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COMING HOME

Residents celebrate 75th annual festival honoring Laurel County's heritage

PHOTOS BY TARA KAPROWY

Above, in their bid to be declared the fittest kid in the county, a group of boys wrestle through sit-ups. Top right, Twinkles the poodle performs tricks during Laurel County Homecoming's pet parade. Top left, a miniature blue sports car toured with the Laurel County Shrine Club's trucks. Bottom left, the Patton family sings "I'll Fly Away" at the gospel singing celebration. Bottom right, Gene and Ethel Huff stand in front of the gospel stage of the Laurel County Homecoming. The Huffs were honored for their years-long support of the annual celebration.

BY NITA JOHNSON

Two brothers who have presented the annual Laurel County Homecoming Honoree awards in the past were on the receiving end Saturday night.

Tom and Jim Handy were selected as this year's honorees, a role reversal for the London natives who have worked on the homecoming committee for many years.

The 75th annual Laurel County Homecoming kicked off Monday night with the baby pageant, and continued throughout the week — culminating with the parade, street dance, pageant, honoree awards and gospel singing, among many other events, over the weekend.

For Jim, the award was a pleasant surprise. Though he could not attend the award ceremony Saturday night, the hotel-operator said he was honored to receive the award.

"I'm very appreciative," he said.

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HOW HEALTHY ARE WE?

Points of access

IN THE FINAL PART OF OUR WELLNESS SERIES, we explore how nurse practitioners and physician assistants are increasing access to health care in Laurel County.

BY TARA KAPROWY

On a busy Thursday morning, Rebecca Kraftick made her rounds in Saint Joseph-London's cardiothoracic vascular unit. With her crisp lab coat on and a stethoscope around her neck, Kraftick moved fast, writing in patient charts, consulting X-rays, and making assessments.

When she arrived to see Florene Grubb, who had open heart surgery a few days before, Kraftick

"She looks a million times better," she said of the 70-year-old. "She may get to go home today."

That call ultimately was not Kraftick's to make. Though she looks every bit the doctor, she is instead a physician assistant.

People who have gone to the doctor or been treated in the hospital lately have likely been seen by someone like Kraftick. In today's hospi-

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PHOTO BY TARA KAPROWY Physician's Assistant Rebecca Kraftick checks Florene Grubb's heart.

Ex-UK player sentenced for Laurel ticket scam

BY NITA JOHNSON

A former University of Kentucky basketball player was sentenced Monday in Laurel Circuit Court for his involvement in a 2008 ticket scam.

Derrick Millar was given a probated two-year sentence for taking money from two Laurel County residents in exchange for season tickets to UK men's basketball games.

Millar has been charged in at least 10 other counties for the scam. The Laurel County sentence will run concurrently with other sentences he receives in any of these counties.

In the first Laurel County case, Millar was indicted for taking \$1,390 from Dr. Wayne Parrott on May 30, 2008, for season tickets.

Millar's plea agreement requires that he pay restitution to Parrott of at least \$50 per month.

The second Laurel County case involves Millar SEE SCAM, PAGE 7A

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