

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

Grim fairy tales shouldn't fool Kentuckians



By Jim Waters

My young daughters ensure that I'm intimately familiar with the movie "Chicken Little" by making me watch it over and over. This qualifies me to conclude that Gov. Steve Beshear's offer of a pretty good sequel with his "the sky-is-falling" speech last week...

—and above us. So, let's take a closer look at that \$434-million shortfall. Some \$166 million is a result of state agencies spending more than their budgets allowed. An additional \$138 million goes to projects approved by the General Assembly, which didn't bother to figure out where the money would come from to pay for the projects...

the Fletcher administration could have covered revenue shortages. Budget director Mary Lassiter offered her version of the sky-is-falling mantra by calling the year ahead the "toughest budget challenge" she's encountered in her 24 years of handling tax...

assumes none of these costs. Yet, even leading members of the party disagree. Otherwise, why would Sen. Julian Carroll, the self-anointed leader of the Big Government Caucus in Frankfort, file a bill that would create a tax-supported fund to help compulsive gamblers?...

program to help political spending addicts avoid relapses by respecting taxpayers who know better than Frankfort how to spend their money. Money saved by these addicts after they "take the cure" and re-enter the halls of government would more than pay for the program...

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By William Wayne Serrell, Paul Wayne Russell, Clara Roundtree, Elizabeth Wood, Al Berry, Joyce Price McDonald, Donna Joy Mitchell, Viola White, Wilmer Halcomb, Deanna Wooten, Seton Simon, Eli Bryant, James O. Whirls, Lawrence Eugene Applegate, Marant Mae Sant, Sams Myers Graves, Martha In Gray Melrose, Robert Lee Coleman, Mason Taylor Cartwright, Christopher Lew Watkins.

demolition derby at this year's Nicholas County Fair. Nicholas County has the demolition Derby Queen Rhonda Stone won second place in the small car derby during a destructive display of intense charges when Hatchinson slipped on a wet bilge.

Expanding gambling may bring in \$700 million in annual revenue. Law the governor claims. But what about the costs? How much will it cost to oversee, regulate and collect from gambling operation? And what about the social costs? The governor's plan...

Public Hearing Notice Citizens are invited to have input on the development of recreational trails in the county as the court plans to submit for funding under the Recreational Trails program, which is a federal grant program funded by the Federal Highway Administration...

AUGUST

Blaine Menke, 16-year-old daughter of Tori and Mike Menke of Mayville was crowned the 2007 Miss Nicholas County Fair. Margaret Hunter retires from her position as Director for the Community Action Council after serving the community more than three decades. Students, teachers and parents flocked to the Nicholas County School campus for their first day of school Aug. 9...

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LIFESTYLE

Anniversary Herringtons celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

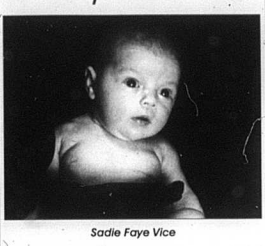


Billie and Frances Herrington

A Golden Anniversary celebration was given for Billie and Frances Herrington by their children, Cindy (Robin), William (Teresa), Vicki, and Rachel (Troy). The celebration was held at Mason County Middle School cafeteria on Dec. 15, 2007, two days before their actual anniversary. Many friends and family braved the icy weather to celebrate the special event. After a delicious meal and cake, the guests were treated to a special walk back in time. Each of the children shared their memories from growing up and concluded by giving thanks to the Lord for giving them such a wonderful heritage of being raised in a Christian home. Soon following, the guests were treated to a musical DVD presentation, Walk Through This World With Me, by George Jones, played as pictures of the honored couple glided across the screen giving a glimpse of their past 50 years together. As more pictures of their children, grand children and great grand children appeared the guests were also treated to songs such as, Medals For Mama's, Grandpa Tell Me About The Good Old Days, and Thank God For Kids. The couple surprised their children and guests by renewing their wedding vows. The ceremony was conducted by their original pastor, Rev. Ben Cain, who 50 years earlier pronounced them man and wife as they began their life together in Morefield, Ky. on Dec. 17, 1957. At the close of the celebration the honored guests were surrounded by their friends and family, as their son led everyone in a word of prayer offering thanks to the Lord for their past, their present and their future.

BIRTHS

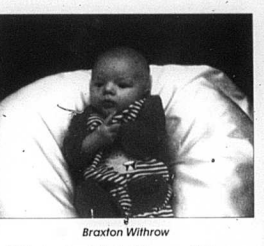
Vice family welcomes Sadie



Sadie Faye Vice

Roger and Sarah Vice are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Sadie Faye. Sadie was born November 14th, 2007 at Central Baptist Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 1/4 in. long. Paternal Grandparents are Steve (Michelle) Vice and Shelly (Tip) Marshall. Paternal Grandparents are Cliff Vice, Norma Ann (Annee) Feiback, Herma Lee Maze, and Hyman and Juanita Oaks. Maternal Grandparents are Mary Jane (Janner) Terrell and Steve (Patricia) Cartwright. Maternal Great Grandparents are Gerald and Ann Griffith, Faye Cartwright, and Ames (Paul) Maggard. Sadie was welcomed home by many family and friends, and especially by her "shilings" Lex and Teddy Vice.

Braxton Withrow welcomed home



Braxton Withrow

Felicia Joseph and Mark Withrow would like to announce the birth of their baby boy Braxton Jonas Wade Withrow. He was born on October 9, 2007 at Clark Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Janet Martin and DeWayne Joseph and his maternal great grandparents are Mary and Kenneth Martin and Elijah and Avdian Joseph. His paternal grandparents are Angie and Mike Withrow and his paternal great grandparents are Thelma and the late Roy Thomas Withrow and Beverly and the late Raymond Garrett.

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