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Preacher charged with rape

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg lay-pastor allegedly crossed the lines of the laws he had taught early Thursday evening as a Martin County police officer allegedly found him engaged in sexual intercourse with a minor.

Rev. Russell Hayes Jr., 46, of Lancer, gave police officers a Langer address.

As Deputy Richard Sansom was patrolling Rt. 2032 early Thursday morning, the dispatcher told the deputy that a 12-year-old girl may have been picked up against her will. The suspect was said to be driving a Jeep, possibly traveling

toward Sansom.

The deputy, who had not passed the vehicle, decided to check the Smith Cemetery along 2032, said Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young. The deputy noticed that mud had been recently splashed onto the dirt road and decided to take a look.

With his car unable to climb the hill, Deputy Sansom feared the worse and practically ran all the way up the hill, said Young.

The winded deputy was able to walk up to the Jeep undetected, where he allegedly caught Hayes in the act.

While the incident is still under

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Tyler attends a play at Alice Lloyd College with his teacher, Carolyn Kimball.

Local 5-year-old to be featured on telethon

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

Tyler Kilburn, the son of Michelle Combs and Lantre Combs of Hueysville and Mark Kilburn of Hazard, and a student in the accelerated learning program at Alice Lloyd, is paralyzed from the waist down, but his mind, imagination and love of life has not only not diminished but intensified since the 1999 accident that left him para-

lyzed.

The 5-year-old looks you straight in the eye with a look that says, "I'm going to be somebody. I have a handicap but I will overcome it." His mother Michelle says that Tyler remembers the accident and talks about it sometimes but always ends with "Jesus will make me better."

Tyler was traveling in the back

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■ The Big Story

Welfare reform

With time half up, families face adjustments

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

It has been two-and-one-half years since welfare reform went into effect, meaning the lifetime five-year eligibility for welfare recipients is half up. How are the welfare recipients, especially those in Floyd County, coping with the changes?

Welfare recipients have an organization that has been working on their behalf.

According to material provided by Jerry Hardt, media coordinator of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC), a 19-year-old statewide citizens' justice organization, the organization has been working on welfare reform and economic justice issues for many years. The organization believes that economic development issues are very much connected.

KFTC was not opposed to welfare reform, saying welfare recipients were the ones who wanted the system reformed, but not the way the U.S. Congress envisioned the change. Nor did the organization support the punitive approach taken by Congress in passing its welfare reform legislation.

The organization lists several reasons why it disagrees with reform as enacted by Congress. Below are five of those reasons.

- It was based on the erroneous assumption that welfare recipients were lazy and cheat. It ignores the statistics that the majority of the recipients are on welfare for a short time, usually during a transition period in their lives. The stereotype of lifelong welfare families can be supported with individual examples but does not represent the majority of recipients.

- It is an attempt to end welfare programs, not to end poverty.

- It ignored economic realities, such as the fact that there aren't enough jobs in areas like eastern Kentucky where an individual can support a family with a decent standard of living. It placed the blame for the economy that does not provide jobs for everyone of the people who are



Jennifer Martin, who recently left the welfare rolls, and her daughter Ashley.

the victims of this economy:

- It placed a high value on "work" over quality of life.
- It made it more difficult for people to complete their education as a way out of poverty. The organization points out that the majority of people supported by welfare are children.

Local people who work to get people off welfare must follow guidelines approved by the federal government. The basic rule is that welfare recipients must be off

the rolls within five years. May said no mention has been made about giving time extensions because no one would need one until the five-year period is up.

Caught between these two sometimes differing philosophies is the welfare recipient. One person is in the process of making that transition.

Jennifer Martin, who lives in the housing project at Minnie with her 4-year-old daughter Ashley, had been on welfare for three years. Martin went through the program, adhering to the rules set down by the Kentucky Works Program.

Martin's apartment has two bedrooms and is equipped with a new washing machine. She said support service personnel said the machine was a necessity and purchased it for her.

She said the rap on housing projects being filled with drugs is overstated.

"There's no more here than anywhere else," she said, adding the problem only seems more serious because so many people are living in close proximity to one another.

Martin was required to do 2 1/2 hours of public service each week in order to keep her benefits, which included a medical card,

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Getting someone to look at me and realize I need a job was the hardest thing.

— Jennifer Martin

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Briefs

Do you know what time it is?

Did you remember to set your clocks ahead? Today is the first day of daylight-saving time.

Clocks should have been set forward one hour at 1 a.m. this morning.

Other projects face budget ax

As the Democratic House of Representatives and Republican Senate continue to square off over the state budget, several Floyd County projects continue to hang in the balance.

Several big-ticket projects for Floyd County were cut from the budget in an effort to scrap a \$178 million tax increase proposed by Gov. Paul Patton.

Four Floyd County projects make up \$7 million of that amount, including \$3 million for the city of Prestonsburg's mountaintop golf course project, \$2 million for Mountain Arts Center, \$1 million for waterlines and another million for the East Kentucky Center for Science, Math and Technology to be built on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College.

Several other projects totaling \$850,000 are also in jeopardy. They include:

- \$200,000 for flood control in McDowell.
- \$150,000 for parks and recreation improvements.
- \$100,000 for Allen Central High School football field renovations.
- \$100,000 for Betsy Layne High School football field renovations.
- \$100,000 for courthouse renovations.
- \$60,000 for flood control in Martin.
- \$40,000 for flood control at Sugar Loaf.
- \$25,000 for the John M. Stumbo Community Park.
- \$25,000 for equipment for the Wayland Community Center.
- \$25,000 for equipment for the David School.

In addition, Patton's office has estimated the cuts will mean \$73,294 less for education in Floyd County, as well as \$75,605 less for juvenile detention locally.

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Welfare

food stamps and reduced rent at the housing project. She spent some time at Martin Fire Department and Martin City Hall, and finally at Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin, where her public service ultimately paid off with a job of her own.

Martin said she is thankful for the help the program provided but is pleased she now has a job that pays a salary and gives her the independence that she has always wanted.

She said the biggest obstacle to the program was getting a job. She said there simply are not enough jobs for everyone who needs one.

"Getting someone to look at me and realize I need a job was the

hardest thing," Martin said.

Martin is especially satisfied that she can buy her own car — a GEO Prism that provides her not only with satisfaction of ownership but also transportation to her job.

Martin also said there was satisfaction using real money instead of food stamps to buy groceries.

Martin said she enjoys her work as a receptionist for the Rural Health Clinic After Hours at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. She said she likes meeting new people, especially the children.

Martin gets people ready for the doctor, logs patients in and out, and takes the information from the chart

and enters it into a computer.

Even with her new job, which she says she enjoys very much, she still must depend on family members to help care for her daughter when she is working. She works the evening shift and her daughter goes to Head Start.

Ashley spends much of her time at her grandmother's house (Cheryl Martin) and her great grandparents' (Joann and Denver Paige). Since both Cheryl and Joann work, Ashley spends a lot of time with her grandfather (Denver Paige) and affectionately calls him Pop.

Martin said she appreciates the help that is offered to recipients as they adjust to their new status. She said the state helped her with car insurance, gave her incentive money to continue working and provided counseling to help her cope.

Martin said in time she would like to have a job on the day shift so she can spend more time with her daughter, but right now she is pleased with the changes that have occurred in her life.

This is not to say that all is well. Some people are leaving the welfare rolls but may still need help from state agencies, charities, families or all of these entities to make the transition from welfare not just to work — but work that will raise them above the poverty level.

There are more than 800 families on welfare at this time. Some of those are disabled and will not be required to leave the system, but of this number 693 are being counseled to make the transition.

Donna Allen said some of the students are going to college, some getting a GED and others are taking special training. She said these people have to make an effort to move to the workforce or they may lose their benefits early.

A case worker is assigned to each of family to assist in finding educational opportunities and/or employment.



Cats have two sets of vocal cords: one for purring, one for meowing.

Telethon

seat of his family's car on the way to school when they were involved in a head-on collision. Although he was wearing his seat belt, his spinal cord was damaged.

There is a chance that Tyler will regain some feeling in his body. Tyler went to Cardinal Hill in a body shell that he wore for 3 months. He returned a second time to tackle the advanced skills where he learned to walk in braces, maneuver his wheelchair and learn independent living skills.

Tyler goes through a normal routine with the aid of special accommodations such as leg crutches, wheelchair and a special tricycle with his brothers Evan and Franklin.

Tyler takes part in basketball and baseball using his wheelchair, and twice a week he swims as part of his rehabilitation.

Tyler has developed a strong bond with his teachers and classmates at Alice Lloyd. At the end of

the interview he said, "Tell everyone that I love my teachers and all my friends."

Tyler will take part in the Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital's 29th Annual Telethon Celebration entitled "Celebrity Ability" on Sunday, April 16. He will also be the subject of a feature story on WKYT-TV. If you get a chance to watch (and contribute), Tyler will make inroads into your heart. The Telethon Celebration's goal is to raise \$350,000 in contributions to provide direct patient care to children and adults in Kentucky who have experienced a catastrophic or disabling condition.

At this point in his life, Tyler has an interesting ambition: to be a Pokeman trainer. Naturally his favorite TV shows include Pokemon and other cartoons.

In sports he likes the Kentucky Wildcats and the St. Louis Cardinals. When pressed about allegiance to St. Louis, Tyler let it

be known that it wasn't as much the Cardinals as Mark McGuire that was the center of his attention on baseball.

Tyler's mom, who works at East Kentucky Medical Center at Wayland and drives her son to Pippa Passes each morning before starting her workday, says she and her husband learned how fragile life is and were forced to take life one day at a time.

She says she is thankful for all the support shown to her and the family by friends and citizens. She extends a special thanks to state Sen. Benny Ray Bailey and Grady Stumbo, operators of the health service unit at Wayland. She also said two churches, Topmost First Baptist and Hindman First Baptist, helped her get through the ordeal.

If you tune in the telethon, don't expect a timid child. Tyler will tell you what he thinks and after he says it, you will think, "That's right."

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Getting green on the Web

(NUE) - It's beginning to look a lot like springtime. As trees begin to bud and the first flowers appear, people are hauling out bicycles and inline skates. Spring also is the time to celebrate Earth Day.

The basic celebration of Earth Day hasn't changed that much since it was first observed back in 1971. Getting information about it, however, has changed.

Now you can visit a great Web site, www.GeoNature.com, to find links to all things environmental: organizations, news and activities.

A link to PBS will take you on a tour of Mt. Everest with lots of background information.

Other links include virtual tours of Zimbabwe, the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. View photos of the Aurora Borealis - the Northern Lights. There's also a link to the spectacular harbor of Rio de Janeiro and to the Parecutin volcano in Mexico.

The Nature Conservancy and the Sierra Club have links at GeoNature.com. Here you can learn about and help protect endangered plants and animals.

A section titled "Outdoor Life and Sports" offers links to classes and best routes for kayaking, surfing, skiing, mountain biking and climbing.

Links include REI.com, MountainZone.com, FogDog.com, GreatOutdoors.com and [Outdoor Site](http://OutdoorSite.com). You can find information about the weather, auctions, sale of gear and even recipes.

If outdoor activities are too exhausting, you can try the section "Nature Guides and Photo Galleries." At [Don Baccus Photography](http://DonBaccusPhotography.com), you can view photos of the Oregon and California coast, the canyon lands in Utah, the Mojave Desert and much more.

Visit the Ornithology Web site which includes a library, chat room and images of many types of birds.

You might visit [Nature Guides](http://NatureGuides.com), with information about birds, butterflies and wildflowers where you live. Or you can click on [Historic Hudson Valley](http://HistoricHudsonValley.com) and plan a trip to this New York area.

It's easy now to explore the world on the Web. Just log on to www.GeoNature.com, or log on to its parent site located at www.GeoPortals.com.

Rape

investigation, the deputy alleges Hayes tried to bribe his way out of the arrest. "I'm a minister" was the first thing he said to the deputy," said Young.

Hayes allegedly offered the deputy his 1999 Jeep and a mobile home if he turned his head.

The Sheldon Clark Middle School student had apparently planned to leave with Hayes. She had placed pillows underneath her bedcovers to hide the fact she was leaving, said Young.

The girl is believed to have gone willingly with Hayes, in as much

she told him where to go, said Young.

Hayes was booked on charges of second-degree rape, bribery, and custodial interference.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment in Martin District Court and is being held under a \$50,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is set for Tuesday April 4 at 9 a.m.

Representatives of Southern Energy Homes of Ivel, where Hayes was a former employee, refused to comment on Hayes' employment there.



Lexington and northern Kentucky get a new area code April 1.

Kentucky needs phone numbers. Numbers for the kids, numbers for the office, numbers for pagers, faxes, and cell phones. And don't forget about computer modems. Each one needs a number, and there are only so many to go around. It's just a mathematical fact. So to open up a few million more, Lexington and northern Kentucky are getting a new area code: 859. If your area code is currently 606 and your phone number begins with any of the prefixes at left, 859 will be your new area code.

On April 1, 2000, a portion of Kentucky will be assigned the new 859 area code. Then, through September 30, 2000, you can dial 606 or 859 to make long distance calls to and within the new 859 area. After this transition period is over, only the new 859 area code can be used to complete calls to and within the 859 area. Local calling rates will not be affected by this change.

Please make a note of 859 and begin preparing for the change. You may need to reprogram telecommunications equipment like speed dialers, fax machines, PBXs — virtually anything that dials numbers automatically (consult your vendor if you're not sure). If your area code is changing, be sure to let friends, relatives, and appropriate people know.

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255	328	394	489	578	671	814	982
257	330	396	491	579	681	815	985
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Pikeville College uses grant to enhance learning by embracing technology

Many of those who have kept abreast of the wide-scale changes that the Pikeville College campus has enjoyed in the last few years know about the renovation of the Derriana, the addition of a new floor to the Armington Learning Center, and the construction of the Telemedical Learning and Resource Center.

However, construction of a much less visible type is currently underway and is just as exciting for the campus community. Pikeville College is currently using a \$379,000 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation to complete the plans for a campus-wide computer network.

"We are very grateful to the James Graham Brown Foundation for their support of our campus-wide technology initiative," said Jim Workman, director of information technology at Pikeville College. "This grant will help to assure that our students, faculty and staff are immersed in a more technologically enhanced learning environment, allowing them to access and share information resources for their professional development and lifelong learning."

Dr. John Nelson, professor of education and director of the Appalachian Graduate Consortium, expressed his thoughts on the technology.

"The equipment is wonderful," Nelson said. "I use it daily. Having access to Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) via Internet makes simulation of the current educational information quicker and more precise for the students."

According to Wally Campbell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, the past couple of years have seen an intense period of enhancement to the technology infrastructure on campus.

"The Brown Foundation grant will help Pikeville College complete this phase of its information technology objectives, including wiring all residence halls for access to the campus-wide computer network, constructing new and upgrading current student computer labs, providing our faculty with new desktop computers, and provide



From left: Pikeville College desktop support technicians Sam Cochran and Eddie Scarberry assist Dr. John Nelson, professor of education and director of the Appalachian Graduate Consortium, in the technical applications available to Pikeville College through the James Graham Brown Foundation.

training as well as technical support for faculty and administrators," Campbell said.

In addition to three of the college's four residence halls, the school will also be wiring the Record Memorial Building, the Marvin Student Center and the physical plant's facilities to the campus-wide network. The college's Administration Building, Armington Learning Center, Allara Library and the Derriana residence hall are already networked and online.

The grant has also funded the creation of a new desktop support technician position, a new computer lab in the Armington Learning Center, new computers for the college's Tutoring Center and Education Resource Center, new

computers and printers for the more than 50 full-time faculty members, and state-of-the-art presentation equipment.

"Pikeville College, like many other institutions of higher learning, has acknowledged the importance of technology to the educational process and to the larger society. And, we are investing considerable resources into the acquisition and support of technology," said Hal Smith, president of Pikeville College. "However, we also recognize that our institution has a unique mission and perspective which needs to guide and inform our technology strategy."

"With the vision we have for technology, Pikeville College will use its technology leadership to build bridges to the community and

seek new ways to strengthen both the college and the local community," said Smith. "Throughout its history, this proud institution has produced thousands of alumni who have enriched their communities and the world. In order to continue that tradition, Pikeville College must not only impart new skills and provide new tools, it must convey a fresh perspective on how these tools and skills can be applied in service to others."

Scout World set for April 15

The Boy Scouts of America "Scout World" show will be held on Saturday, April 15, at the Kentucky Horse Park. Scout World is an annual event that is open to the public, and is designed to display Scout skills and activities.

Scout and non-Scout families will participate in the activities, playing games and exploring the displays.

The booth displays range from making crystal radios and rockets, running an obstacle course, and log sawing competitions, to learning your name in Cherokee, and speaking to Congressman Ernie Fletcher.

There will also be live music, bicycle races, a climbing wall, an Army orienteering course, a

NASCAR simulator and much more.

More than 3000 youth and their leaders from 50 counties will converge on the Kentucky Horse Park on Friday, April 14, to camp and to set up their display booths. On Saturday, April 15, the public is invited to come and participate in 120 interactive booths and activities.

The booths are designed to highlight activities the youth have done during the year, skills they have learned or fun things they like to do. Awards are given for the best booths in each age group, so the youth try to make their booth the best.

There will also be a Council Pinewood Derby for all the Cub Scouts, patrol and team competi-

tion for the Boy Scouts and training opportunities for the adults.

More than 60,000 tickets are sold for this annual event. The ticket cost \$2 and are sold by the youth members as a fundraiser for their local units. The tickets include admission to Scout World, a free candy bar and seven coupons. The coupons are from Valvoline, Coke, the UK Basketball Museum, Entertainment Express, Laser Quest, Climb Time, and Phillip Gall's.

"Scout World" is produced by the Blue Grass Council with its volunteers, and is sponsored by Toyota and Kentucky Utilities. For tickets, contact your local Scout unit or Blue Grass Council at 606/231-7811.

FOR THE RECORD

Marriage Licenses

April Leigh Castle, 18, to Jay Anthony Bradford, 22, both of Blue River.

Tracey Ann Chauncey, 23, to Billy Jay Allen Gentry, 27, both of Gibsonton, Fla.

Kimberly Dawn Calhoun, 24, to William J. Elkins, 28, both of Langley.

Ruth A. Campbell, 39, of Hazard to Lowell V. Slone, 50, of Hi Hat.

Emma Lou Cole, 18, Prestonsburg to Frankie A. Pridemore, 19, of Banner.

April Leah Sexton, 18, of Estill to David Edward Martin, 24, of South Dema.

Anita Gayle Bentley, 36, to Frankie Carl Burke, 22, both Paintsville.

Kathy A. Davis, 42, of Prestonsburg to William D. Wills, 45, Winchester.

Tracey Lynn Farler, 24, to Phillip Edward Collins, 33, both of Prestonsburg.

Lisa Ann Akers, 32, to Keith Jarrett Strassburg, 23, both of McDowell.

Lynette D. Fitzer vs. Terrence Fitzer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Melessia Castle vs. Steve Castle, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Anna Maria Lewis Tackett vs. Hatler Gary Patrick Tackett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Janice Salisbury vs. Dan Salisbury, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Patricia Lynn Collins vs. Ricky Collins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Eunice Jean Gibson vs. Terry Lynn Gibson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Civil Suits Filed

Maggie Hill Stratton vs. Betty Flannery, et al, property dispute.

Citibank vs. Bill J. Dotson, petition for debt collection.

Benjamin Akers vs. Anna Faye Williams Akers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. vs. Joey Tackett et al, petition for debt collection.

Eric Newberry vs. Alrita Shepherd, personal injury.

Rosalie Parsons, et al vs. Southern Energy Homes Retail Corp., personal injury.

Tessie Harvey, et al vs. John D. Handcock, personal injury.

Ricky Jason Bentley vs. Misty Conn, personal injury.

Tony Meade vs. Edna S. Meade, petition for child support and health

care insurance.

Adrian E. Lamartz vs. Sarah E. Lamartz, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Jacqueline Wright vs. William Wright, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Sherry Marsillett vs. William Terry, petition for health care insurance.

Paula B. Jarrell vs. Steve Jarrell, petition for health care.

Teresa L. Lawson vs. David Lawson, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Ricky Hitchcock vs. Nina Hitchcock, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Harmon H. Butcher vs. Roxanne Butcher.

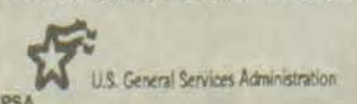
Jennifer Shepherd vs. Bernetta E. Evans, personal injury.

Vernia Miller vs. Raymond Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brian Neal Slone vs. Leah Marie Slone, petition for dissolution of marriage.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

If you're hungry, it's more efficient to get a piece of an existing pie than to start one from scratch.

Janis Drew—

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Editorial

Different process needed for primaries

People who travel by train speak glowingly of watching the scenery flow by, as if they have some secret vantage point as the moment passes.

For Kentuckians, the 2000 campaign for president has been much like that passenger train. We were able to see the fascinating nomination process unfold, but we did not get a chance to stop and take part.

Sure, come November that train will put into a central station and everyone will have an equal chance to decide on the president. But the choices will be fewer than during the primary season, when many of the states, especially those in the South, had no say in the outcome because of the current nominating process.

This was predicted when California decided last year that it would move its primary to early March, joining other states with huge delegations in a rush to the front of the line while there was still a line to form.

It is an unfair way to choose the party's nominees. We hope the convention of discord voiced over this election will give speed to some of the ideas raised to remedy the process.

The secretaries of state have endorsed an idea to divide the country into four regions and have all the states in that region vote on the same day. There would be a month between each election to give the candidates plenty of time to campaign in each state. Each election cycle the regions would rotate in voting order, so whichever went first the previous time would go last the next. Iowa and New Hampshire would remain the first two for tradition sake.

Another idea is the "Delaware plan," so named because it would allow the smallest states to have the first primaries, while gradually proceeding with larger states until the biggest primaries arrived in May.

This primary season George W. Bush was able to pour huge sums of money and resources into early primaries, especially South Carolina, leading up to the megaprimary on Super Tuesday that wore down the John McCain camp and led to his demise. If Kentucky and similar-sized states had been having primaries in early March and California, New York and Florida were still two months away, would the same strategy have been used?

There is no way to create a process that truly makes the votes of all 50 states critical in the primary. Many of the GOP candidates tossed in their towels before all the confetti was cleaned up in New Hampshire, seeing they would never have the money to compete. And no races of the last three decades had depended on the outcome of the final primaries to determine the nominee.

But in politics, perception is reality. As we wonder about ways to reinvigorate the voting populace, prohibiting more than half the states from having a say in the nominees for president does nothing more than reaffirm the misguided belief that individual votes do not matter.

—Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



Letters to the Editor

Senate was right; most of it was pork

Editor:

The front page article, "County could lose \$7 million in state budget battle," in the March 26 Floyd County Times by Ralph Davis, and the guest column, "Republicans gutted needed services, not pork," by Mr. Greg Stumbo from page A4, should explain to any literate person why the Senate cut \$178 million from the state budget. If the rest of the state budget contained such elitist pork barrel projects, as did Floyd County's, defeat of the budget was inevitable, whether justified or not.

Let us examine the \$7 million allocated to Floyd County in the state budget. From the \$7 million, \$3 million went to the Prestonsburg hilltop golf course, \$2 million went to the Mountain Arts Center and \$1 million went to a science building at Prestonsburg Community College. The Floyd County Fiscal Court, based on a request by County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, was to receive \$1 million.

Simple math tells us that the city of Prestonsburg was to receive \$6 million of the county's total \$7 million. This \$6 million represents 86 percent of the total budget for the city and 14 percent of the total for budget for the county.

Remembering that the city of Prestonsburg was to get 86 percent of the total county's money in the state budget, let us consider the population of Prestonsburg and Floyd County. Floyd County has officially claimed a population of 43,000, while Prestonsburg has about 3,000. So the county-city population ratio is 40,000 to 3,000, which gives Prestonsburg about 7 percent of the county's population. Yet, the city was to receive 86 percent of the state's budget for Floyd County.

State Rep. Stumbo stated, and we quote him verbatim, "When the budget was put together this session, I worked hard in good faith to make sure the greatest needs of my communities were met."

Are we to believe that Mr. Stumbo considers the hilltop golf course and the Mountain Arts Center to be the most significant problems facing Floyd County? How important is the golf course to a rural family, living on a putrid creek, without potable water and with an impassable road in the wintertime? Or a family

man without a job?

The Mountain Arts Center is a brilliant concept, but a dead horse economically so long as it is limited to a capacity of 1,000 seats. It will remain a dead horse until someone wakes up and increases the seating capacity to 8,000 to 10,000 seats. The \$2 million in the state budget for the MAC would simply prolong the dead horse's funeral.

The hilltop golf course will, beyond a doubt, equal the sterling economic performance of the Mountain Arts Center. I did an econometric model of the golf course several years ago and projected that it would break even about 85 percent of the time. And this good fortune was heavily dependent on the weather. As a source of jobs, or as a force for economic development, the golf course seems a failure before the first tee-off. Job-wise, the golf course will employ about 25 people at the minimum wage. These people will work about 32 weeks out of a 52-week year, for a total year's wage of about \$6,800. It would require five adults working full time at the golf course to earn enough to equal the federal poverty income level for a family of four during the 32-weeks they are employed. After that, food stamps and unemployment!

The coal severance tax money is supposed to be returned to the counties for road construction and for economic development. The hilltop golf course and the Mountain Arts Center are far removed from a concept of economic development. Both are or will be economic losers which will fold at some future economic crisis. Someday, the seven starving cows will come out of the river and devour the seven fat cows on the bank. And all the grant money will dry up and these ill-conceived pork-barrel projects will wither on the vine and blow away.

The only legitimate economic project on that failed state budget, at least for Floyd County, was the \$1 million for waterlines requested by the fiscal court. The golf course money and the MAC money were pure pork to bail out Prestonsburg on two ill-conceived, failing projects.

Lloyd "Blue" Goble
Prestonsburg

Guest Column

Natural areas disappearing

by Gail McGee and Danny Watson
Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

The statistics paint a grim picture. Every year there are new threats to wildlife and wild places. Striking a balance between progress and preservation isn't always easy.

More than 190 acres a day are converted to urban/developed land and roads in Kentucky, according to a 1999 Natural Resources Inventory conducted by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The spread of exotic species like kudzu has taken a toll on native plants and animals. Pollution of

Kentucky's waterways affects drinking water, as well as native fishes and mussels that may become extinct during our lifetime.

These changes are of great concern to biologists, but they should concern us all. Very few natural areas are left and less than one-half of one percent of the Commonwealth remains in the same condition that greeted Kentucky's settlers.

Without conservation efforts urban sprawl and land development will destroy these precious remaining natural areas at a rate of more than 190 acres per day.

Concerned Kentuckians can help protect some of

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Letters to the Editor

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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



From the mouths of babes

School board members were given a good lecture from one of their students this week, but there were lessons for all of us in and behind eighth-grader Brittany Mitchell's words.

Mitchell attended the board meeting to get the chance to tell those charged with providing her an education about the shortcomings in her school. She described deplorable conditions at John M. Stumbo Elementary and, though she will no longer attend the school after this year, asked the board to do something about them for the sake of those coming behind her.

For me, at least, Mitchell's words touched a nerve. For years, we've heard about the necessity of providing our children with a state-of-the-art education in order to prepare them for the jobs of the future. We've been told we need to invest in computers for their classrooms and try new methods of teaching.

I have no doubt that all of that is true. But how can we accomplish those goals if we cannot even provide the bare necessities, such as a roof which does not leak?

Of course, such things take time to fix. Not nearly as much time as it took for them to get in such sorry shape, but time nonetheless.

In this age of school consolidation, I wonder if there ever comes a time when bigger is no longer better, not so much in terms of the schools themselves, but in the management of them. In other words, can the monolithic Floyd County school system ever work properly, or does its sheer size make it impossible to manage effectively?

After so many negative stories in the Lexington paper, the phrase "ninth-largest school district in the state" is burned in my brain, and I suppose that is where the two concepts were first linked.

But I'm not pulling this idea completely out of thin air. After three-and-one-half years working in Johnson County and watching how the two school systems there not only work, but thrive, it is impossible not to wonder if there could be a correlation.

After all, how many regional and state championships, both academic and athletic, have come from that county in the past 10 years? You couldn't count them even if you took off your socks and shoes.

So I wonder what would happen in Floyd County if we split our school system into two.

For one thing, it would be much easier for administrators in each district to pay attention to the needs of their schools, without being distracted by problems 40 miles away.

Would there be a duplication of services? Certainly. Would it cost more money? Undoubtedly. Would it result in higher taxes? Probably so.

But administration of each district would also be easier. Problems which arose in one school could more easily be noticed, not to mention solved, by halving the number of schools for which administrators are responsible. Tax money, too, would stay closer to home.

Would it work? That's what I do not know. But it would be more difficult for the needs of a school such as Stumbo to get lost in the fray.

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Lottery board elects new officers

The Kentucky Lottery Corporation (KLC) Board of Directors elected new officers at its meeting. Bill J. Covington of Eminence, was elected chairman. Theodore T. Colley of Pikeville, was elected to serve a second consecutive term as vice chairman.

Covington, a banker, has served on the Board for three years. Colley, a self-employed businessman, has served on the Board for the past 15 months. Covington and Colley were the only candidates nominated for their respective positions. The vote for each was unanimous among KLC Board members.

At the start of the meeting Laurence T. Summers, who has been on the KLC Board since August 1993, and served as chairman the past three years, announced he is stepping down from the board to concentrate on management of property in both Kentucky and Florida, and to spend more time with his family.

Covington acknowledged Summers' significant contributions to the board over the past six years.

"I have some very large shoes to fill. It's been a pleasure to get to know and work with Larry. He is a friend and a colleague. I thank him for his devotion to ensuring that ours is among the best lotteries in the nation," Covington said.

Summers thanked Covington, the other board members, along with KLC management and staff for their support.

"We've come a long way from some pretty dark days in 1993 when this Lottery was in turmoil," Summers said. "I truly believe we now have the finest lottery staff and best run lottery in the nation, and I've been around to see most of the others. My personal thanks to all of our board members, our president, executive vice president, management and staff. You've all done a great job. Now, keep up the hard work."

BOARD APPROVES PARTICIPATION IN POWERBALL TV GAME SHOW

The KLC Board gave enthusiastic approval for the Kentucky Lottery to participate in a Powerball® TV game show that offers a top prize of \$1 million. The show could begin this fall if enough

members of the multi-state lottery game decide to take part.

The Multi-State Lottery Association, the group that operates Powerball®, has contracted with Jonathan Goodson Productions of Beverly Hills, California, to produce a weekly half-hour game show for member states based on a new, yet-to-be developed Powerball® instant scratch-off game. The Powerball® scratch-off game will have a top prize of \$25,000. Each ticket will have a stub that can be torn off and mailed to the Kentucky Lottery for drawings to select contestants to appear on the game show which will be taped at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

"This is taking the brand identity of Powerball, America's most recognized lottery game, and expanding upon it," KLC Sr. VP of Marketing & Sales Steve Casebeer told the board and showing them a demonstration tape of how the game show will look.

"By partnering with the other states in Powerball, we can create a network quality game show that Kentuckians will be able to participate in every week."

Each weekly show will feature one contestant from each of the participating Powerball® states, including Kentucky. Each state's contestant who travels to Florida to appear on the show will also be playing to win cash prizes for up to 40 players back in their home state.

"When you watch a show like 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' you root for the contestant to win, but you don't get anything for it," Casebeer said. "With the Powerball TV Game Show, players at home will be rooting for more than state pride. Many of them will be rooting to win cash of their own, depending upon how well their share representative on the TV show does."

The Kentucky Lottery must now await the decisions of other Powerball® member states to see if the show will move forward into production. The participating states will share production costs.

"We need at least 12 states to participate," KLC President & CEO Arch Gleason told the board. "We believe enough states will commit so that we can move forward. We will need to produce the Powerball scratch-off ticket to go on sale this summer in order to have a pool of

players for the first game shows, which we expect to hit the air this fall."

Jonathan Goodson Productions and Kentucky Lottery staff will visit TV stations throughout the region this spring to offer them the show.

BOARD RE-AFFIRMS POLICY ON VIDEO LOTTERY

The KLC Board unanimously approved a motion by State Treasurer Jonathan Miller that the KLC formally adopt as policy the longstanding position regarding video lottery terminals (VLTs) taken and articulated by board members, the president and CEO, and management going back to January 1996. The policy adopted by the board in Friday's meeting states that "the KLC will not move for implementation of VLTs unless specifically directed to do so by the policymakers in Frankfort," that being the Governor and members of the General Assembly.

"I thank the treasurer for his motion," President & CEO Gleason said. "This should formalize the Lottery's stance on this issue and provide confirmation that we believe the Kentucky Lottery should be exactly what the citizens and policymakers of the Commonwealth want it to be."

In other actions at Friday's meeting, the board approved contracts with Crowe Chizek and Company for drawing audit services, Affiliated Forensic Lab, Inc. for ticket testing services, Elsym Consulting for maintenance of the KLC's internal control system, and IBM for a software upgrade.

The Board also approved concepts for new instant scratch-off and pull-tab tickets, along with game rules and regulations for instant and pull-tabs.

Sr. VP of Finance and Administration Howard Kline reported that the installation of new instant, ticket vending machines

and pull-tab ticket Vending Machines will be complete by mid April. VP of Sales Bob Little reported that sales are presently 102.5 percent of quota for the year thanks, in large part, to the recent \$150 million Powerball® jackpot and new instant scratch-off ticket strategies.

Executive VP & COO Marty Gibbs reported that the probability game project will likely to be delayed from its April launch target because of hardware functionality issues. Gibbs said that Lottery vendor Scientific Games International is working on the issues and anticipates their resolution within the next few weeks.

VP of Internal Audit Gale Vessels reported that Arthur Anderson consulting is nearing completion of its field work on the third party review of the KLC's information technology operations. IT security, physical security, and principal vendors GTECH and Scientific Games International. A full report will be presented to the Board in the May meeting.

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Camille Bathurst apprised the board of the status of legislation pertaining to the KLC in the current session of the General Assembly. Director of Planning and Research Larry Newby presented the board results of a retailer survey. Instant Scratch-off Product Manager Sue Johnson made a presentation on the conceptualization, themes, and prize structures of scratch-off games.

LOTTERY BOARD SETS NEXT MEETING FOR MAY 24

The Kentucky Lottery Corporation (KLC) Board of Directors will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 24. The meeting will be held at KLC headquarters, 1011 West Main Street, Louisville. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. ET. Committee meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. ET.

Welcome to Paintsville

Drs. Conley, Cottrell and Mann welcome a new face to our office.

Dr. Donnie Akers will join our staff on Monday, April 3.

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Remember, we ask a lot from our land and water resources. It's nice to have a chance to give something back. That's what the tax check-off does. Think about it.

Funds available for future counselors

A new scholarship program has been established by the Kentucky Counseling Association to help students who are interested in pursuing a career in counseling.

Currently, there is a shortage of counselors in some regions of the state, both in school and community agencies, according to Dr. Deborah Abell, interim chair of the Department of Leadership and Secondary Education at Morehead State University.

"The shortage is projected to increase as community programs develop and school counselors retire," she said.

To encourage students to consider counseling as a career choice, KCA and seven participating universities established the Summer Scholarship Program. The assistance includes both tuition and money for books for the 2000 summer session.

The participating universities are Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, University of Louisville, Murray State University, Lindsey Wilson College, Xavier University in Cincinnati and MSU.

Applicants must complete an application, which is available online at www.kyca.org/KCAScholarApplicati on.htm, document acceptance at a participating university and provide a letter of recommendation by Saturday, April 15. All materials should be mailed to Dr. Bill Braden, KCA executive director, 622 Timothy Dr., Frankfort, Ky. 40600.

Additional information is available from Dr. Abell at 606/783-5207, or from the KCA Web site at www.kyca.org/KCASummer2000Scholarship.htm.

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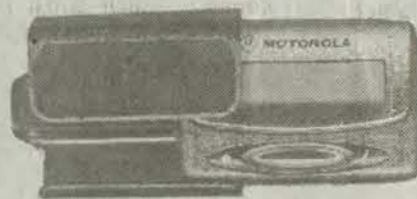
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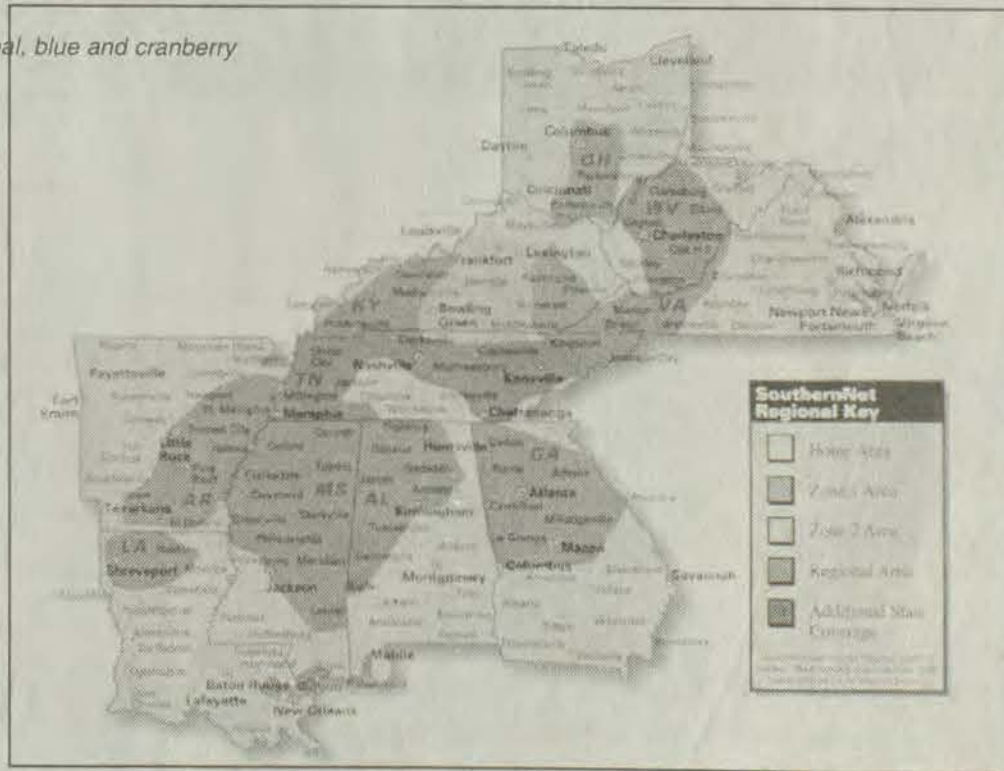
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Don't misjudge the Civil Justice System

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

When most Americans think of our legal system, they think of television images showing tense criminal trials with justice served between commercial breaks. But there is much more to it. Our civil laws and citizen juries protect us in non-criminal courts as well—making sure that irresponsible individuals and corporate wrongdoers are held accountable to consumers.

The rewards are tangible. Juries, acting as the conscience of our communities, have compelled corporate America to be more responsible: Fewer children choke on toys; passengers are more likely to survive car crashes; asbestos is no longer a building material; Ford no longer sells Pintos with exploding gas tanks; young athletes are protected by safer sports helmets; defective tampons and contraceptive devices no longer kill women; prescription drugs are more carefully tested; commercial trucks have back-up beepers; tractors have roll bars; and machines that once routinely amputated fingers, hands or limbs, now have safety guards.

All Americans benefit daily from our legal system and the efforts of the men and women—jurors, lawyers, clerks, and judges—who make it work. As U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall said, "The very essence of civil liberty consists in the right of every individual to claim the protection of the law when he receives an injury. One of

the first duties of government is to afford that protection."

Part of our protection is found in the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which affirms the right to trial by jury—a liberty envied throughout the world.

Yet that fundamental right is under constant attack. Financed by the insurance, asbestos, and other major industries, many state and federal lawmakers—under the banner of tort "reform"—again and again seek to limit the legal rights of all Americans, shelter wrongdoers from responsibility for their harmful actions, and close courthouse doors to protect some of the world's wealthiest corporations from the consumers they injure.

In order to convince Americans to give up their legal rights—or allow them to be legislated away—the advocates of tort "reform" conjure up phony but believable images of greedy lawyers, "frivolous" lawsuits and juries run amok.

But the facts disprove their message. According to a report of the National Center for State Courts, products liability cases account for less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all state court cases. Liability insurance accounts for less than 1 percent of the price of American products. And the Wall Street Journal has reported that the real lawsuit explosion is between businesses suing each other over contract and other profit-driven disputes.

Truly frivolous lawsuits are, and should be, thrown out of court. But in meritorious cases, the law and our neighbor-jurors right wrongs and force wrongdoers to mend their ways. And that is the essence of our democracy.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familiesafety.atla.org>.

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Penny Gold is the executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Social Security supports 2000 census

The Social Security Administration has joined with other public and private organizations in a nationwide grassroots effort to ensure a successful Census 2000 count.

Jim Kelly, Social Security district director for the Big Sandy area, said the office is one of 1,500 Social Security offices nationwide that is distributing census information and publicizing the information in its public contacts.

"We are looking for every opportunity to encourage full participation in the Census 2000," Kelly stated. "The census is more than a population count. It is instrumental in determining where federal funds for health care, child-care, roads, parks and education

are spent."

"If the people in the Big Sandy area are not fully counted, it will be reflected in the money that the city and state get from the federal government for vital programs—money that you pay in taxes."

Kelly said Social Security has entered into a Census 2000 Partnership Agreement with the

Department of Commerce to help get the word out.

"We recognize that too many of our 48 million beneficiaries and many more who are potentially eligible for Social Security and/or SSI benefits are under-represented in the census tally. We have pledged to help remedy that problem."

Leadership development workshop to be held April 13

Have you wanted to get involved in a community organization or cause, but felt you were ill-equipped?

Have you wanted to voice your opinion about local issues but weren't sure how to effectively express yourself?

Learn more about developing leadership skills from within. The New Opportunity School for Women is partnering with two local service centers to offer a leadership and civic development workshop at the McDowell Elementary Family Resource Center which is free and open to the public.

The workshop will help individuals identify desirable qualities in leaders and to ultimately recognize the leadership potential within themselves. The workshop will include interactive activities, small group discussion and informational handouts.

The workshop will take place at the McDowell Elementary Family Resource Center on Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the McDowell Elementary Family Resource Center and the Allen Central Middle School Youth Service Center.

KBE to establish internal auditor position

The Kentucky Board of Education voted recently to create an internal auditor position to serve as an independent arm of management for the Kentucky Department of Education.

The position was approved by the board at its meeting in Owensboro upon the recommendation of Interim Education Commissioner Kevin Noland.

The auditor will conduct internal audits of the Kentucky Department of Education, ensure compliance with laws and regulations and work to prevent abuses and fraud.

"This is a proactive measure that will provide ongoing internal oversight and help the department operate its fiscal and administrative activities in a more efficient manner," said Noland.

The internal auditor will report to the Commissioner of Education on a daily basis and make periodic reports to the Kentucky Board of Education. The auditor will analyze the department's systems of internal control, verify the accuracy of agency records, assess compliance with the department's policies and applicable laws and investigate any abuse, illegal acts, errors, omissions or conflicts of interest.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Ruby Adkins Coleman, 83, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Gilbert Mullins, 63, of Phyllis, died Thursday, March 30. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Alpha Meade Adkins, 87, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 29. She is survived by her husband, Earl Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Olivia Jill Maynard, one-day-old daughter of Oliver L. Jr. and Rebecca Jill Combs Maynard, of Sidney, died Tuesday, March 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Graveside services were conducted Friday, March 31, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry.

Pearl Senter Lee, 93, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, March 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 29, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Booker Bevins, 74, of Phyllis, died Friday, March 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Flora Justice Bevins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 27, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Classic Christian faith

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow
Sterling, Kansas

The classic Christian confession is simple. "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). Jesus died and rose again. He died as a sacrifice for sins. He rose from the grave as proof His sacrifice was acceptable to His Father. "When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3).

The risen Christ appeared to Paul on the Damascus road. From personal experience, the apostle understood, "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). This is a quote from the Old Testament, Joel 2:32. It is reference to Jehovah. The apostle Paul has no hesitation. He applies to Jesus a verse in the Old Testament that specifically refers to Jehovah.

Some consider this blasphemy. When Jesus made the claim people assaulted Him. "For a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy; and because you, being a man, make yourself out to be God" (John 10:33).

The claim of Classic Christianity remains the same. Jesus is Lord. He is not simply a good man. He is not simply a divine being. He is The Divine Being. He is Immanuel, which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

Home.

Johnnie Robinson Sr., 93, Pike County native, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 28, at the Arbor Hospice Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1, under the direction of Community Funeral Home Zebulon.

Howard Mullett, 75, of Chattanooga, West Virginia, died Tuesday, March 28, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home, of Belfry, and Shoedinger Funeral Home, of Grove City, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

Otis Burke

Otis Burke, 88, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at his residence.

Born on March 11, 1912, in Dorton, he was the son of the late Joseph and Ordela Burke. He was a retired coal miner and member of the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Burke.

Other survivors include five daughters, Geraldine Hopkins of Rogersville, Tennessee, Pauline Pruitt of Dry Fork, Virginia, Betty Belcher of Dorton, Patty Sue Charles of Betsy Layne, Patricia Adkins of Pikeville; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, April 3, at 11 a.m., at the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at Caney Highway, Pikeville, with Eles Case, Jason Lowery, Kermit Wright, Stacey Hopkins, Robert Osborne, Mike Justice and Harold Smallwood officiating.

Burial will be in the Joe Burke Cemetery, at Dorton, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

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'Take the test' on the web

Kentucky citizens are invited to sample—on the World Wide Web—the tests that public school students take every spring as part of the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) that measures school improvement.

Last year, the Kentucky Department of Education organized Take the Test Day events at eight sites across Kentucky, enabling parents, teachers, businesspeople and others to take a sample of the state's performance based assessment for students.

This year, the event is being held in cyberspace, and it will be based on actual "released items" from the 1999 test, instead of simulated items.

Participants will take a sample of the Kentucky Core Content Test that all students in public school grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 will take in April.

The sample questions are from the middle school level. There are four multiple-choice questions and one open response question from

each subject area (math, science, social studies and reading).

The Internet "Take the Test" materials will include a test booklet, a scoring guide and resource information. It is designed for individuals and for groups who want to experience the test firsthand.

The goals of the event are to help citizens:

- actually experience the type of questions Kentucky students are asked to answer.
- understand the high standards expected.
- understand Kentucky's accountability system.
- understand what an open response question requires.
- understand the scoring of test questions.
- see first-hand how students are doing in our state.

The address for Take the Test Day is <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/comm/commrel/taketest/>. The site provides a guided tour, instructions and suggestions for individual and group activities.



Officers elected

At the March 24 meeting of the Mountain Coalition for Prevention Project, officers were elected. They are, from left, Lola Ratliff, treasurer; Bob Norman, chairman; Dennis Rohrer, vice chairman; and Barry Potter, secretary. Ratliff is from Floyd County, and the others are from Pike County. Working with school systems and other service agencies, the organization aims to prevent alcohol and drug abuse among young people in the two counties. (photo by Pam Shingler)

KSP introduces new crash reporting system

The Kentucky State Police has implemented a new \$2.86 million statewide collision reporting system that will be the most efficient and cost-effective ever used in the Commonwealth. Utilizing the latest computer technology, the KSP's new CRASH (Collision Report Analysis for Safer Highways) reporting system is the most advanced system in the country and has replaced the Transportation Cabinet's Kentucky Accident Reporting System (KARS). The KSP will enter information into and maintain the new system, the first of its kind in the nation. The CRASH system is being paid for through state and federal funding. KSP sought advice and input of local law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth in the design of the system, as well as the new reporting form.

The CRASH system is capable of quickly examining data and extracting specific information where KARS was unable to provide such specific data immediately. CRASH can provide exact sites of crashes in specific counties, as well as the time

of day of crashes in certain areas. The benefit of this specific data search will enable law enforcement agencies to concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts in areas of need and will alert them to problem areas throughout their counties and the state. This will increase public safety by allowing police departments to heighten enforcement in designated areas. The Transportation Cabinet will also be able to access the same type of information and be able to utilize the information to examine particular highways for problems and improvements or need for different of more traffic control.

Another advantage of the CRASH system is that all data entered is immediately accessible. Additionally, the CRASH system has the capability to be enhanced as newer technology is developed.

The Kentucky State Police and the Transportation Cabinet have full access to the CRASH system. The Jefferson County, Louisville and Lexington Police Departments have access to their individual data. In the near future, the laptop software for

the E-CRASH system will be available to all law enforcement agencies at no charge, however, the individual departments will have to purchase the computer equipment necessary to run the system.

All law enforcement agencies will be able to access the CRASH web page at kycrash.state.ky.us. However, the reports will not be available for public access due to the cost of licenses and server equipment to accommodate such an endeavor.

In a future phase, the crash system has the capability to be utilized by agencies across the Commonwealth. The local agencies will be able to enter their crash data by scanning the report and sending it electronically to Frankfort.

The new system has the potential to be a money saver for the state. The Transportation Cabinet will be able to track crashes where state property is damaged and possibly recover money for those damages.

The CRASH system is expected to save time, money, and manhours resulting in even more savings as it is utilized.

A View from the Hill

by Tara McKenzie

When faced with leaving the familiarity of a small community setting, one finds that apprehensions become constant companions. For me, Lawrence County epitomized comfort and serenity. The hills, standing tall like sentinels, were embracing masses, which signified home.

Though quiet and wonderfully picturesque, the rural region I am from can also be rather restraining and stifling. It is when the hills begin to loom ominously and tighten their grip that you know you must leave. In instances such as these, the sun is obscured and the world seems barred beyond the mounds of trees.

With dreams of grandeur strapped to my back and aspirations as my guides, I set off for Pikeville College. I stepped beyond the mundane, fueled with an excess of determination and a will to see my dreams come true. When so consumed with the desire to succeed, any obstacle as foreboding as a mountain seems a mere grain of sand; any dream seems capable of reality.

Hailing from a county in the midst of a virtual unemployment crisis, I was left with two options following graduation: 1) stay home, forget a career of any merit and exchange my wants for a menial job, or 2) go to college and broaden



Tara McKenzie is a freshman majoring in English at Pikeville College.

my educational and occupational horizons. I chose the latter.

I had originally anticipated attending Northern Kentucky University, a larger learning institution with dramatic theaters and cafes nearby. Instead, I chose comfort, serenity, and a quiet atmosphere — all the things, which personified "home." Pikeville College, accessible and offering an amiable environment, has all of those distinguishing traits and much more.

The opportunity to experience

college life before the fall term came in the guise of a Booth Summer Grant. This award encompassed a fully paid summer term, on-campus housing, and many activities tailored to help participants adjust to the surroundings and become better acquainted with both the campus and fellow students.

Having attained an undesirable score on the mathematics portion of the ACT qualified me for participation in the five-week summer program. Although I am ashamed of my poor mathematical skills, I feel fortunate to have been chosen to engage in the beneficial and worthwhile endeavor. Being in a class which offers preparation for the more trying levels of math has helped me tremendously with the subject and better readied me for the upcoming semester of my freshman year.

The apprehensions I felt prior to experiencing Pikeville College this summer are muted memories. Standing atop the shoulders of silently towering sentinels, I see an expansive world stretched out before me, a wealth of knowledge at hand. Enveloped in the tranquility, which pervades the campus and city, a warm breeze coursing through the air, I realize that this will be my home for the next four years. I am home.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports



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BETSY LAYNE'S BRADLEY BROOKS signed a letter-of-intent with Campbellville College for the upcoming football season. Brooks said Campbellville showed immediate interest in him. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Brooks inks with Campbellville

Bobcat second Floyd Countian to sign scholarship with Tigers



by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

football player from Floyd County to sign a letter of intent with Campbellville College. Earlier in the month, Prestonsburg's Seth Crisp signed with the Tigers.

Brooks signed with Campbellville this past Wednesday afternoon in the school's library in the presence of his parents and Betsy Layne football players.

Brooks said the fact the school took the initiative in recruiting him made him feel Campbellville was the place for him.

"They showed a lot of interest in me," said Brooks. "They acted like they wanted me to come down more than anybody else. I have always wanted to play college football somewhere, so I figured I would give it a shot."

Morehead State had shown some interest in the Bobcat linebacker but never was real aggressive in their recruiting of him, wanting him to walk-on.

Campbellville is a small school with a Christian atmosphere, which was appealing to Bradley and his family.

"I am glad he is going to Campbellville because they have such a strong Christian atmosphere," said Paul Brooks, Bradley's father.

Betsy Layne Coach Ted George said he felt it was an excellent choice for Brooks.

"When it came down to Campbellville and Morehead, he made the right choice," said the Betsy Layne coach. "I didn't guide him one way or the other. It was a decision he and his family had to make. After he made the decision, I

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Improved behind the plate, Howell looks for repeat

Veteran catcher knows her role

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It is one thing for a coach to define a role for a player but an entirely different thing for the player to accept the role and do it.

But for Prestonsburg's Angela Howell, her role's definition has been known and she has readily accepted it.

Howell positions herself behind the plate at each Prestonsburg softball game. She is constantly up and down as the catcher for the defending regional champions. But Howell, entering the 2000 season, looks forward to maybe getting a look at another position as well as catching.

"Catching can be hard on your knees," the junior catcher said. "My first year I played left field and caught last year. I would like to play some third base. I like playing there but I like catching also."

Howell said she would like to have a little more freedom at the plate and hit for distance.

"I bunt a lot," she said. "But I understand that I am supposed to get on base being I am the lead off hitter. But I would like to hit more this year. I think I will get to."

Howell said the Lady Blackcats could very well repeat as regional champions this year in spite of loss hard-throwing Brandy Stone.

"We have Whitney (Parsons) and Stacy (Goble) pitching for us this year," said Howell. "They both have improved a lot from last year. We have another good catcher in Brittany Carey. She will be playing third base and has a real good arm on her."

Carey could relieve Howell some behind the plate. She comes in as a solid player at both third and behind the plate.

"I think we have a chance to win it all again," Howell said. "We are just getting our basketball players back. We just need to put a lot of hard work into it but it is going to be hard."

Howell believes catching Stone last year has helped her as a catcher.

"I have improved throwing the ball to second base," she said. "I caught Brandy last year and catching her made me a better catcher. She was such a good pitcher. So, I think I have gotten better since last year."

Howell said it will be a battle between them and Pikeville this season. "They are always a tough team," she said. "We heard that one of their good pitchers quit the team. If that is so, then that will make it more even between the two teams. But they are still the team to beat."

"Our main goal this year is to repeat. We don't get to play Pikeville during the regular season so we look forward to playing them in the tournament."

Howell said that Johnson Central is a team not to overlook. "Their pitching is really good. They have major hitters."

With the absence of the hard throwing Stone, Howell said the team's defense will have to pick up.

"We are going to be a good defensive team," she said. "We are going to have to really pick up on defense when we play teams like Pikeville and Johnson Central."

"Our outfield is going to be real strong with Brook (Coleman) and Megan (Hyden) out there."

Howell said her life is surrounded by some sport having played both basketball and volleyball as well as softball.

"I pretty much do nothing with my life," she said. "I have some sport going all the time. Seems I just play ball all the time."

Howell, who plays for the Lady Blackcats basketball team, said there may be a clash when basketball camps begin in May.

"I don't know yet what I will do," she said. "But it will all work out." Howell considers herself more of a slap-hitter rather than hitting for power.

"But if you need someone to come home, I am pretty much the person who can get them home," she said.

Howell is a solid softball player and excels in all the other sports she participates in. Her personality is always the same and she is a team favorite.

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Allen AAU falls to Johns Creek in finals

White scores 15 in 36-30 setback

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen AAU girls' 13-year-old All-Star team fell but not without a battle. Johns Creek knew they had their hands full when they met the Allen team on the hardwood.

But when the final horn sounded, Johns Creek had posted a 36-30 win over Allen and claimed the regional championship and a berth in the state tournament.

Heather White led the Allen team with 15 points. Chanel Music picked up five points and Mekala Rice finished with four.

Tiffany Thompson scored 12 to lead Johns Creek, which placed eight players in the scoring column. Leica McGuire added seven points.

Johns Creek held a 8-7 first-quarter lead with White scoring all seven points for Allen in the opening period. Thompson scored six of the eight Johns Creek points.

Allen could only get one field goal in the second stanza and that came from Music. Allen hit four of eight free throws in the quarter. Johns Creek led 17-13 at the half as Allen refused to go away.

Allen was a one-point better team in the third period but trailed 23-20 after three quarters. White scored six of the seven Allen points.

Allen shot poorly from the free-throw line, making only 12 of 23 attempts.

Alanna Cline had three points for Allen while Kelly Key scored two. Brittney Kinzer added one point.

"We played good defense," said Allen Coach Kenny Music. "I am proud of them that they made it to the championship game. We just couldn't hit our free throws."

Allen, by finishing second in the regional tournament, also earned a berth in the state meet, but Music said he was not sure if his team would make the trip.

The AAU league pays the way for the winning team but not others.



■ H. S. Softball

Magoffin County 22, Betsy Layne 10
Prestonsburg 14, Johnson Central 4
South Floyd 17, Millard 4

■ H. S. Baseball

Fleming Neon 5, Whitesburg 0
Morgan County 6, Magoffin Co. 3

Games on tap

Softball

Wed. April 5

Fleming Neon at Betsy Layne

Thurs., April 6

Pike Central at Allen Central

Fri., April 7

Betsy Layne in Hillbilly Classic
Prestonsburg in Land Between Lakes

Baseball

Tues., April 4

Betsy Layne at Prestonsburg

Dewey Jamerson: A busy, busy coach

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

Have you ever needed to be in two places at one time?

Sometimes Dewey Jamerson needs to be in more than two places at one time.

"Someone asked me that question the other day and I told them that with four children, even if I was in two places at one time, I still need to be somewhere else."

Dewey teaches at Betsy Layne Elementary, but coaches the track team at Prestonsburg High School and Allen Elementary.

All of his children attend Allen Elementary. But, Nick, his oldest child, will be at Prestonsburg High School next year, and that is the reason he is coaching the track and field team at Prestonsburg.

"Nick is lifting and working out with the football team here at Prestonsburg, so I just wanted to be down here with him," said Jamerson.

Coaching the track team is something that Dewey has done for a long time. Actually since he was a senior in high school.

"I ran on the track team for three years in high school, but I turned 19 in January of my senior year and back then if you turned 19 before the sport started, you could not participate. I was ineligible, so I just helped coach," said the veteran coach.

Then, after Dewey graduated from college and was doing his student teaching at Allen Central, he asked Don Daniels, "Why don't we start a track team here at Allen Central?"

Daniels told him, "That's strange that you should mention that, because Forest Hughes approached me

just last week with the same question."

Dewey talked with Forest Hughes and the rest is, as they say, history.

"The first year at Allen Central we had about 15 kids," said Jamerson.

The program grew and grew at Allen Central. They now have their own track team. And the Allen Central track team is always competitive in the region.

"I think that track offers children an opportunity to participate, no matter what they can do. Some children can run long distance, some can only run short distance. Some children can't run at all, but these kids may have body strength and can throw the discus, or have strong legs and leaping and jumping may better for them," added Coach Jamerson.

Of the four high schools in Floyd County, Allen Central is the only one that has a track to run on. The other schools run anywhere they can.

"The new football field here at Prestonsburg is supposed to have a track and I would say that if South Floyd gets a new football field, they, too, will have a track. I think that every school should have a track for the kids to run on and just get exercise if nothing else," Coach Jamerson says.

Coach Jamerson thinks the county needs to change its attitude toward the track and field program.

"On many different occasions, with Tracy and I having four kids, people will say, 'If you had one more you would have a starting basketball team.' I always grin and say, 'I already have a co-ed relay team.' I really think we need to change people's attitude toward track.

See JAMERSON, page two

Brooks

told him that was the decision I thought he should make."

Coach George said Campbellsville was a school he felt Brooks would be able to play at.

"They wanted him and that meant a lot," he said. "It is a great academic school. Seth Crisp is going there and that helped him make a decision. I thought it was an excellent choice for him and an excellent catch for Campbellsville."

Coach George said he was not sure how the Tigers would use Brooks.

"I have talked with Coach (Haywood) Riner and they need to work on his speed a little bit," said the Betsy Layne coach. "He will be playing basically the way he did here."

Coach Riner, who is the recruiting coordinator for Campbellsville, said Brooks probably would be used as a defensive end or an outside linebacker.

"That is just my guess," he said. "Usually what happens when a kid comes in like that it depends on two things. The more speed they have, the more opportunity to be a linebacker. When they fill out and get stronger, just by their own body metabolism, then they become a defensive end."

Coach Riner, who signed Crisp at Prestonsburg, said he felt good about the recruiting of Brooks.

"We feel like we plucked another plum from out of the hills," he said. "We are just delighted about signing him. Brad is a great young

man. I think he has a lot of potential. He gets to the ball well. He moves well. He is aggressive and he will get stronger and quicker."

The Campbellsville recruiter said beside all that, Brooks had other good traits.

"He fits in with our philosophy," he said. "We try to recruit quality young men who want to fit in with our system and be part of what we are doing."

"He has that thing you cannot teach. He is 6-2 and we have worked real hard to recruit height for our defensive people and we have worked hard to recruit speed on both sides of the ball and Brad fits into that mold."

Coach Riner said he felt Brooks' best years are ahead of him.

"Kids mature but they are going to grow and get stronger and faster," said Riner. "So we are really excited about Brad."

Brooks said he would like to get some playing time as a freshman but knows also that he is making a big change. His sister Bridget, who attends Pikeville College, says it will be a change that Brad can handle.

"He is going to meet different people," she said. "He will meet new friends. It is going to be different for him. Brad is an excellent athlete and I have followed him through football, baseball and basketball. I have been there when he has fallen down and watched him play. I think Brad will like it at Campbellsville."

Brooks' mom, Pam, said she felt real comfortable with her son's decision to attend Campbellsville.

"They were just like family down there when we visited," she said. "It is a good Christian school which is great."

Pam said Brad and the family had always bled blue and he was dedicated to Betsy Layne.

"He could have gone somewhere else and made a name for himself," she said. "But there never was a time that he even considered that."

"I grew up with others around here," Brad said, "and they were good to me and there was no need of going to another system."

"I have had fun here at Betsy Layne and enjoyed every bit of it. Coach George has been good to me. He has taught me a lot of things I needed to know. I have had a lot of fun. We haven't won a lot of games but it still has been fun."

Paul Brooks said the signing with Campbellsville is something "we have worked on for the past 18 years."

"You have a son and you dream someday this would happen," he said. "I have some regrets in the way I have raised him but he has never given me reason to regret having a son. He has been a blessing from God."

Coach George said it was a gratifying moment for him as a coach to see one of his players play at the next level.

"It is just proof that it doesn't matter where you play," said Coach George. "It just matters how good you are. Brad was a good team player. He stayed with me and I stayed with him. He is the best kid I have ever coached. He is going to be a great college player."

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Brook Coleman (14) goes to first base after being walked in the game between Prestonsburg and Johnson Central. The Lady Blackcats had a big seventh inning to defeat the Lady Eagles 14-4. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Jamerson

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It is a great sport for the children and really keeps the kids in good physical shape."

Dewey says, "In the last three years, I have not had a head coaching position on a track team. But I will always be a coach. If I go to a track meet and see a child that needs some advice to improve his or her running skills, I can't help but to go to that child and give them a few pointers. That's just the coach coming out in me."

HAP signups, tryouts slated for April 8

The Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold their final tryouts and signup day on Saturday, April 8 at the Allen Park.

Players in ages 7-10 years of age are to register and tryout at noon. All players 11-12 years old should register and tryout at 4 p.m.

"This will be the last day for them to sign up," said League Director Tommy Layne.

The HAP league begins play the first week in May.

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Betsy Layne stumbles out of gate

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Softball is a game of defense as well as offense. But there is one phase of the game where there is no defense and that is bases on balls.

The old saying, "Walks will come back to haunt a pitcher," held true when Magoffin County visited the Betsy Layne Ladycats this past Thursday night at the Allen Park.

Magoffin took advantage of some very early wildness on the part of starting pitcher Kim Tackett and routed the host team, 22-10.

Betsy Layne fell to 1-1 on the season while Magoffin went to 2-0.

Tackett survived a shaky start in the first inning, getting out of a 2-1, no out situation. But Betsy Layne went down one, two, three in their half of the first, although they did take the ball well against Nikki Love.

Tackett walked six batters in the second inning when the Lady Hornets scored three times to assume a 3-0 lead.

Betsy Layne got two runs back in the bottom of the second for a 3-2 margin. Tackett opened the Betsy Layne second with a base hit and Jenny Parsons followed with a single to right center. Tabitha Mitchell walked to load the bases. With one out, Newsome lined a base hit to centerfield, scoring Tackett and Parsons. The Ladycats left two runners on base in the inning.

The pitching woes continued into the third inning for Betsy Layne. A base hit and three consecutive walks followed by a single accumulated into five runs for the Lady Hornets and an 8-2 game.

Betsy Layne got two of the runs back in the bottom of the third inning to trail 8-4 after three innings. Magoffin busted the game open with eight runs in the top of the sixth inning that resulted in a merciful 22-10 loss.

Devon Reynolds and Kim Tackett each had three hits in the game for Betsy Layne. Denise Jones collected two and Newsome had two safeties.

Tackett suffered the loss. Heather Hamilton came on in relief for Tackett in the third inning but failed to get the Lady Hornets out.

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

They will leap the hurdles, run the sprints, compete in the field events, and enjoy the relays.

But really, the Prestonsburg High School girls' track and field team will be out to defend their title in the Floyd County Conference and hopefully win a regional championship this year.

Coach John Derossett has brought track guru Dewey Jamerson onboard and big things are expected of the Lady Blackcats. The school has even gone as far as purchasing new uniforms for the updated track and field team.

"We have a lot of girls out and working hard," said Coach Derossett. "At Prestonsburg we are going to field an outstanding girls' track team."

"We finally have uniforms and with the addition of Coach Jamerson, I fully expect us to win the conference and compete for a regional title."

This will be a team that knows how to win and what will be required in order to repeat. One of the top sprint runners will be Brook Hicks, who ran the 100 and 200 last year as well as competed in the relays.

"Extremely fast. She placed first or second at almost every meet she ran in last year," said the track and field coach.

Prestonsburg explodes in 7th to defeat Johnson Central

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Ladycats of Prestonsburg traveled to Johnson Central on Thursday night to take on the Lady Eagles. The Ladycats had a big seventh inning and defeated the Lady Eagles by a score of 14-4.

Bridget Clay's Lady Blackcats racked up seven hits and committed only one error. Prestonsburg left 11 runners stranded. Amelia Conley had a double and Martha Damron had two singles for the Lady Blackcats.

For the first two innings it was a pitchers' duel. Prestonsburg had three base runners in the first two innings, two of which were walks, and Sara Goble reached base when she was hit by a pitch. But the Lady Blackcats failed to score. Johnson Central didn't have a single base runner in the first two innings.

In the third inning, after learning the pitching tactics of the Johnson Central's pitcher, Breann Daniels, Prestonsburg started to hit the ball.

Angela Howell started off the inning with a walk. Brooke Coleman also reached first base on balls. With a runner on first and second base, Amelia Conley popped the ball up in the infield. Both Howell and Coleman ran and the second baseman dropped the ball, and they advanced to second and third base.

With two outs, Stacy Goble hammered the ball to center field,

Senior Tara Ortega comes from a very athletic family and she has proven to be a competitor in her own right.

"Tara is another great athlete in the Ortega family," said Coach Derossett. "She ran last year in the relays and sprints. Coach Jamerson and I expect a lot from her this season."

Rachel Mitchell may be running in a different class or could just add a class this track season. But whatever she competes in, the effort will be 100 percent.

"Rachel will help us on relays and she has real good speed. Because of her endurance, we may try her in the 400 and 800 meter run this year," the Prestonsburg coach said.

Coach Derossett is one of those who appreciates hard work. Lindsey Stewart is one of those who does just that.

"Lindsey ran the 800 and 3,200 relays for us last year," said Derossett. "She is really working hard in practice this year. Should have a good season."

A big part of the relay team for Prestonsburg is Meredith Jarvis. Jarvis competed in the relays the past two years for the Lady Blackcats.

"She is very fast," said Coach Derossett. "She will run the 400 and 800 relays again this year, something she has done the past two years. We expect big things from

our 400 and 800 relay teams."

Bridgette Bellamy will return this year and run in both the distance races as well as the relays.

"Bridgette did a good job for us last year," said Coach Derossett.

Stephanie Dye competed in the 400-meter dash last year and will run again in the same class this year.

"She had a good year for us last year," Derossett said. "She competed in both the 400 and relays last season. Again, I expect a lot from her this year."

Last year, Prestonsburg's 800 and 3200 relay teams hardly knew defeat. One of the reasons was the presence of Courtney Reitz.

"She ran both of them last year and did a super job," said the Prestonsburg coach. "The 3,200 relay team rarely lost last year. We look for another great year from them."

Victoria Bowling will be a newcomer to Prestonsburg track this season.

"Vicky will run the distance races for us this year and she will also do some throwing for us in the field events," said Coach Derossett. "Also, Bethany Joseph is a first-year runner and she will throw this year."

Whitney Slone will compete in her first year and Coach Derossett is high on the runner.

"She has potential to help in a lot of events this season," he said.

bringing in Howell and Coleman to give the Lady Blackcats a 2-0 lead. Brittany Carey grounded-out to the pitcher to end the inning.

The Lady Eagles continued to

struggle in the third inning. R. Tackett reached second base when

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BRITTANY CAREY IS THE NEW kid on the block at Prestonsburg. Carey, from North Carolina, will play at the hot corner and do some catching. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Former Daredevil Steve Smith recalls days at NC State

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Now that the basketball season is over, former McDowell Daredevil and North Carolina State Wolfpack standout, Steve Smith (6-10), recalled the earlier days when he played for Pete Grigsby Jr. at McDowell and Norm Slone at State.

Today, Smith operates his own roofing business and contracting firm.

He moved back to Floyd County after spending a long stint in North Carolina, where he got in the contracting business.

Smith is one of the few Floyd County players who had a chance to play on a National Championship team. He played along with the great David Thompson on the NCAA championship team. Smith said it was a new experience for someone from Floyd County.

"It was a new experience for me, but when you are from Kentucky you can be 6-10 and dominate in the middle," said Smith. "But when you get to a place like North Carolina State, everyone in the front court is 6-10."

Smith had the misfortune to play behind All-American Tommy Burrellson at NC State.

"The guy I played behind was 7-4. When you say you get a lot of hardwood time, the hardwood is the bench," said Smith. "Tommy was an All-American and he went on to have a good pro career."

"I played with David Thompson during that time. He was the number one player in the world at that time," said Smith.

After his playing days at NC State, Smith ended up in Charlotte working. While there, he became a season ticket holder for the new Charlotte Hornets NBA franchise team.

"David (Thompson) came there to work at the time, working as a spokesman for the Hornets," said Smith. "He came out one time and brought out the top player of the game — Michael Jordan. Jordan came out and told the kids about what a great athlete Thompson was. They are all great people."

Smith said there were adjustments he had to make when he went from the high school level to college.

"When you go to the college level you don't have someone telling you to do this or you need to do that," said Smith. The former Daredevil said a good study habit was a must in making a successful tour through college.

"If you don't have the mindset or good study ethics when you go to college, chances are you won't have one after you get there," he said. "No one is going to be there and tell you have to go to class."

"They didn't make you get in shape. You had better had some



Steve Smith

good training habits," Smith said. "They figure, 'Hey, look, we are giving you a scholarship and if you don't care enough about it to get yourself in shape and stay in shape to play here, someone else wants to.'"

Smith praised former Coach Pete Grigsby Jr. for his conditioning program at McDowell and

"A week after the season was over, I started playing basketball again,"

Smith said

credits that program for seeing him through college.

"If there was one thing we had was a good conditioning program," said Smith. "Greg Hopkins transferred from Huntington, West Virginia (to North Carolina State) and we were the best two conditioned athletes on State's team. For two years we were the best. It took me three years to lose the conditioning I got under Pete."

While McDowell was a small institution, Smith did not look at it as such.

"It never felt like a small school to me," he said. "Because every game we played in was a packed house. It was elbow to elbow, standing room only."

Smith said he regrets the game today for the big players.

"There is not an official in the game today who thinks that a big man can block a shot without committing a foul," said Smith. "With three officials, if a big man blocks a shot, they say he had to foul."

Smith said he averaged seven blocks a game in high school for

several seasons.

"But I fouled out a lot," he said. "Same with Dan Hall at Betsy Layne. I was probably two years ahead of him and he had the same problem."

Smith said he felt the game today allows for more contact than when he played.

"I remember I would come in every night and my kidneys would be beat black and blue. Now, today they allow much more contact," said Smith.

Smith said had they allowed such "rough-house basketball" in his day, he would have been better prepared for the college game.

"They allowed such play in college," he said. "When I got there I was afraid to touch somebody."

Smith said too many teams are more focused on offense.

"We had offensive plays we ran but our main game was defense," he said. "South Floyd averaged this year what we did in 1971. But we didn't do it with an offensive oriented team. We were defensive minded and we scored a lot of our points off our defense. Defense was our game."

Smith said he lived in the gymnasium when basketball season was over.

"I played it 12 months out of the year," he said. "My dad was a coal miner (James Earl Smith). I would get up every morning and go to the gym around 10 a.m. Dad would go to work around 2:30 p.m. He would drop me a couple of sandwiches off on his way to work. He would come in from work about midnight or 1:30 a.m. and pick me up at the gym. I would have been at the gym all that time."

Dedication was the key to the success and an education that Smith secured from wanting to improve in his game.

"A week after the season was over, I started playing basketball again," he said.

Prestonsburg

she hit the ball to center field, but on a throw from Angela Howell to Amelia Conley, Tackett was thrown out when she attempted to steal second base. Stacy Goble fanned the next batter to get out of the inning.

The Lady Blackcats got the bats going again in the fourth inning. Sara Goble led the inning off with a walk. Megan Hyden reached base on an error by the third baseman. Whitney Parsons singled to load the bases for Prestonsburg.

Angela Howell struck out for the first out of the inning. Martha Damron then sailed one to center field and Goble and Hyden both scored. This left two runners on base for the Blackcats.

Whitney Parsons tried to steal home while Brooke Coleman was at bat, but was thrown out for the second out of the inning.

Martha Damron and Brooke Coleman both stole home to give Prestonsburg four runs in the fourth inning and give them a 6-0 lead over Johnson Central.

In the bottom half of the fourth inning for Johnson Central, the first two batters reached base on back-to-back walks by Stacy Goble. The next two batters popped the ball up in the infield and the fifth hit the ball to shortstop and the runner was thrown out at second to end the inning for the Lady Eagles.

In the fifth inning, Sara Goble struck out for the first out. Then Johnson Central turned a double play when, Megan Hyden, who was on first base after a single, was caught between first and second base, after the second baseman caught a pop-up by Whitney Parsons.

Hyden was thrown out at first to end the inning with no runs for the Lady Blackcats.

In Johnson Central's half of the inning, they finally got the bats going. The first batter, M. Hall, reached on balls and stole second base. Hall then scored when K.



Sara Goble (21) makes it back safely to first base in the game on Thursday evening in the game between Prestonsburg and Johnson Central. Prestonsburg won their second game of the week when they defeated the Lady Eagles by a score of 14-4. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Taylor hit a ball to center field. R. Tackett flew out to right field for the first out of the inning. C. Colvin reached base on a walk and scored after she stole second and third base. Colvin scored when the pitcher and catcher both went after the ball and missed. Johnson Central scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut the lead in half, 6-3.

Prestonsburg scored another run in the top half of the sixth, when Angela Howell walked to lead off the inning. Amelia Conley brought Howell home when she hit one to center field. This gave Prestonsburg the only run of the inning, but increased their lead to 7-3 going into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Johnson Central scored one run in the sixth inning when M. Hall walked for the second straight time

and scored to give the Lady Eagles one run in the sixth as they went into the last inning trailing the Lady Blackcats by a score of 7-4.

In the final inning, the pitching couldn't hold up for Johnson Central. Hall walked four batters in the seventh inning, allowing four hits and eight runs.

Johnson Central managed to get one runner on in the seventh, but failed to score and the Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg came away with their second straight win of the week.

The Lady Blackcats are now 2-0 for the season and played on Paintsville on Friday night. Their next game won't be until next Friday when they will participate in the Land-Between-the-Lakes Tournament at Paintsville.

Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

The player is down on the field. Pain contorts his features. Bending over him are the team trainer and doctor, gingerly manipulating an injured limb. They ask questions and the answers come hissing through gritted teeth.

Agony and the pro mentality. Remembrances from the past.

Jim Patton, New York Giants defensive back, sits on the bench. His helmet lies upended on the ground nearby. The team physician speaks to him in a hushed tone of voice.

Doctor: "Where are you, Jimmy?"
Patton (belatedly): "St. Louis"
Doctor: "What are you doing here?"
Patton (belatedly): "Sitting."
Doctor: "And what else?"
Patton (belatedly): "Watching a football game. Shouldn't I be in there?"
Doctor: "See my finger?"
Patton: "Uh-huh."

Doctor: "Follow it with your eyes... All right, now close your eyes and touch your nose."

Patton's wavering finger misses the mark.

Doctor (to the team trainer): "His pupils are unequal in size. Indicates internal bleeding. Get an ambulance out here. And hurry!"

It was Patton's fourth severe concussion. He would suffer another before finally retiring after 12 seasons in the weekend wars.

Willie Lanier (middle linebacker, Kansas City Chiefs): "I attacked somebody head first and I took the punishment. I was out cold on the field and didn't wake up for 45 minutes. I had double vision and spent a week in the Mayo Clinic being tested and a lot longer than that worrying if I'd ever be right again."

Matt Snell (running back, New York Jets): "I separated my ribs four times. The doctor was reluctant to give me a shot in any moving joint because of my previous injuries. But the rib was slipping a little bit and I knew I couldn't go without the shot. He gave it to me and I went, I could stand the hits."

Tommy Nobis (middle linebacker, Atlanta Falcons): "You've got to be able to play with injuries. Every time you get hit, you know there's going to be pain. It's like an electric shock. But you learn to take it. You know you're going to have it, but you also know it's not forever."

Joe Namath (quarterback, New York Jets): "Going up and down stairs was a problem for me once the season was underway. Even walking bothered me. But it's something you accepted. You see I loved the game. Basically, it was my whole life. So I ended up playing again. I realized how much football meant to me."

Buck Buchanan (defensive tackle, Kansas City Chiefs): "The toughest guy I ever knew was Shel Hendrick, a middle linebacker with the Chiefs. One time his thumb was almost torn off. He ran over to the bench and said, 'Hey straighten this (bleep) out and tape it so I can get back in this game.' Another time he had an operation on his rectum in the middle of the week and then played that weekend. He was a real wild man."

Andy Russell (outside linebacker, Pittsburgh Steelers): "The fear football players have is not the fear of pain, but the fear that an injury will keep them from doing their job. In football, your career can be wiped out in one second. If you can't do your job, you're through. That's real fear."

Dick Butkus (middle linebacker, Chicago Bears): "For two years I couldn't practice because my knees were so bad. It took me a week just to get to the point I could play the next game. But I'll tell you this. After that first contact I didn't feel anything. I was on adrenaline overdrive."

Randy Johnson (quarterback, New York Giants): "The older player, a tough gritty guy with high pain tolerance, will get down on a younger player who's hurt and won't play. The older guy will call the kid a (bleep). I guess it all depends on how much the game means to you."

Larry Wilson (safety, St. Louis Cardinals): "Once, as a rookie, I got hurt and went to see the trainer. He gave me a Band-Aid and said, 'Shake it off, kid. You're in the pros now.' I got the message."

Johnny Robinson (safety, Kansas City Chiefs): "When it came time to play football I was out there, injury, pain, whatever. That's what they paid me to do. I was a pro."

Old adage: When the going gets tough, that's when the tough get going.

Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

Pikeville allum in Final Four

It was a hot afternoon last summer, the way they all seemed to be, blazing, inches-from-the-sun hot, when I was talking with Donnie Jones.

Donnie and I were classmates at Pikeville College during his senior year, and have maintained contact ever since, through his days as an assistant at our alma mater, and his period at Marshall, and now his time at Florida. And that afternoon as we stood in the gymnasium of the Pikeville Area YMCA, Donnie Jones had this to say:

"We want to win a national championship. We're headed in the right direction."

Saturday evening, Donnie Jones and the Florida Gators will try to take one more giant leap toward their goal of a national title: They will meet the University of North Carolina in the national semifinals.

I reminded Jones of that when we talked this week, and said I had to wonder if even he thought it could happen this soon. "Well, I thought we had a chance," he said. "We have a lot of young players, and they had to grow up. In that situation, you never know what you'll get."

"But as the season went on, we did grow up against some great opposition, and wound up tied for the SEC title. We stayed in the top 10 most of the season until right at the end."

Jones said many in Gator Country

were surprised when the team was given a fifth seed in the NCAA tournament.

"We were kind of disappointed after being in the top 10 most of the year, that we would have one bad game against Auburn in the SEC tournament," he said. "We thought we'd be at worst a four."

One thing that isn't a surprise is the success of Donnie Jones.

He knew early he wanted to be a coach, so when he graduated from Pikeville in 1988, the Point Pleasant, W.Va., native took a job in admissions at the school simply for the promise he would be allowed to assist with the basketball team "when his schedule allowed."

Monday, he referred to that as something he did "to keep the dream alive."

After two seasons here, he left for his native West Virginia to be a graduate assistant at Marshall, and after two seasons of that, was hired as an assistant on the MU staff. He stayed through a coaching change, working a summer in limbo not knowing if the new coach, former Kentucky assistant Billy Donovan, would retain him or not.

But the work ethic impressed Donovan, who not only kept Jones at Marshall, but also took him to Florida in 1996.

No one who has come into contact with Jones is surprised at all in his success.

"I really like Donnie, and we've main-

tained contact since I was at Pikeville," said former Pikeville Coach Marc Comstock, who is now the head coach at Emporia State (Kan.) University. "Donnie is as loyal as anybody you could ever be around, and I'm sure that's one of the things Coach Donovan saw in him."

"His next move will probably be to move up there at Florida, if John (Pelphrey) moves on, but he's paying his dues right now and someday will be the head coach at a major university with the course he's on."

Jones played his four seasons at Pikeville under current Marshall head coach Greg White.

"Donnie is one of the finest young guys I've ever had the opportunity to coach or be around. He's like a brother to me," said White. "He was my point guard when I started my coaching career here at Pikeville, and even then, he was a fantastic leader."

"It doesn't surprise me at all that he's having this success. He's a good-hearted guy, as anyone who's been around him knows. He's a real people person. And now, he's one of the bright young assistant coaches in the country."

Wow. That's some heavy praise from two fine associates. It would make a person think if they liked him that much, maybe his former teammates would be a little jealous.

Not a chance.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Jones, Horton Share Spotlight

When the scales stopped spinning at the Big Kmart BASSMASTER MegaBucks tournament on Sunday, two winners emerged from one of professional fishing's biggest events.

Texan Alton Jones won the MegaBucks competition in record fashion. But he had to share some of the spotlight with BASSMASTER Top 150 rookie Tim Horton of Alabama, who clinched the coveted BASS Angler of the Year title with a fifth-place finish in this, the next-to-last event of the season.

Jones, 37, finished off the other nine finalists with a MegaBucks record five-bass catch of 24 pounds, 3 ounces Sunday. His two-day winning weight, just 1 ounce shy of 44 pounds, destroyed the record set by Larry Nixon (31 pounds, 7 ounces) in 1990. Jones' winning margin was more than 10 pounds over fellow Texan Mark Pack (33-11). It was Jones' third BASS victory, good for \$100,000 in cash and merchandise.

Like most of the finalists, Jones targeted bedding bass that were moving up to the shallow buck brush. His winning lures were a Lake Fork Tackle Trophy Tube and a Bomber Fat Free Shad Guppy crankbait, both on 20-pound SpiderWire SuperMono.

California's Aaron Martens was third (33-6), followed by Rob Kilby of Arkansas (31-14) and Horton (31-8).

Horton won the biggest prize of all — the Angler of the Year title. With one Top 150 tournament remaining, Horton, 27, whose worst finish this season was a 38th place, has a 42-point lead over Californian Skeet Reese. Under BASS rules, the pros can throw out one tournament, so Horton's finish in the Alabama Top 150 event on Lake Wheeler, Ala., May 7-9 is irrelevant.

Congratulations to a super young man and the leader of a new breed of pros who are going to take this sport to another level.

Riches for Walleye Following the success of last year's multimillion-dollar M1 Millennium bass tournament for Ranger boat owners — which garnered live national television coverage — comes a similar event for walleye fishermen. The RCL Walleye Championship, set for Oct. 3-7 in Green Bay, Wis., will be the richest event in walleye history, with a \$1.4 million purse, including a top prize worth as much as \$400,000.

Original owners of Ranger boats can qualify for the RCL tournament through participating tournament organizations. The field will consist of 400 anglers from 34 tournament circuits across America.

Worthwhile Web Site Operation Bass recently revamped its Web site (www.operationbass.com) to create a worthwhile stop for fishing fans.

The Operation Bass Web site still has comprehensive coverage of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, the EverStart Series and the Red Man Tournament Trail — complete with tournament results, tour standings and news. New to the site is the Bass Fishing electronic magazine, which includes stories about celebrity anglers, fishing tips, and insight into the professional tournament trail. A new search function allows visitors to find stories and information about specific anglers, equipment and events.

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	41	Denny Brauer, Camden, Mo. <i>Runner-up in '99 Classic, Fla. Top 150 finals</i>
2	2	41	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	41	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener, made Md. finals</i>
4	4	41	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year</i>
5	5	24	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Nest Angler of Year; made four Top 150 finals</i>
6	6	41	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in Vt. BASS Top 150</i>
7	7	24	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i>
8	8	41	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals</i>
9	9	11	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. <i>Won Vt. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150</i>
10	10	5	Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. <i>Won two Top 150 tournaments in a row</i>
11	11	38	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of Vt. BASS Top 150</i>
12	12	38	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW S.C. Event; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
13	13	21	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i>
14	14	31	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i>
15	15	19	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. <i>Calif. BASS winner; made Ga. Top 150 finals</i>

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

Tips From the Pros



RICKY JOE BISHOP is a top game caller and hunter. The Realtree Camouflage pro is a two-time national champion turkey caller who lives in Georgia.

It's Time to Practice Turkey Calls

"With turkey season opening in March and April throughout the country, most turkey hunters are practicing their calling techniques. If a turkey hunter could competently perform just two of the basic turkey calls — the yelp and the cluck — he could hunt turkeys effectively anywhere. In fact, many of the more advanced calls are based on these two basic sounds.

"The assembly call is a long series of yelps, and it is not hard to master. It is a good call to use in the mid-morning to locate a gobbler. The cackle is a rapid series of yelps. And cutting is loud, staccato clucking. They indicate high excitement and can really get a gobbler fired up. Both take a bit of time and practice to get right, but they can pay big dividends.

"The purr is a low, trembly, quavering sound. It is a confidence call that is useful when a gobbler is in close. The so-called 'fighting purr' is much louder and more aggressive. It is used more like cackling or cutting to increase aggression and stir up a gobbler."

A weekly guide to sports in the wild, including the professional bass fishing tour

Outdoors

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Fishing the Big



By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Sprawling over 730 square miles of southern Florida, massive Lake Okeechobee has long been a bass-fishing mecca where dreams come true. But in recent years, the Big O's reputation has been tarnished by negative publicity over the two big P's — politics and pollution.

Fortunately, nature stepped in where the bureaucrats feared to tread in 1991, slapping the lake with a record drought and then refilling it with near-record rainfall. That natural combination (a wet/dry cycle that once occurred frequently) has breathed new life into the lake.

The Big O is among the best lakes in the country when it comes to combining large catches of bass with the chance to wrestle with 7- to 10-pound bass each time out. That is especially true in the winter and spring, when Lake Okeechobee's mild temperatures and big bedding bass provide an appreciated respite from the chilly climes farther north.

Although its sheer size can be intimidating, visitors to this shallow, weed-laden lake can zero in on its largest bass without too much difficulty from December through March, according to Steve Daniel, a top tournament pro and guide out of Clewiston.

It starts with pinpointing the shallow spawning flats — open areas with clear water in protected bays that will hold incredible numbers of active bass for several months. Daniel suggests targeting the South Bay, Horse Island, Bird Island, East Wall and West Wall areas of the lake, which traditionally load up with spawning fish in the winter. These bays are simple to locate and easy to navigate.

The best strategy is to work holes in the vegetation, especially beds of the jointed grass known as Kissimmee grass. Work from the edges of the grass inward, while staying in 2 to 4 feet of water. On calm days, Daniel scores consistently on a noisy topwater plug, and he also casts a plastic worm into holes in the vegetation and around patches of cattails. With windy conditions, he switches to a white spinnerbait, or flips and pitches a worm or crawfish imitation. A black-grape Gambler Crawdad with green glitter is a Lake Okeechobee standard in the winter.

Winter can bring some unpredictable weather to the big lake. But visitors can escape its high winds by moving to the rim canal, a deep ditch that resulted from the creation of the levee that surrounds Lake Okeechobee. The rim canal offers plenty of protection from the elements and harbors a largely unmolested population of bass.

The wild golden shiner is undisputedly the finest bass bait known to man, and an angler's best guarantee for enticing a trophy-class largemouth. Shiner fishing for Big O bass has long been a drawing card for fishermen from around the world.

Shiners add more visual drama to the game as well. Watching a shiner's frantic life-and-death dance with a pursuing largemouth is one of the sport's greatest fringe benefits.

But be prepared to fork out a few bucks to experience it — the wintertime price for a dozen shiners ranges from \$10 to \$36, depending on their availability.

With shiners, Daniel and other guides don't usually concentrate on the most shallow interior vegetation. Instead, they position their live-bait offering around the outside edge of well-defined lines of Kissimmee grass or clumps of cattails.

It is not necessary to hire a guide to experience the best that Lake Okeechobee has to offer. And the budget-minded angler will find an abundance of affordable accommodations and restaurants around the lake. Campers and RV owners have a wide variety of choices, including the impressive new KOA Lake Okeechobee Resort (the largest KOA in North America), located in the town of Okeechobee.



MORE ON OKEECHOBEE

For fishing information, contact the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, 551 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415; telephone (407) 640-6100. For information on accommodations, contact the Florida Division of Tourism, 126 W. Van Buren, Tallahassee, FL 32399; telephone (904) 487-1462.

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YOUR SPORTS

Nordic Skiing Quietly Gains Enthusiasts

By DAVID R. WASSERSTROM

Proponents champion it as the perfect sport — a low-cost, low-impact, high-energy dash through the great outdoors that burns away stress and calories in nearly equal amounts. It's cross-country skiing, a.k.a. Nordic skiing, older and less celebrated than its downhill sibling, but no less a passion for enthusiasts here and abroad.

Chances are, you're not one of them. Why? Perhaps gravity is to blame. As they say, what goes up must come down, and what's already down doesn't need to go anywhere. So, while our friends at Aspen Mountain simply allow the force of gravity to drive them forward, Nordic skiers must call upon harder methods of self-propulsion — i.e., muscular exertion — to move about. The implications of this distinction have in many respects made downhill skiing the runaway leader in a 50-plus-year race to win the hearts and pocketbooks of swooshers worldwide.

But all that may be changing. "Cross-country attracts everyone, from children through adults and into the senior ranks. I think more people are beginning to recognize that now," says Jean Isaksen, president of the Cleveland-based Ohio Nordic Ski Club. "I know a lot of retirees who have taken it up. There's even a 79-year-old woman who I see doing it almost every day during the winter months here."

History has proved that no one is ever too old or young to cross-country ski. In fact, the father of the modern movement in North America, one Norwegian-born Hermann "Jackrabbit" Smith-Johanssen, was known to have laced up the boards well beyond his 100th birthday. And while his brethren throughout Scandinavia have made Nordic skiing an integral means of transport since prehistoric times, the sport is enjoyed today by families with toddlers, senior citizens and competitive racers.

In all, 4 million Nordic skiers take to the snow each year in the United States. Of those, 52 percent are women, and 45 percent of the skiers are between the ages of 35 and 54. Fresh air and camaraderie aside, few physical activities can rival its cardiovascular and muscular benefits. Skiing at a moderate pace, a 170-pounder can burn nearly 800 calories per hour, resulting in improved circulation, lower blood pressure and toning for every major muscle group. In contrast, that same person jogging at a similar speed burns almost 100 fewer calories.

Besides the physical benefits, Nordic skiing's most tangible selling points may be affordability and accessibility. Today's equipment boasts dramatic design and performance improvements over equipment sold only recently, and veterans like Isaksen estimate a good starter package of skis, boots, poles and bindings at between \$200 and \$250. Currently, there are more than 500 designated Nordic ski areas in the U.S. and Canada with groomed trails, at which all-day passes average about \$11.

As with most new endeavors, beginners are wise to invest in a lesson. A typical 90-minute session averages about \$15, and many Nordic ski areas offer packages that include rental equipment, a one- to two-hour lesson, and a trail pass for between \$25 and \$35.

Once Nordic fundamentals are understood and practiced, skiers can use the traditional "diagonal stride" technique on groomed runs, or opt for the newer, more strenuous "skating" method, a favorite of racers that generates greater speed but demands significantly more effort and expertise. Those still needing the proverbial "carrot on a stick" as an incentive to hit the trails may want to consider the growing trend of "inn-to-inn" skiing, an activity in which the ends — i.e., a warm fireplace and gourmet meals — could likely justify the means.

David Wasserstrom is a writer in University Heights, Ohio.



PHOTO COURTESY OHIO NORDIC SKI CLUB
Nordic skiers compete in a 10K race in January in Kirtland, Ohio.

GEAR AND GOODIES

Shakespeare Packs Value Into Medalist Series

In recent years, the price tag for both baitcast and spinning reels has skyrocketed past the \$300 mark in some cases. And that, sadly, has eliminated some anglers who simply can't afford those top-of-the-line reels.

Fortunately, Shakespeare Tackle, in business for more than 100 years, is doing something to reverse that trend. Shakespeare recently introduced a first-class baitcast reel that is affordable for anglers of all budgets.

Its Medalist series includes finely machined, durable baitcasting reels for every fishing situation. All have a one-piece, solid aluminum frame and side-plate construction, and feature a machined aluminum spool with an

anodized gold finish, as well as a titanium line guide.

Other Medalist features include Uni-Lok one-way clutch-bearing anti-reverse, a smooth star drag system, six stainless-steel bearings, and an adjustable centrifugal and mechanical brake system.

And all for less than \$100.

The Medalist lineup includes five models, ranging from light freshwater to medium saltwater reels. A personal favorite is model 5600G, a medium-

heavy freshwater bass outfit that has served me well for several months.

— Tim Tucker

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2000 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Bobby Labonte, 944	Matt Kenseth, 910	Mike Wallace, 673
2. Ward Burton, 903	Todd Bodine, 848	Andy Houston, 659
3. Mark Martin, 900	Randy LaJoie, 826	Kurt Busch, 643
4. Dale Jarrett, 826	Jeff Green, 821	Greg Biffle, 587
5. Dale Earnhardt, 813	Ron Hornaday, 750	Joe Ruttman, 581
6. Rusty Wallace, 775	David Green, 747	Steve Grissom, 580
7. Ricky Rudd, 768	Mark Martin, 725	Jack Sprague, 574
8. Jeff Burton, 759	Hank Parker Jr., 696	Terry Cook, 574
9. Terry Labonte, 731	Kevin Grubb, 690	Dennis Setzer, 506
10. Jeff Gordon, 721	Phil Parsons, 685	Rick Crawford, 479

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (1) Bobby Labonte	Good week at a tough place
2. (7) Ward Burton	Near the front every week
3. (2) Dale Jarrett	Bad luck at Bristol
4. (3) Dale Earnhardt	Hit a wreck while leading
5. (9) Rusty Wallace	Career victory No. 50
6. (4) Jeff Burton	Should be strong in Texas
7. (5) Mark Martin	Needs a breakout win
8. (6) Tony Stewart	Don't worry, he'll be back
9. — Jeff Gordon	Led 225 laps at Bristol
10. — Johnny Benson	Comeback driver of year?

2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
April 2	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 9	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 16	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.

FROM LAST WEEK

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Rusty Wallace won for the eighth time at Bristol Motor Speedway, his favorite track. Wallace won his 50th race and equaled the likes of Ned Jarrett and Junior Johnson for eighth place on NASCAR's all-time list. Johnny Benson drove from 33rd starting position to finish second, followed by Ward Burton, Jeremy Mayfield and Terry Labonte.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Sterling Marlin makes a pretty effective pinch-hitter. Ex-open-wheel racer Dave Steele has struggled in his first year driving Felix Sabates' Busch Grand National Chevrolet. In the first practice leading up to Saturday's Cheez-It 250, Steele, in Marlin's words, "got in the fence."

So ...

"They came and got me to drive it in the race," said Marlin, who qualified the light-blue Chevy 18th and went on to win the Cheez-It 250.

"I knew it was a good car, and I got it qualified good, and it was strong in the last practice," Marlin said. "I knew we had a good shot at winning the race. I knew you had to be patient and dodge the bullets, and I knew, once I got it to the front, I'd probably be OK."

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Mike Wallace became the second member of his family to win in one day, winning the truck race at Mesa Marin Raceway several hours after older brother Rusty won the Winston Cup race at Bristol.

Mike Wallace also took the point lead away from Andy Houston, driving a Ford to victory over rookie Kurt Busch.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jeff Gordon vs. Steve Park's pit crew

According to Gordon, the Park crew was leaving the replaced right-rear tire out on pit road during virtually every stop, and when Gordon finally ran into it as he exited the pits, it probably cost him a victory at Bristol, where he led 225 laps but had to settle for eighth place.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Gordon is not the only driver who believes other pit crews are leaving tires on pit road as a strategic move to prevent other cars from beating them out of the pits. The ultimate responsibility for policing pit road, however, lies with NASCAR."

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: DirecTV 500
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Justin (1.5-mile track)
When: Sunday, April 2
Defending champion: Terry Labonte
Format: 334 laps/501 miles
Qualifying record: Kenny Irwin, Ford, 190.154 mph, March 26, 1999
Race record: Terry Labonte,

Chevrolet, 144.276 mph, March 28, 1999
Notable: Roush Ford drivers won the first two Texas events, with Jeff Burton winning in 1997 and Mark Martin in 1998. ... Terry Labonte's brother, Bobby, finished third behind Terry and Dale Jarrett last year.

Coming up: Albertson's 300
Where: Texas Motor Speedway, Justin (1.5-mile track)
When: Saturday, April 1
Defending champion: Mark Martin
Format: 200 laps/300 miles
Qualifying record: Dave Blaney, Pontiac, 183.082 mph, March 25, 1999
Race record: Mark Martin,

Ford, 127.417 mph, March 27, 1999
Notable: Mark Martin has won two of the three previous events here, with Dale Earnhardt Jr. scoring in 1998. ... Jeff Burton finished second to teammate Martin last year. ... Jeff Green's third-place finish last year was the best by a Busch regular last year.

PROFILE

Tony Stewart



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Tony Stewart, right, chats with his crew.

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Tony Stewart, coming off the best rookie season in NASCAR history, hopes to contend for the Winston Cup championship this year. Stewart has posted top-five finishes in three of the season's first six events, but a next-to-last (42nd) finish at Bristol dropped him to 12th in the season point standings.

At Richmond last September, Stewart won for the first time and became the first rookie winner in 12 years. He followed up with two more victories at Phoenix and Homestead near the end of the season.

Stewart also is a former champion of the Indy Racing League and once started on the pole for the Indianapolis 500. He became the first driver ever to complete the Indy 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte on the same day in 1999, but he will not attempt to complete that doubleheader again this year, preferring instead to concentrate on his NASCAR efforts.

Hometown: Grew up in Columbus and Rushville, Ind.

Age: Turns 29 on May 20

Car: No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac Grand Prix, owned by Joe Gibbs

Career Statistics: 40 starts, 3 wins, 15 top-five finishes, 23 top-10 finishes, 2 poles,

almost \$4 million in career earnings

Firsts: Start (Feb. 14, 1999, at Daytona), pole (April 18, 1999, at Martinsville), win (Sept. 11, 1999, at Richmond)

What was the key to your rookie success?
 "The most important aspect was that I was very, very fortunate to have a chance to drive for a car owner like Joe Gibbs and have a crew chief like Greg Zipadelli and a teammate like Bobby Labonte. When I look back on the 1999 season, I really think I was the weakest point and that my team was what really made the season successful."

How were you able to handle the attention that surrounded your first season in NASCAR? "I had a lot of help there, too. I think the most important thing is to be true to yourself, make decisions that you think are the right ones, and not dwell on things you can't control. I think it's important to be yourself, and if people don't like that, there's nothing you can do about it. People have every right to think what they want, so there's no use losing sleep over it."

Why did you make the move to NASCAR?

"I think the biggest thing was that racing in the Winston Cup Series is a full-time job. The season is 34 races long, and that appealed to me because I love driving race cars, and where I had been (in the IRL), the season was just 11 races."

Who's Hot... Who's Not

HOT: Bobby Labonte managed to extend his point lead from nine to 41 points, despite a history of difficulties at Bristol.

HOT: Labonte's teammate, Tony Stewart, had the worst finish, 42nd, of his career, and lost six positions in the point race.

Trackside Trivia

- 1) What short track gave Bill Elliott the majority of his early success?
- 2) What NASCAR champion had been a three-time national champion in motorcycle racing?
- 3) What three-time Winston Cup champion has twice survived being struck by lightning?

1) Dixie Speedway in Woodstock, Ga.
 2) Joe Weatherly
 3) Cale Yarborough

ANSWERS

AROUND THE GARAGE

Fourth-generation Petty will try to follow in famous footsteps

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Adam Petty will attempt to become the first fourth-generation Winston Cup driver on April 2. He will attempt to make the starting field at Texas Motor Speedway.

The youngest race-driving Petty will not turn 20 until July 10. He follows in the footsteps of father Kyle, grandfather Richard and great-grandfather Lee.

INDUSTRIALIST OF THE YEAR: The Sports Business Daily has named NASCAR senior vice president Brian France its Sports Industrialist of the Year. The 37-year-old son of NASCAR president William C. France led the consolidation of television rights and, according to the publication's editor-in-chief, Abraham Madkour, "led a skillful team of executives to grow NASCAR into a thriving, \$2-billion-a-year business."

TAR HEEL BORN: Dale Jarrett was buoyant March 25 following North Carolina's victory over Ten-

nessee in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. The Tar Heels went on to advance into the Final Four with a Sunday victory over Tulsa.

Jarrett's older brother Glenn attended UNC.

"It's just their program and the way Dean Smith developed those guys on and off the court," said Jarrett, describing how he became a Tar Heel fan. "I don't go to see many games, but I just enjoy watching them play and the way they conduct themselves on the floor."

LONGEST STORY SINCE O.J.: After three years, the Sonoma County (Calif.) Board of Supervisors gave unanimous preliminary approval (the words of the press release) to the Sears Point Raceway master plan for modernization.

Vote on the alleged "final resolution" is scheduled for April 25.

It will come as no surprise to those who follow Speedway Motorsports Inc., the company that owns the road course, that construction of a Legends-car track is part of the modernization plan.

A FIRST FOR FOYT: A.J. Foyt has been present at every Indianapolis 500 since 1958 and raced at many of the world's more famous motorsports venues, but until Friday he had never been on the grounds of Bristol Motor Speedway.

"It makes an impression, that's for sure," said Foyt, referring to the track's yawning grandstands, which pack in 147,000 fans around a .533-mile track.

ONE IN, TWO OUT: Ward Burton's Darlington victory resulted in his addition to The Winston starting field and eliminated two drivers, Geoffrey Bodine and Sterling Marlin, who will now have to participate in the Winston Open.

HE'S LOST HIS MIND: A Mount Pleasant, N.C., native will attempt to set a Guinness Book of World Records mark for miles ridden on a bicycle in a 12-hour period.

Chris Harkey, 28, will try to surpass 266.5 miles, the existing record, by lapping Lowe's Motor Speedway on April 5.

A BROTHER IN THE A.S.A.: Pau Dallenbach, the 32-year-old brother of Winston Cup regular Wally, competes in the American Speed Association's opening race at USA International Speedway in Lakeland, Fla.

The ASA rookie has a background in Indy Lights and Toyota Atlantic road racing, but he has also been employed as a stunt driver in a number of movie chase scenes and commercials.

HAMMOND NAILED: Jeff Hammond, Chad Little's crew chief received a \$7,500 fine from NASCAR for violations uncovered before the start of last week's at Darlington.

What Hammond apparently tried to do was slip the No. 97 Ford through inspection with a water bottle in the cockpit that was made of lead. A normal water bottle, considerably lighter would have been placed in the holder afterward.

Of course, all NASCAR would officially confirm was that Hammond's violation had come under two sections of a rule book it does not distribute.

CREW OF THE WEEK

Rusty Wallace's crew had some problems early in the season, but Robin Pemberton led his team to a faultless performance in Wallace's first victory of the year, at the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I can't help wondering why Dale Jarrett wasn't penalized in the Daytona 500 for knocking Johnny Benson out of the race by hitting him in the rear.

W.E. Strohl
 Perryville, Pa.

This matter comes up quite often, so here goes. In general, when one car nudges another one, thus "moving the other car up a groove" as a means of getting past, it is considered an act of skill. Slamming into another car from behind, and as a result, causing the car in front to crash, is considered an act of unreasonable aggression.

Are these judgment calls? In many instances, yes.

It would be impossible to write a rule that would take all the possible issues into account. Should the rules be different on the last lap or late in the race? Was the act intentional? Has the driver in question used such tactics before?

In other words, it is always a tough call, but very few observers would call the tap from Jarrett to the rear of Benson's car excessive. In fact, not even Johnny Benson would make that charge.



Dear NASCAR This Week,

As expected, CBS destroyed the Daytona 500. Please give us an exact count of how many "green-flag laps" were lost to commercials. What a shame.

Doug Stewart
 North Providence, R.I.

We could find no one who could or would provide such information.

Fan Tips

RaceWarrior, a weekly action-adventure comic book, made its debut on March 1, with a new edition for 38 weeks. Like an ensemble cast in a television series, characters named Zax Hammer, Ty Rod, Augusta Wind and Speedy Pittman will flow in and out of a story line that introduces 26 characters in the first year of the series. Sponsored by 7UP, the comic book will be distributed through grocery stores, CVS drugstores, and retailers such as Super Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Ned Jarrett became involved in racing when he won half ownership of a race car in a poker game. In his first start behind the wheel, Jarrett finished 10th in a Limited Sportsman race at Hickory (N.C.) Speedway. Jarrett went on to win NASCAR championships in 1961 and 1965. Later he became a successful broadcaster.



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
3. Mike Awesome, ECW
4. The Rock, WWF
5. Chris Jericho, WWF
6. Chris Benoit, WWF
7. Super Crazy, ECW
8. New Jack, ECW
9. The Big Show, WWF
10. Mae Young, WWF



RIKISHI PHATU



NEW JACK

Look for: Rikishi Phatu to feud with The Big Show.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WWF, *Wrestlemania 2000*, Anaheim, Calif., April 2
- WCW, *Spring Stampede*, Chicago, April 16
- WWF, *Backlash*, Washington, D.C., April 30

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at *The Squared Circle*, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

Dear Squared Circle, Is Midnight still with WCW, and what is her real name?
— Calvin Russell
Vicksburg, Miss.

A. She's been let go, and her real name is Ann Marie Crooks.

Dear Squared Circle, I'm a devoted WWF superfan and would like the mailing address to its headquarters so that I can write to the stars.
— David Spencer Jr.
Mansfield, Ohio

A. The World Wrestling Federation is located at 1241 E. Main St., Stamford, CT 06902.

Dear Squared Circle, My top 10:
1. Rey Mysterio Jr.
2. Buff Bagwell
3. Scott Steiner
4. Goldberg
5. Jeff Jarrett
6. Rick Steiner
7. Madusa
8. Konnan
9. Johnny The Bull
10. Ric Flair
— Evan Guy
Raeford, N.C.

Dear Squared Circle, Does Sting have a fan club? He's my favorite wrestler and a good actor in his movie "Shutterspeed." I have always loved watching him wrestle.
— Ella Meadors
Williamsburg, Ky.

A. Contact WCW headquarters in Smyrna, Ga. at 2865 Log Cabin Drive S.E., Smyrna, GA 30080 regarding Sting.

Dear Squared Circle, Are The Undertaker and Kane really half-brothers, and is Kane burned?
— Chance Owens
Tifton, Ga.

A. No. Mark Calloway and Glenn Jacobs are not related. Kane is not burned. It's just a WWF storyline.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Balls Mahoney vs. Vic Grimes, ECW

CATCH PHRASES

"Hey, you."
— George The Animal Steele

REAL NAMES

Typhoon
Fred Ottman
6-7, 384
Hometown: Tampa, Fla.
Birthday: Aug. 10, 1956
Pro debut: 1984



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hulk Hogan and The Ultimate Warrior test their strength at *Wrestlemania VI*.

IT'S TIME FOR WRESTLEMANIA

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

Every sport has its showcase event. On April 2 the WWF puts on its version of the Super Bowl, the World Series and the Stanley Cup finals.

It's called *Wrestlemania*, it's the single biggest spectacle in sports entertainment — and it turns 16 this week. For most people, turning 16 evokes memories of getting that driver's license or going out on that first date.

But this version of a Sweet 16 party will be unlike any other. Vince McMahon and company have a party in store for wrestling fans that is without equal.

Forget the cake and ice cream and party favors. They've got The Rock, Triple H, The Big Show and Mick Foley in a fatal four-way match.

You can bet there will be plenty of fanfare. In fact, a three-day fan fest called *Access* is being held so that fans going to Anaheim can meet and greet some of the industry's biggest stars.

The weekend is a gala celebration. But it didn't start out that way.

On March 31, 1985, Madison Square Garden hosted the first *Wrestlemania* and it was a virtual Who's Who of top stars of that era. Hulk Hogan, Andre the Giant, Ricky Steamboat and Paul Orndorff headlined the card.

The first match pitted Tito Santana against The Executioner. Mr. T was there, along with singer Cindy Lauper. More than a million fans watched it via closed-circuit television.

It was the beginning of what soon became sports entertainment's single most important event.

Two years later *Wrestlemania* entered mainstream America thanks to Hogan, Andre and 93,173 fans at the Pontiac Silverdome in suburban Detroit.

Although Hogan's body slamming of Andre and the "passing of the torch" to the blond California native are generally regarded as milestones in the business, this wasn't the best match that night.

Macho Man Randy Savage and Steamboat battled for the Intercontinental title in a match filled with fast-paced action and numerous near-falls. Steamboat beat Savage and took the IC belt, ending Savage's year-long title reign.

Also competing were Adrian Adonis, Rowdy Roddy Piper, King Kong Bundy, Hillbilly Jim, Harley Race and The Junkyard Dog — all top stars of the 1980s. This show received a great deal of mainstream media publicity at a time when pro wrestling still wasn't a household word.

Wrestling was not thriving as a whole, despite the WWF's success with *Wrestlemania*. It still hadn't achieved the cable-enhanced notoriety where millions of homes would watch every Monday night.

But it was growing. On April 1, 1990, two WWF superstars battled before 68,000 fans at the SkyDome in Toronto. The match between Hogan and The Ultimate Warrior was significant because it deviated from the age-old face vs. heel format.

Both Hogan and Warrior were fan favorites. After a grueling match won by Warrior, Hogan handed him the title belt and the two embraced in the center of the ring.

Over the next couple of years Ric Flair, Dusty Rhodes, Sid Vicious, The Nasty Boys and The Undertaker would compete in the crown jewel.

Wrestlemania VIII ushered in the era of The Undertaker as a main-event performer.

Two years later, Razor Ramon and Shawn Michaels gave gutsy showings in the first ladder match at *Wrestlemania X*. Ramon won, but both men earned the respect of their peers and fans nationwide.

Two years later, Steve Austin beat Bret The Hitman Hart as a New Generation was starting to receive a push.

Stone Cold Steve Austin had entered the scene and new blood like Hunter Hearst Helmsley, Rocky Maivia, Kane and Mankind made their *Wrestlemania* debuts as the 20th century neared its end.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ The Undertaker could be back earlier than expected, but not wrestling until he is fully healed. He should be cutting promos after *Wrestlemania* and could possibly serve as a manager to Kane.

■ Jake Strauss, the bodybuilder with the 28-inch biceps, is working out in the WCW Power Plant. Strauss is not impressing the trainers, who say he has "zero potential" as a wrestler.

■ Scotty Riggs is expected to sign with ECW and will receive a push. He is a good friend of Rob Van Dam.

■ Wade Keller reported in the *Torch* that if Steve Austin is unable to make an appearance at *Wrestlemania*, the next target date for his return would be the April 30 *Backlash* pay-per-view. Austin is months away from wrestling again.

■ Eric Bischoff has returned as creative leader with WCW. Apparently he and Vince Russo will work together on storylines and direction. Bischoff, however, will not oversee daily operations or budgets.

■ This comes from Baldie DeVito: New Jack suffered a concussion, a cracked elbow, broken blood vessels in his face and a broken collar bone during that fall from about 25 feet at *Living Dangerously*. Vic Grimes somehow came away injury-free.

■ The WWF video "Rock: Know Your Role" is the top selling videotape in the *Billboard* Recreational Sports top 20 list. Twelve of the top 13 are WWF videos.

■ Judge Jeff Jones may soon be taken out of his spot as Mike Awesome's manager. Apparently there is a feeling that Jones is not doing Awesome any good and that they don't work well together.

■ The Insane Clown Posse recently worked a show for Maryland Championship Wrestling.

■ Brad Armstrong (Buzzkill) is expected to be out of action for six to eight months after suffering a major knee injury.

■ The Rock helped "Saturday Night Live" deliver strong numbers when he hosted the comedy show March 18. SNL delivered an 8.3 rating /21 share in the overnight ratings among households.

■ The Third Annual Brian Pillman Memorial is slated for May 25 at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Stars confirmed to take part include Diamond Dallas Page, Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko, Al Snow, D-Lo Brown, Chris Candido, Tammy Lynn Sytch, Missy Hyatt, Terry Taylor and WCW referees Charles Robinson and Scott Dickinson. ECW's ring announcer Steven DiAngillis will serve as guest ring announcer. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster. Last year's event raised \$35,000 for Pillman's widow and children.



COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

WWF...
April 2, *Wrestlemania*, Anaheim, Calif.
April 3, "Raw," Los Angeles
April 4, "Smackdown!," San Jose, Calif.

WCW...
April 1, Johnstown, Pa.
April 2, Youngstown, Ohio



ECW...
April 6, Cleveland
April 7, Warren, Ohio
April 8, Buffalo, N.Y.
April 13, Indianapolis, Ind.

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ Sept. 1, 1990: Eddie Gilbert attempts to drive over Jerry The King Lawler with a car during a USWA broadcast. Lawler escapes with a bruised hip.

■ Jan. 11, 1954: Wilbur Snyder defeats Mr. Moto at Hollywood Legion Stadium to win the International TV title.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT



ON THE RISE
Vampiro has become a solid worker in WCW. His aggressive ring style and his flamboyant appearance make him popular with young fans.

TAKING A FALL
X-Pac has been mired in a feud with Kane that's going nowhere. He needs a new program with one of the Radicals, perhaps Chris Benoit.

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It's family tradition

Brothers continue business and service

Story and photos
by Pam Shingler
Lifestyles Editor

They're both prominent figures in the community and in their church, volunteering thousands of hours a year to helping others.

They're each avid sportsmen in their own way. And they still manage to work — standing on their feet — upwards of 60 hours a week.

They're the Brothers Moore — Robert and Kelly — carrying on a long tradition of business and service in Prestonsburg.

At Moore Brothers Styling and Barber Shop on North Lake Drive, the two continue a 78-year stretch of a Moore-owned barber shop in town.

They are the heirs of a business that goes back to 1924, when their father, Thomas Moore, opened a shop near the courthouse.

Though their ranks are thinning, some former customers of Tom Moore still come in to have their hair cut by one of his sons — or to get an old-time straight-razor shave.

The continuity, often as not, is generational on the customer side. Knott County Cooperative Extension Agent Keith Hackworth, for instance, is part of the tradition.

He has been having his hair cut by the Moores "since he was a little fellow," says Robert Moore as he blows dry and combs Hackworth's brown hair. So have

the customer's grandfather, father, brothers and nephews.

Romine Hackworth — "a different set" — is a 30-year customer.

Sherman Hunt figures he's been coming to the Moores' shop for "15 to 20 years." He jokes as he takes a seat in front of the triple mirrors, "I better get my air cut before I have to get dog tags."

Even five-year-old Ryan Kidd is an old-timer, of sorts. His grandmother, Joyce Titlow, says Ryan has been coming to Kelly Moore for haircuts since he was about one-and-a-half. "Kelly is really good with kids, very quick," she says.

The barber gets Ryan to agree that the gifts of suckers and bubble gum have something to do with their rapport.

Both Moore brothers have been barbering for more than a few years.

Kelly began shining shoes in his father's shop when he was in grade school, continuing until he was a junior at Prestonsburg High School.

"I got a quarter for a shine," he recalls. "I dated, bought clothes and went to shows on that money."

Upon graduation in 1962, he went on to Ashland Barber College and went to work with his father in 1963. He's quick to point out that he worked "with" his father, not "for" him. "My dad gave me half the business when I got out of (barber school)," he says.

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Five-year-old Ryan Kidd gets a trim from Kelly Moore.

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

RIGHT!

The fellows around this office have a penchant for improving on things. For instance, there was the small placard somebody posted inside the shop, which read:

"The other fellow

"Maybe right"

They improved the placard by scratching out the last line.

WHAT'S THIS?

Maybe it's just because I don't circulate as much as I once did, or because I don't get around in the right circles, but I haven't seen a boy playing marbles this spring...Yes, I know it snowed a spell Monday, but the sun shone a few minutes that day, too...If boys quit playing marbles, the county is doomed for sure.

FISHING

DELAYED, TOO

But who am I to carp about boys deserting marbles? Here it is April 7, and the sun shining brightly for a change, and a whole passel of guys who used to be fishing and be telling whoppers by this time of year haven't wet a line... I finally made it to the lake, at least a month late. The results? None of your business.

Who am I to complain about the weather? There was a day or two last week when, if the thermometer had risen just one degree higher, I would have taken down with spring fever. Fearing a recurrence of that malady, I recently laid in a supply of sassafras but haven't reduced it to a tea yet. It worked, years ago, for a lot of years; it should do the job. It has been said with perhaps some degree of accuracy that the first man to strike a match with his thumb-nail was a smoker in a nudist camp.

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UNTOUCHABLE

We would be the last parent in the world to point out to students away from home new approaches to the old man about money, but we heard about an exchange between a student and his old man that was reasonably amusing and not too helpful to any brat who may want to call on yours truly. The boy had used up his supply of conventional approaches to the subject, so he wrote his father, this wise:

"Gue\$\$ what I mu\$t have as soon a\$ po\$\$ible? You are \$o right, and I wi\$h you woud Send it \$oon."

"Now aren't you the cute one? I've seen nothing like your letter since I went to college. Write us another soon. Your annoyed Dad."

ALC presents a glimpse of the past



The cast of "Tintypes," from left, front, John Fletcher, Lisa "Chilly" Hinkle, Chad Caudill, and, back row, Julia McElraft and Candi Crowe take on the persona of Teddy, Susannah, Charlie, Anna and Emma respectively in the delightful musical presented by Alice Lloyd College.

Stories and photos by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Alice Lloyd College is bringing drama back to the campus, and last week the speech and drama department invited four local schools to serve as audience as the department went through its final dress rehearsal of "Tintypes."

If you invited a large number of middle school students to watch any performance, you best have your act together. The Alice Lloyd students did just that.

If the reaction of students from Viper Elementary, Caney Elementary, Mountain Christian Academy and the June Buchanan School are used as a measuring stick, the show was a smashing success.

Hearing the topic of the play (tribute to the entertainment of the last century), one might be induced to say, "Oh, no."

Todd Norris said, "You and the students will remember songs you

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Lazer Vaudeville at MAC

Lazer Vaudeville, a family show that combines high-tech effects of lasers and black lights with the traditional vaudeville arts of juggling, comedy and acrobatics, will perform at the Mountain Arts Center on Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

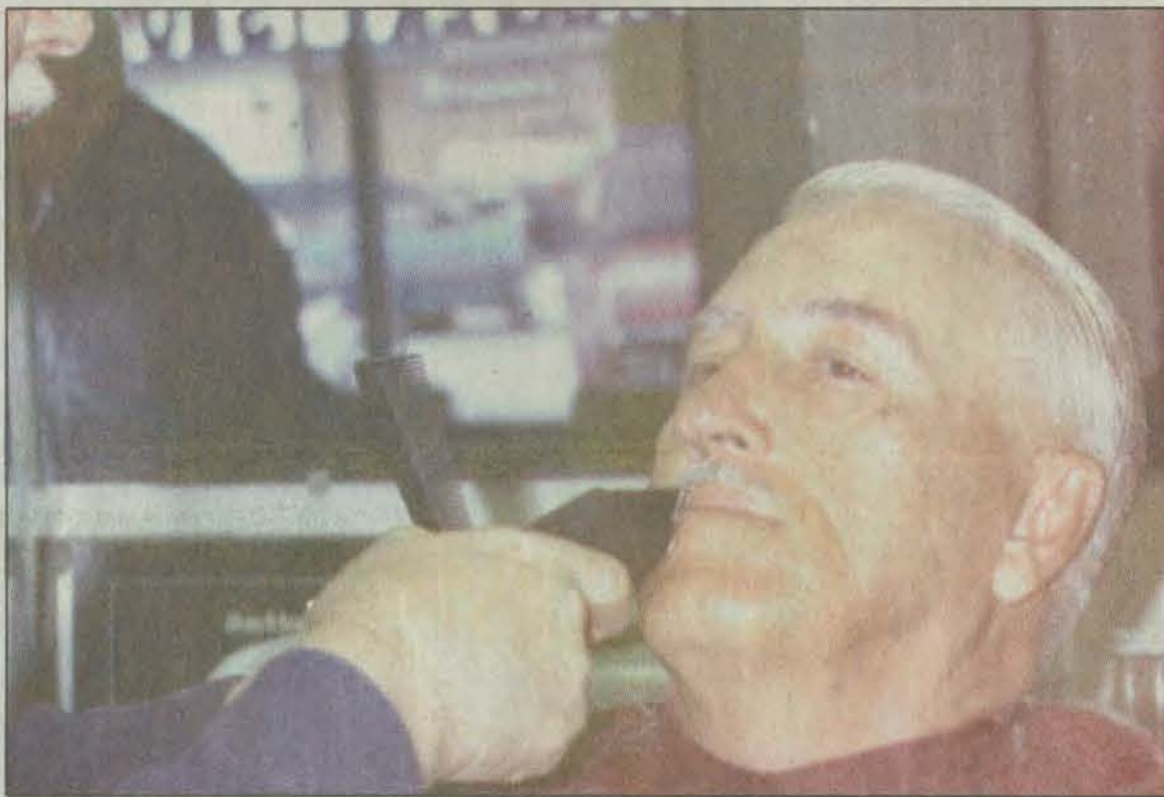
Mystery and imagination reign supreme as a Wizard performs magic tricks with laser beams, a cowboy kicks up luminescent rope-spinning displays, and an audience member escapes from a straitjacket.

Combining lasers with

superlative juggling, black-light illusions, acrobatics and zany comedy, Lazer Vaudeville offers a rare brand of clean, classy fun for the entire family.

Tickets for Lazer Vaudeville are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, and can be purchased at the MAC box office or by calling 1-888-MAC-ARTS or 886-2623.

A word of advice: The first 15 minutes of Lazer Vaudeville are in black light, and no late comers will be admitted during this section.



Romine Hackworth has been coming to Moore Brothers Barber Shop for 30 years for haircuts and occasional mustache trims.



Robert Moore puts finishing touches on haircut for Keith Hackworth.

Fantods and furies

Words have always intrigued me.

At the risk of being thought a nerd, I admit to occasionally reading the dictionary.

God forbid I have to look up a word; I can get distracted for great chunks of time, reading all the definitions around the word I originally looked for.

Hit me with a new word and I'm hard-pressed to read past it. I need to find out what it means.

That happened last week as I worked with Paul Prather's column, which he sends by e-mail. It doesn't need much actual editing, but some work has to be done to make sure the paragraphs don't have gaps and there aren't spaces where copy ought to go.

(By the way, if you don't read Paul's column, "The Gospel

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



According to Me," you should. He's a former religion writer for the Lexington Herald-Leader, the son of a preacher, a minister himself, and a refreshing writer. His column is in Friday's edition of the

Times.)

Friday week, Paul used the word "fantods." He referred to something that gives "me the fantods." As many words as I know, that's not one of them. When I checked my trusty American Heritage Dictionary, I didn't find it.

I asked pal Willie Elliott, also a word person, but he wasn't familiar with the word either. However, he did check his Merriam-Webster and, sure enough, fantod is a word.

It means "a state of irritability and tension" as in "fidgets" or "an emotional outburst," as a "fit."

I have had — and continue to have — my share of fantods. In fact, I am often in a fantod.

Actually, all of this is a lead-in to a story Libby Ratcliff sent to Jimmy Goble, via e-mail. It points up the critical importance of words. See if you don't agree.

"A new monk arrived at the monastery. He was assigned the task of helping the other monks re-

write all of the old texts by hand. However, he noticed that they were copying copies of the texts and not using the original documents.

"He went to the head monk and explained his concerns about this. He said that if there had been a mistake in the first copy, then that same mistake would be repeated down through the ages.

"The head monk told him that he had made a good point and then went to the basement to check the original texts to make sure that all was in order. He was gone for a very long time, and finally the new monk went to find him.

"He found him in the basement sobbing with one of the original texts in his lap. 'What's the matter?' asked the new monk.

"The head monk replied, 'The word was celebrate.'"

Words can, truly, hurt.

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Greetings to subscriber Charles McDowell of Mansfield, Ohio. Thanks for reading the Times.

Things to Ponder

Tattoos to body art

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Well, after reading the last time about the early days of tattooing, did you or are you ready to dash out and get a tattoo so that you can always have your special message with you for the world to see?

Even though some folks may decide not to get a tattoo, an interest in the topic was expressed in reaction to this communication of the written word. "Can you see me with a tattoo?" I think that if I were to have something like that, I'd have to be so convinced that was truly what I wanted, I'd probably go whole hog and really make "art" out of the project. (Didn't mean to sound prejudiced.)

This approach is not far off since a major source ("The Changing Cultural Status of Tattoo Art," Hoag Levins) said, "...over the last three decades, (tattooing as a well-established art form) has undergone dramatic changes."

Similar to other cultural changes, having a tattoo has evolved from an anti-social activity in the 1960s to a "trendy fashion statement" of the 1990s. Thus the problem over the past few weeks was that the wrong term was being used in the search for info. It seems that Tattoos have become a.k.a. Body Art.

So, after the historical aspects of tattoos were given previously, the more modern version will be given this time—on with Tattoo Art.

Like other changes over the years, the evolution from tattoos to body art has been led by popular and public figures. The Rolling Stones were reported to have the greatest influence for tattoos in the early 1970s. During that period, Time magazine wrote, "(Tattoos) have become the vogue of the counter-culture."

"The better-known tattoos of anchors and flags of WWII gradually changed to the lush, highly detailed tattooing style of the Japanese, developing into "rich bits of tapestry."

As a result, more segments of mainstream society were tattooing by the late 1980s; various other well-known figures involved with the process have been sports figures, fashion models, movie stars, etc. "What was formerly considered a sleazy perversion...became just another form of self-expression and style."

The 1980s were also about the time young people in my life decided to get a tattoo. The first one I saw was on the upper, back shoulder of a young, female co-worker at the community mental health center in Florida.

Then, my one-and-only offspring, who had just received his master's degree in psychology, came in one day and asked Granny and me what we thought of his getting a tattoo.

Well, we tried not to react, since we had already found a connection between our responding one way and him going the other. The suggestion was, "Try a temporary one for awhile. Then if you still want one, put it 'somewhere' out of sight."

In about a month, the one that I had made every effort, at all cost, not to have a mark of any kind about his body came home and proudly presented a decorative, colorful, bird-like figure on the top of each thigh, just above where his Bermuda shorts ended.

What I could I say? He followed my suggestions, paid for the service, and had it on his body. After all, he was legal age and had a job.

Then, when I asked another special one in my

life, a nephew, why he had one put on his left upper arm, his reply was, "Guess I wanted to remember a special time and place for me. Also, I think it was the others I was with at the time."

As you had driven around various places, you have probably noticed that two different types of tattoo business environments have been created over the past 15 years.

- the "tattoo parlor" with "exotic" enticing exterior signs offering an assembly-line service and with untold, possibly less than optimum, sanitary procedures; and

- the "Tattoo art studio" with custom, fine art designs in an atmosphere similar to a middle-upper-class beauty salon, providing services only by appointment.

Would you believe that tattooing is the sixth-fastest-growing retail business in the USA? While the market numbers show that most customers are from the population's mainstream, middle-class suburban women are the single, fastest growing group to seek tattooing services.

One medical journal reported, "Almost one-half of the tattoos now being done are on women." In North Dakota, one woman had a small rose tattoo on her shoulder and another had a tiny white baby seal on her ankle.

A researcher felt that "for some young women, tattooing is an outward expression of the internal process of identity building... makes them feel good... special, different."

For women, the process of being tattooed may go "...from the sign of a deviant act to a just-slightly scandalous but quite public beauty mark." Some clients may be students, professionals, even senior citizens. It is no longer the world of bikers in back alleys.

Another surprising bit of information is that government agencies have recognized tattooing as both an art form and a profession. Furthermore, there have been art shows in museums, galleries, and educational institutions of tattoo-related artwork, "...one of humanity's oldest and most meaningful art forms."

According to Levins' research, the history of tattoos as an art form began in Pre-dynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt, 4500 BC and 1938 BC. As expected, tattooing has become more a matter of individual choice and serves the purpose of self-expression.

The development of tattooing into art was increased with the invention of electric tattooing needles and then the designs and colors increased. Esquire magazine (1989) depicted the situation of an "affluent, well-educated clientele... has an image in mind when he arrives at the studio and then discusses it with the tattooer, much as an art patron commissions a work of art."

Levins also found in the Encyclopedia of Religion (Vol. XVI), "Contemporary tattooed men and women wear on their bodies subtle and beautiful expressions of a continuous tradition that links deity, nature and humankind."

Now what do you think about going ahead and making that appointment for your body art? If you were to have one, what might it say? What would be the purpose?

In contrast, what are your choices if you change your mind in the future and decide that you made a bad decision?

Family

Kelly Moore took over the business when Tom Moore died in 1964. The son was a few months shy of getting his master's license, which would allow him to work alone. But the inspector, the late Lillian Bates, allowed his father's master's license to remain on the wall until the son earned the right to work unsupervised.

Meantime, Robert Moore, who is six years older, had gone to Kentucky Barber College in Louisville, his only option in the late 1950s. He set up shop in Lexington, operating Northland Barber Shop at Northland Mall, until 1976, when he came back to Prestonsburg and joined the family business.

Building on their father's business, the barber team draws customers from all around. They have an unusually large clientele from Martin and Magoffin counties, as well as many other counties in eastern Kentucky.

They try to outdo each other in naming distances some folks come regularly for haircuts — Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ashland.

They talk about a psychologist who flies up from Florida five or so times a year on business, and each time, he stops in for a Moore haircut.

They note that their dad cut the hair of long-time eastern Kentucky Congressman Carl D. Perkins and of Gov. Bert T. Combs when he was a Prestonsburg lawyer. U.S. Representative Hal Rogers stops by the shop when he's in town, the Moores say.

On Wednesday when the shop is closed, both brothers have been known to visit long-time customers who are invalids and cannot come in for a trim or shave. Some are at home and others are in nursing homes.

"Dad always said you have to take care of your customers," Robert Moore says. "Dad was a great influence on both of us."

But the hair business is just part of what the Moore brothers are involved in.

For starters, both are active in the church that was named after their father. Robert is a deacon at Thomas Moore Freewill Baptist Church at Cliff, and Kelly is a member of the church's board of trustees. "We're both born-again Christians," Kelly declares.

Both men are also active in the Zebulon Masonic Lodge in Prestonsburg. Robert is a past master and a 33rd degree Mason, the highest rank, putting him with the likes of Harry Truman and Herbert Hoover. The only other 33rd degree in Floyd County is John Wesley Hall of Martin, who has a lodge named after him.



Sherman Hunt says he "better get a haircut before I have to get dog tags." He's a long time customer of Kelly Moore.

Robert is also affiliated with the John Wesley Hall Lodge and with the Ted Adams Lodge and Research in Paintsville, one of only two such lodges in the state.

Both brothers belong to the Lexington Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons.

Kelly Moore is also a past master of Zebulon Lodge, a Knight Commander of Court of Honor and a 32nd degree Mason.

What he is most proud of, though, is his activity with the Oleika Shriners, where he is a past potentate, and a leader in the Shrine Circus, which raises money for the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

In 1982, as treasurer, he wrote the check for the first van to be used to transport children from this area to the hospital in Lexington. The organization transports hundreds of needy children a year and has just ordered its sixth van to serve Martin, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin, Knott and Floyd counties.

Kelly is a representative for the Shrine of North America, the corporation that governs the children's hospitals. "The reason I'm a Shriner is because of the children's hospitals," he says.

In his spare time, now, he's busy planning this year's local Shrine Circus, slated for May 6 and in its 29th year.

A football and track participant in high school, Kelly Moore has remained active in his school. He officiated football for 16 years and has run the clock at home games since 1983. He is a member of the committee planning the new football complex at the high school.

Another of Robert's passions, since he was a child, is the sport of 'coon hunting and raising champion dogs. He says he has prepared dogs for competition hunting since the early 1960s, and his dog Deep Creek B.J. was World Champion Reserve in the 1980s.

He figures he's had more than 50 dogs over the years, and the competitions have taken them all over the country and to Canada.

Robert, who will soon be 61, and his wife, Ann Baldrige Moore, have been married more than 40 years and are the parents of three children and four grandchildren.

Daughter Aneeva Wells is a nurse at Central Baptist Hospital and daughter Tonya Porter is a teacher at Prestonsburg High School. An older daughter, Veronica Moore, died a few years ago.

Kelly, 55, is married to Sue Dawson Moore, and they have two children and three grandchildren. Kelly Sue Dickerson runs a day care center in Richmond, and Bill Tom Moore works in computers in Seattle.

Though the two brothers have no plans to give up their business, they probably represent the end of the family tradition. Their children are engaged in other pursuits, as are their siblings: brother Thomas J. Moore, a retired businessman in Atlanta, and sisters, Ella Rose Reavis, a retired teacher in North Carolina, and Nida Gale VanHoose of Paintsville.

"It has been a really interesting occupation," says Robert Moore, who has been slowed just a bit by arthritis.

Most of the time when the Moore brothers open the door at seven in the morning, people are waiting to see them. And often, customers are lined up past the 5 p.m. closing time.

This is a people-oriented occupation, and both Moores don't back away from a conversation. "People come in here and talk about everything from religion to politics," Kelly says. "But we do it in a fun way. Nobody gets mad."

It's apparently a Moore family tradition.

Left Beaver seniors plan activities

Activities have been planned for the month of April at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizens Center, according to director Ellen Brown.

Exercise is slated for Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the month.

Today (Sunday) and tomorrow, Glamour Shots are scheduled, and a bake sale is planned for Thursday at Food World to raise money for a trip.

Blood pressure checks are set for Fridays, April 7 and April 28, at 11 a.m.

Seniors from centers across the county will meet at the McDowell-Minnie center for bingo on

Thursday, April 13, beginning at 10 a.m.

The monthly birthday celebration will take place on Friday, April 14, and the Easter observance will be on Tuesday, April 18 at the park. An Easter bonnet contest is planned.

The seniors plan a trip to Camp Nathanael in Knott County on Thursday, April 20, and their regular "Out to Eat" day is Thursday, April 27.

The Advisory Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, at 10 a.m.

For information about activities at the center, call Brown at 606/377-0171.

Search for Mrs. Kentucky International announced

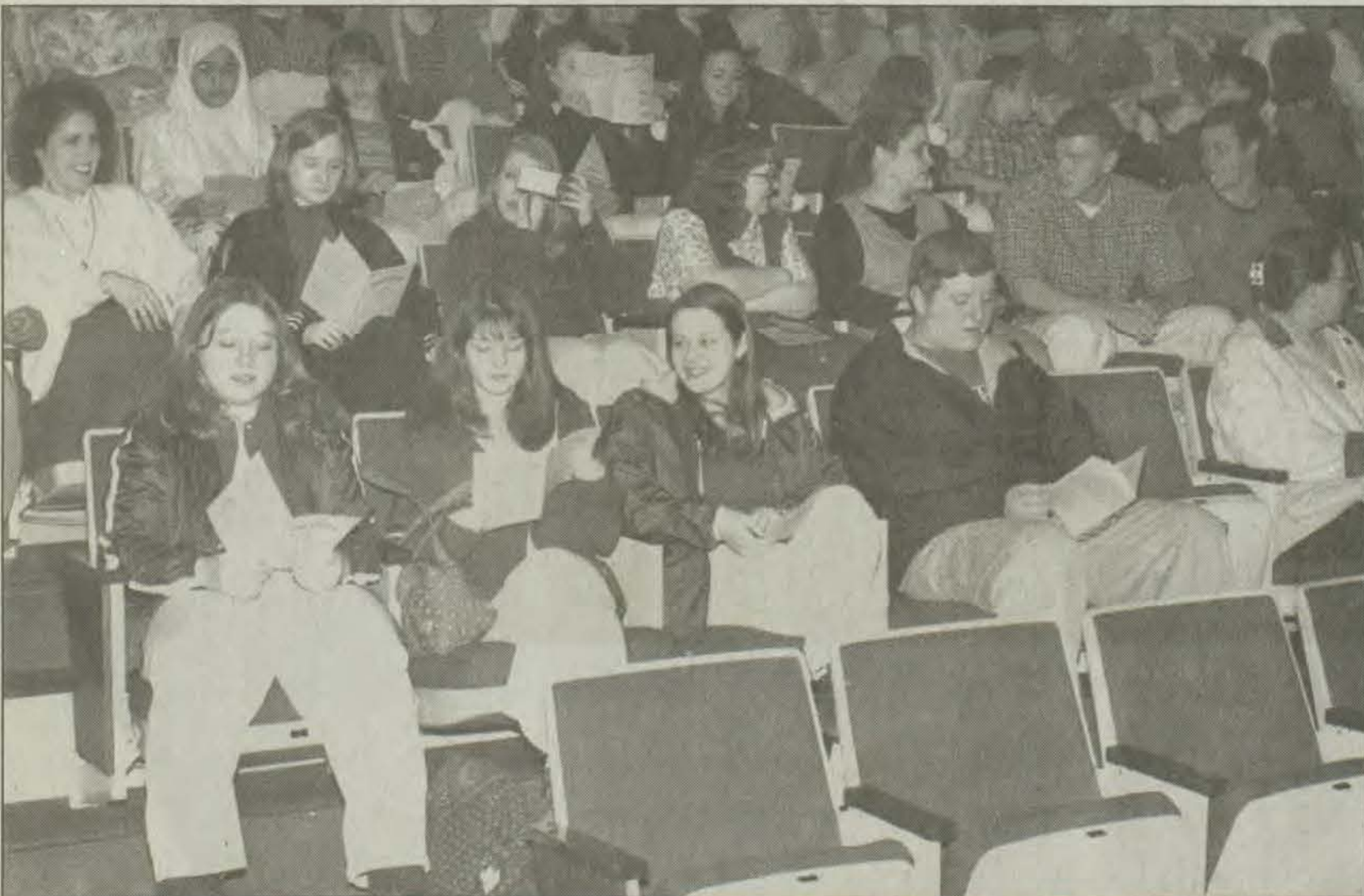
Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. Kentucky International 2000, an official preliminary to the Mrs. International Pageant, which will be held at the Governor's Palace Theatre in the Great Smoky Mountains, August 14-19.

The woman chosen as Mrs. Kentucky International will become

an ambassador from Kentucky and will receive an official title and sash.

Competitions will include private one-on-one interviews, aerobic wear and evening gown with, husbands escorting their wife on stage. There is no swimsuit competition.

Married women living in Kentucky who are interested, should call 540/989-5992.



Mountain Christian Academy students, from left, Shawna Peters, Tessa Shepherd, Lora Gibson and Clinton Halbert were on hand for the final dress rehearsal of Alice Lloyd College Speech and Drama Department's "Tintypes."

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didn't think you knew." And the songs kept coming — done in splendid fashion.

Five players — Chad Caudill, Candi Crowe, John Fletcher, Lisa "Chilly" Hinkle and Julia McElraft — portrayed several characters as they worked out vignettes to lead them into a plethora of songs.

Some of the better received songs included "The Yankee Doodle Boy," "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," "America the Beautiful," "Shortnin' Bread," "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please

Come Home?" and a song that relates to the mission of Alice Lloyd, "We Shall Not Be Moved."

The players included vaudeville, which was delightfully received by the audience, and helped us remember those periods that we would rather forget. Class issues, poverty, and racism were omnipresent then, as now. Much of American Popular Music then focused on minstrel shows and black face.

Four students from the eighth grade class at Mountain Christian

Academy — Shawna Peters, Tessa Shepherd, Lora Gibson and Clinton Halbert — attended the play and were pleased with the performance.

These same students had attended the June Buchanan's production of "The Thread That Runs So True." The students said they occasionally attended plays at the Jenny Wiley Theatre.

Despite the excellent material, the play did not enjoy a successful Broadway run. After 137 performances in an Off-Broadway production at the Theatre at St. Peter's

Church in April 1980, the play moved to Broadway's Golden Theatre where it had a run of only 93 performances.

The play has enjoyed a great afterlife in college and community productions, much like the reception that it received at Alice Lloyd College.

The play was performed two other times; once for the college audience and once for the community members. According to college employees, the play was received very warmly.

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Future problem solving team, from left, Tiffany Owens, Brittany Frasure and Melissa Noble. Tara Addis was not present for the photograph. (photo by Willie Elliott)



The quick recall team shown with Dr. Paul Fanning (first row left to right): Josh Martin, Ben Reed, Jamie Meade, Stephanie Gray; 2nd row, Brittany Frasure, Dagan Bickford, Jayme Staggs, Richard Vanderpool; 3rd row Coach Billie O'Quinn, Melissa Noble and Tiffany Owens. (photo by Willie Elliott)



Chafin



Chala



Sachdeva



Staggs



Ward



Willis

Students excel in elementary competition

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

On March 24 and 25, Floyd County elementary school students (including Mountain Christian Academy) met at Prestonsburg Elementary to settle the issue of who would take top honors in regional-level academic competition.

The students had already won at the district level in competition held at various

sites in the county.

The regional academic meets consist of three phases: written assessment, quick recall and future problem solving.

In the written assessment students answer multiple choice questions in math, science, social studies, language arts and general knowledge.

In the composition category, students write an essay in response to a prompt that is supplied. The prompts are similar to the

prompts given to students on the CATS test and are graded in the same manner.

In quick recall, students answer questions covering all areas of study by buzzing in and getting the chance to answer first. If a student gives a wrong answer, the other team has the option of answering the question.

In future problem solving, students are presented with a problem, and as a team they work out the best solutions to the problem. Normally, future problem solving is

not included in regular meets during the season.

The winners in the written assessment include: math, Elizabeth Chaffin, Prestonsburg Elementary; science, Shipla Sachdeva, Mountain Christian Academy; social studies, Jordan Chala, Prestonsburg Elementary; language arts, Jamey Staggs, Duff Elementary; general knowledge, Garrod Willis, Prestonsburg; composition, Mallory Ward, Allen.

In quick recall, Duff beat out Mountain Christian Academy.

Duff also won future problem solving and was the overall winner.

Duff's future problem solving team includes Tiffany Owens, Brittany Frasure, Melissa Noble and Tara Addis.

The quick recall team includes Josh Martin, Ben Reed, Jamie Meade, Stephanie Gray, Dagan Bickford, Jayme Staggs, Richard Vanderpool, and Tiffany Owens.

NEW ARRIVALS



Hannah Grace Stratton

Timothy and Elizabeth Stratton of David announce the birth of their first child, Hannah Grace. She was born January 10, 2000, at 8:44 p.m. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 6.4 ounces, and was 20-3/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are John Henry and Bonnie Holbrook of David, and paternal grandparents are Fred and Sandra Kaye Stratton of Prestonsburg. Maternal great-grandparents are Burnis and Inis Bradford of David and Osie Holbrook of Prestonsburg and the late Willie Holbrook. Paternal great-grandparents are Danzel Lee and Estill Jean Endicott of Prestonsburg and Juanita Stratton of Prestonsburg and the late Eugene Stratton. Paternal great-great-grandfather is Lonnie Jarrell of Prestonsburg.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

March 19: A son, Eric David, to Dollie and James Martin of Hindman.

March 20: A son, Christian Michael Manns to Jennifer Salyer of Hippo; a daughter, Brooklyn Michele, to Crystal and Scott Bailey of Gapville.

March 24: A daughter, Ashlee Jean Nicole, to Roger and Jamie Belcher of Paintsville; a daughter, Alora Brooke Flink, to Stephanie Justice of Meally.



Denver Austin Hamilton

Will and Betty Hamilton of Huntington, Indiana, announce the birth of their son, Denver Austin, on March 7, 2000, at Huntington Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 10-1/2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mabeth Baker of Beaver, and the late Larry Dale Mitchell. Paternal grandparents are Denver and Marlene Hamilton of Huntington, Indiana. The newborn has an older sister, Kayla.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates 84 years

Thomas George celebrated his 84th birthday on March 29, 2000, at Riverview Nursing Home. He was born in 1916 in Floyd County. He is a retired coal miner who worked for many years for Princess Elkhorn Coal at David. He and his late wife, Mary Lou Rice George, had two children, Tommie Kendrick of West Van Lear and Clay George of Sitka.



10th birthday

Joy Ann Hunter will celebrate her 10th birthday on Wednesday, April 5, 2000. She is the daughter of Larry and Loretta Hunter of Printer, and the granddaughter of Daniel and Nelvie Sue Boyd of Dana, and of the late Myrtle and Charlie Hunter Jr. She is in Teresa Rodriguez' fourth grade class at Betsy Layne Elementary School.



Turns seven

Kayla Marie Hamilton celebrated her seventh birthday on February 13, 2000, with a Pokemon theme party with friends and family. She is the daughter of Will and Betty Hamilton of Huntington, Indiana, and the granddaughter of Mabeth Baker of Beaver and the late Larry Dale Mitchell, and Denver and Marlene Hamilton of Huntington, Indiana.

ATLA Consumer News Asbestos: Worse than we thought?

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

Have you been exposed to asbestos today?

Americans have learned recently that asbestos exposure is far more widespread—and serious—a problem than originally thought.

We've known for years that asbestos endangered builders and miners who worked with it in shipyards, steel mills, and other work environments, as well as in asbestos mines. But only recently have we learned that many more people have been exposed to asbestos than previously known.

A series of articles by the Seattle Post-Intelligence and the Boston Globe, together with several court cases against asbestos makers, have brought the current dangers of consumer asbestos use to light.

"Environmental Protection Agency investigators are scouring store shelves to see if consumers are unknowingly buying asbestos, and the lethal fibers have turned up in some of the products they have tested," begins a February 14, Seattle Post-Intelligence article.

The thought is frightening. Store shelves. It seems that some producers of consumer products like potting soil and house insulation have been using asbestos in their products, without notifying consumers and, in some cases, the workers who manufactured it.

Wait a minute, you say—wasn't asbestos banned? The answer is yes, and no. Several government entities including the Environmental Protection Agency have the authority to regulate asbestos-containing products.

From 1979 to 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency worked to craft a comprehensive ban on asbestos products. But the ban was only in effect for a short time.

Members of the asbestos industry challenged the ban in the courts, and

in 1991 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit overturned most of the ban—allowing many products containing asbestos to be produced.

And that ban wasn't all the asbestos industry fought. Producers like W.R. Grace Co., the specialty-chemicals company featured in the book and movie A Civil Action, opposed the placement of warning labels on products that contained asbestos.

"We believe that a decision to affix asbestos warning labels to our products would result in substantial sales losses," says one internal Grace memo written in 1977.

Grace sold loose-fill insulation under the product name Zonolite until 1984. It has been estimated that hundreds of thousands of homes contain this product.

It's not clear what health costs consumers will pay as a result of using asbestos-laced products. The Environmental Protection Agency says that more testing is needed to determine the extent of the problem.

We do know that asbestos exposure causes these diseases: pleural disease, a thickening of the lining of the lung; asbestosis, a scarring of the lung tissue; mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lung or abdomen; and lung cancer. All of these diseases are devastating. Most are fatal!

For more information on the new asbestos epidemic, see the Seattle Post-Intelligence web site at <http://www.seattlepi.com/uncivilaction>.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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Penny Gold is the executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Poems wanted for new national contest

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new Poetic Achievement Awards poetry contest.

Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or fewer, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes May 31, and poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest

also will be considered for publication in the Winter 2001 edition of Treasured Poems of America, a hardcover anthology to be published in December 2000. Anthology purchase may be required to insure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be announced on July 31.

Poem should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. E, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, West Virginia 26175.

Youth News

Geography bee attracts students

Students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories will test their geography knowledge at the state-level competitions of the National Geographic Bee on Friday, April 7 — and take a step closer to the chance of winning a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Katherine M. Adams of Prestonsburg, an eighth grade student at Adams Middle School, will compete at the University of Louisville.

Victors from the state bees will gather at the National Geographic Society's world headquarters in Washington on May 23 and 24 for the national championships.

Involving as many as five million students a year, the National Geographic Bee has coincided with a reawakening of the nation's interest in geography, which was the Society's primary objective when it created the competition in

1989. One sign that geography has returned to the American classroom is the fact that beginning this year, an advanced placement geography course is being offered by the College Board.

The state bees are the second level of the National Geographical Bee, which began last December with contests in nearly 18,000 schools across the country. As many as 100 students in each state, who won their second bees and then earned a top score on a written exam prepared by the Society, will compete on April 7.

Each state winner will receive \$100 and other prizes, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington with a teacher escort for the May 23-24 finals. The national competitors will vie for three scholarships. The winner will be

awarded \$25,000; the runner-up will get \$15,000; and the student placing third will receive \$10,000.

The first-place winner will also receive life membership in the National Geographic Society which includes a life-time subscription to National Geographic magazine.

"Jeopardy!" quiz show host Alex Trebek will moderate the national competition for the 12th year. The National Geographic Bee finals on May 24 will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on local PBS Stations. Check local listings for viewing times.

Visitors to the National Geographic Society Web site can test their geography knowledge with questions from previous National Geographic Bees at www.nationalgeographic.com.



Mayo nursing students excel at competition

Mayo Technical College students from the Pike County Regional Technology Center returned from a statewide nursing competition with 13 awards.

The students competed against other Kentucky health care students at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Conference the week of March 13-16, in Louisville.

Awards won in various postsecondary divisions of the competitions include the following:

Christy Stone of David, received the Ann C. Vescio Scholarship, a scholarship designed to honor Vescio's commitment and dedication to HOSA.

Three students won awards in Knowledge Tests, designed to encourage health occupations students to explore selected health care careers and to assess knowledge in health occupation related areas.

Participation in the Knowledge Tests categories helps students improve their abilities to define, interpret, and apply terms related to selected careers and related areas in the health care community.

Knowledge Tests winners include: Gina Roberts, of Pikeville, first place in Pathophysiology; Sandy Naylor, of Pikeville, first place in pharmacology; and Chrissy Hamilton, of Honaker, second place

in nutrition.

The team of Christy Robinson of Mingo County, West Virginia, and Kristina Stump of Jamboree, won first place in CPR/First Aid. This category provides health occupations students with an opportunity to develop and demonstrate knowledge skills in team CPR/First Aid in emergency care.

Kristina Stump's mother, Edith Stump, also of Jamboree, won first place in prepared speaking, designed to encourage students to improve their skills in speaking and their abilities in organizing and presenting facts or information about a topic related to a specific assigned theme.

Holly Smith of Elkhorn City, won third place in extemporaneous writing, a category designed to encourage students to better express themselves in writing.

Rhonda Boyd of Wheelwright, won third place in medical terminology, which encourages students to improve their ability to identify, define, spell, and apply terminology of various occupations in the health care community.

Angela Stone of Elkhorn City, won second place in medical spelling. This category encourages students to improve their ability to define and spell terms associated with various occupations in the

health care community.

Second place winner in medical math went to Brandi Morgan of Pikeville. The category focuses on identifying, solving, and applying mathematical principles involving temperature, weights, and measures.

The third place winner in the practical nursing category was Lisa McCoy of Sidney, who had an opportunity to develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills as a practical nurse.

Misty Akers, of Dana, took second place in job seeking skills, a category designed to help students develop and/or refine skills necessary to apply for and obtain employment.

A team composed of all the Mayo Technical College nursing students attending the HOSA Conference also won first place in the group talent show. The nursing students offered a skit, with a medical twist, based on the fairy tale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Pending funding, these award-winning students will compete at the national HOSA Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, in June. Anyone wishing to help fund the students' travel to Cleveland is asked to contact Joyce Thompson, acting director, Pike Regional Technology Center, at 606/218-2060.

Wins top honor

Mandy Kara Helton has received two top awards at the Asheville School, a college preparatory high school in Asheville, North Carolina.

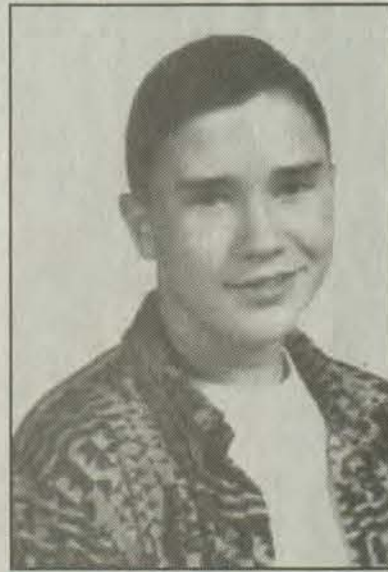
A senior, she was recognized recently at the school's honors convocation for achievements in her junior year.

She won the Yale Book Prize, given to the two most outstanding members of the junior class; the XEROX Award in humanities, and the English IV Book Prize.

She was selected by the faculty to serve as a prefect in her dormitory, and she is a member of the Chapel Choir and the Chorus. She was chosen to sing a solo for Fall Parents Weekend and has been active in drama productions.

Editor of the school yearbook for the second year, she has been named a National Merit Commended Scholar and an Advanced Placement Scholar.

She is the daughter of George and B.J. Helton of Frankfort and granddaughter of Marietta Crager of Prestonsburg.



Youth recognized

The United States Achievement Academy has named Cory Michael Belue Sturgill of Prestonsburg a United States National Award winner. The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Sturgill, who attends Allen Grade School, was nominated for the award by Belinda Allen, school guidance counselor. He will appear in the US Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. He is the son of Michael D. and Sandy Sturgill of Prestonsburg.



If you could straighten out an average spider web, some could span more than 300 miles long.

Dr. Seuss on the loose at McDowell Elementary

by Clara Johnson
FRC Director

The McDowell Family Resource Center collaborated with McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Taeko Ninshino, Alberta Turner and school staff at McDowell Elementary School to host Read Across America Day.

Clara Johnson, the Center's Director, provided students at McDowell Elementary the opportunity to join in the celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2. A.R.H. staff provided Head Start and Primary students with entertaining Dr. Seuss' stories. These staff members were assigned rooms and read those classes one of the many Dr. Seuss stories.

Taeko Ninshino, from Japan, participated by also reading to classes. This was her first experience with Dr. Seuss books. She really enjoyed the way these books were written. As gifts from the McDowell Family Resource Center, she was presented a Cat in the Hat cap and the book, "Cat in the Hat." These items can be used to teach her own students about this great author upon her return to Japan.

Alberta Turner, a retired teacher from McDowell High School, also participated. She started reading a novel to the fifth grade students. She is continuing to read chapters from this book each week to the students. Her continued support at school is appreciated.

Teachers in the fourth and sixth grades read to their students on this day. Their support helps our students to develop an appreciation and interest in reading.

We thank the Bell South Corporation. Students enrolled in kindergarten received "I Like Me" books. Each book had the student's name, their teacher's name, the principal, their school, and the names of friends. We are very grateful for their efforts spent on this project.

Bell South presented these books to each child without charge and spent time with students reading. Volunteers were also invited to help read these books with the kindergarten students. These books were distributed on the same day as Read Across America Day.

Staff and students alike really enjoyed the Read Across America Day Activities. We especially want to thank those who took time from their busy schedules and read. Also, we would want to thank Tonja Little and hospital staff who allowed us to borrow from their collection of Dr. Seuss books.



Taeko Ninshino and staff from McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital participated in Read Across America Day at McDowell Elementary School.

Local students at ECU student teaching

Three Eastern Kentucky University students from Floyd County are among 184 teacher education students who are student teaching this semester.

ECU's College of Education places its student teachers in classrooms to gain practical teaching experience, said Dr. David Rush, director of professional laboratory experiences.

The student teaching experience is required for certification and follows on-campus instruction in teaching fundamentals, methods and subject matter areas.

The student teachers are working at the secondary, elementary and middle school levels and in special education classrooms.

Local students and the school to which they have been assigned include: Vernon C. Cornett of McDowell, Madison Southern in Berea; Melissa D. Turner of Martin, Model Laboratory School in Richmond; and Stephanie Nicole Word of Auxier, Madison Central High School in Richmond.

ECU students preparing for teaching careers also have the advantage of gaining practical classroom experience at Model Lab, the only laboratory school in Kentucky and one of the largest in the country.

ECU is the state's largest producer of classroom teachers and school administrators.



Mountain Christian Academy's Preschool celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 3. The day was filled with exciting projects and many of Dr. Seuss' books.

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