

## **NEWS – JANUARY 11, 2008**

### **David Merchant**

David came back home to St. Albans on Thursday (January 10<sup>th</sup>) and continues to recuperate from his surgery. While he was planning to return home last Saturday, he was re-admitted to the hospital on Thursday (January 3<sup>rd</sup>). David was discharged from the hospital on Monday (January 7<sup>th</sup>) and stayed with family in Clarksburg.

David says his doctor projects he will be out until mid-February.

Please, any state employee wishing to donate leave time to David would be highly appreciated. David works in the EEO Division of the Department of Highways. Any questions may be referred to Cindy Daugherty in Human Resources at 558-9769

### **An Update from Herb Peters**

Went to Oncologist Wednesday, white cells up, hemoglobin low normal, and platelets low. Feel good presently, but Doc says it may be the calm before the storm since I had upper respiratory infection before Christmas. Wants to start while I'm strong and I will start chemo **Monday, 1/14** at CAMC. Taking off work for two weeks and the first cycle will be five straight (long) days of Rituximab gradually increasing the dosage in hopes of preventing the ill effects of the drug. Blood work done several times per week to monitor levels. Will then rest (hope to work if no effects after two weeks) for 21-28 days between cycles with blood work done several times a week to monitor blood levels before starting next cycle of three days of chemo. I think there are six cycles of the chemo to be done in the routine. Will be on Rx (Promethazine) to resolve nausea if needed, a Rx (Allopurinol) to help clean the toxins out of the body, and prophylaxis antibiotic (Bactrim DS)/prophylaxis antiviral (Valtrex) to prevent infections. Will keep you posted.

### **Don't forget to Renew your 2008 KVFOA Registration**

If you haven't already, please make sure your website information is correct and mail Fred McPherson a check for \$40.00. Fred's address is at the bottom of the homepage.

**Please Pay Your KVFOA Dues by April 30<sup>th</sup> to prevent being disabled from member access on the KVFOA website.**

If disabled, you can't access member information, calendars, check open dates or receive e-mails.

## **See the Article on Roger McVicker**

A great article on Roger McVicker appeared in the Charleston Gazette today and is on the homepage.

If you want to see the article on the Gazette's site with Roger's picture, use this link:

<http://www.wvgazette.com/section/News/200801107>

## **2008 NFHS Football Rules**

The NFHS Football Rules Committee will meet January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis to discuss rules changes for the 2008 season.

I shall be contacting Mike Webb upon his return so we can get a preview changes that we will see for the 2008 season.

## **Northern Kentucky Spring Training and Development Clinic in March**

As a follow-up to the news posted recently, a list of speakers is now posted with their respective conference affiliations. You can find it at the following:

<http://www.nkofootball.org/guests/clinic/springtandd.html>

**And Finally....**

**Never quit. It is the easiest cop-out in the world. Set a goal and don't quit until you attain it. When you do attain it, set another goal, and don't quit until you reach it. Never quit.**

**Bear Bryant**