.

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Let's see," she started. "You look like a Scott... no, wait... maybe Stu... no, that's not it... it is Steve!" I was impressed. A few months later she was telling me all about myself: where I lived, where I worked, where I had served my mission. I figured out pretty quickly that she wasn't really guessing, but it still worked. I couldn't believe that such a beautiful girl had taken the time or interest to learn so much about me. I was hooked.

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**Conservative Columnist**  
**By Leland Conway**

All of this running around like a chicken with its head cut off over gas pricing by Governor Beshear's administration and leadership of Kentucky Democrats in starting to get a little silly. Last week, Gov. Beshear and Attorney General Jack Conway announced subpoenas in their gas price investigation in Louisville. But these are a fancy word that lawyers throw around to the press will investigate criminal activity. In reality, they mean that the justice system wants a closer look at something. In this case, it is a complete waste of time and a distraction.

Louisville is one of several cities in the region that requires a more expensive mixture of gasoline due to environmental regulations. Cities that don't meet these requirements are the leading edge of America's gas price averages. In Louisville's case, when you look at the wholesale price of gas and the retail markup we're talking about even cents per gallon even if there were some sort of nefarious activity going on. (Note: I am not in favor of nefarious activity)

What's really going on you think that they can about high gas prices, when in reality they either don't know what to do or won't

meaningful "legislation" to bring down the price of gas. All while his Republican counterparts from Kentucky are camped out in Washington demanding that Speaker Nancy Pelosi call a special session to deal with the energy crisis.

Bruce Lanford wants Mitch McConnell to bring down the arm of the U.S. Senate. To get it, he's been pumping people's gas for them at rural gas stations. He may get a little farther with them though, if he actually offered to pay for their gas. But seriously, what does it mean to feel your pain? Hasn't rural Kentucky been there, done that with the smoke screens and politicians from the real problem. He's been sending out farm letters promising to work hard on

Tune in next week for Part II...  
**Steve Sealf**

# Veloz Viewpoints

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**By Amy Bond Veloz**

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week.

There have been a lot of fun and interesting things going on at my house this week that I am excited to share. As I have noted before, my kids seem to do something new and fun every day. I know that I don't go a day without my kids writing me letters. They are also saying more and more words. Antonio says fish and Analise has gotten a lot better at saying Elmo. They are both at the end of Elmo and are liking Sesame Street a lot lately. They are also watching the cartoon that I put on the TV. Now, all I have to do is say, tah dah and they put their arms up and down, like the gymnasts were doing on the beam. It was so fun to see them with their arms in the air, bending over and then saying tah dah and putting their arms up.

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# 4th District Report

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**By Geoff Davis**  
**4th District Congressman**

(Rand Corporation: "Oil Shale Development in the United States").

The Energy Information Agency estimates that America's energy demand will increase by up to twenty-five percent by 2030. In order to meet this growing demand, we must explore alternative energy resources. Expanded and diversified energy production through coal-to-liquid technology, wind, solar and nuclear plants can also drive job creation across the nation. The development of coal-to-liquid plants could be particularly beneficial for Kentucky as a generator of thousands of jobs in our region and as a source of clean, stable, affordable fuel for our nation.

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born: August 14, 2008  
size: 8 lbs. 3 oz. - 21 inches

Mommy, Daddy & Michael love you!

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# Congratulations, Beth!

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2008 Kentucky State Fair Grand Champion 10-year-old Country Ham Speech.

Beth McCord received 10 ribbons from the State Fair in addition to this award and Laura McCord received 6 ribbons at the 2008 State Fair.

We Are Very Proud of You  
Love, Your Family

**Lock who just turned One**  
on August 15, 2008

**HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY**  
to Madison Lane Bussell

Love From: Mommie & Daddie, Missy Morgan and Mamaw & Pappay Day

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# Talkin' From The Mountains

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**By Dale Greer**

I learned over the weekend and that my good friend, Nick Cloney is headed for Washington, D.C. to teach Journalism at prestigious American University. I commend the University for asking Nick to join its faculty. It was a wise decision.

But isn't it a shame that he was less than an hour away from Morehead State University and he has never asked to bring his vast experience with his high school diploma but his years and years of broadcasting and writing a column for a metropolitan newspaper give him the equivalent of dozens of degrees.

I am not putting down getting a doctorate degree if one wants to teach at colleges; it did him the fine CBS journalist, David Dick.

Why has Nick not been asked to join a faculty in Kentucky? I can draw some conclusions from my own experience. Nick was probably never considered because his formal education stopped with graduation from High School. There are many at MSU who think no one should be allowed in the classroom unless they have a Ph.D.

I have heard time and time again from faculty members and administrators that I have no business

through my old job, continuing as freelance. This past Friday, the caller that gave me a call and asked me to write that I was the perfect fit for the edit.

This means I will now be working my tail off in addition to my duties as a full-time Mommy. It is also being doing the work while writing about it. They will continue to do so, I will be putting out 10 to 12 hours a week beginning now. I am excited for the addition to my family. I believe that I will be able to do it. I will be able to do it. I will be able to do it.

The client is a pretty cool one. It is called Win-4 Charity. It is a for-profit charity that holds online rallies with the benefit going to a large variety of non-profits. Any non-profit that has a website on 501(c)(3) can sign up to receive funds. And the prize is \$100,000.

Just say I am sad that I'm not eligible to win because I work at a retail store. They have giveaways that include a new 2008 Ford Focus. They are including airfare, they are going to give away a new home. They are going to give away packages and many many more. I encourage all of my friends to sign up. You are able to sign up now, but the full website is not open until October 1, 2008. Go check it out... [www.w4.com](http://www.w4.com). Let me know what you think if you get some time! And wish me luck making it home nationally!

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# In Memory of Stevie Myers

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST 28TH**

**You would have been 52 where would you be today?**

Thanks to the girls at the hospital for taking care of me also Elmo Myers, Scott Fugate

Rosie Myers and Family

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