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County officials, employees get a pay raise

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

Many pay raises were approved for some county officials in Friday's Fiscal Court meeting.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Commissioners Ernal Tackett, Gerald DeRossett, Larry Foster Stumbo and

Jailer Roger Webb all received pay hikes.

In accordance to House Bill 810 the bi-weekly salary of Thompson and the others were adjusted.

Thompson will be \$2,443.92 bi-weekly. The commissioners will receive a 2.668 percent raise, bringing their bi-weekly pay checks to \$1,376.22. While Webb's salary will be reset to \$2,606.85.

The adjustments are retroactive to the January 1.

Until recently, officials were prohibited by the state constitution from giving themselves pay raises. However, House Bill 810, adopted in 1998, set new requirements for county officials' salaries in an effort to create a more uniform system of payment. In most rural areas, the law meant substantial

increases.

The custodial crew serving at the Floyd County Justice Center will also receive raises; Claude Newberry - \$856.37 bi-weekly; custodial supervisor Thomas Poe, Gary Beverly, and Eddie Tackett - \$660 bi-weekly; assistant janitors and Rebecca Moon - \$8.25 an hour.

A salary cap was passed for the county

clerk's office. The maximum amount the clerk's office can expend was set at \$566,844.60.

The cap encompasses salaries for deputy clerks, assistants, and other employees. Full time salaries, and wages, overtime wages, part time salaries and wages, vacation and

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W'wright council sets up showdown with utility board

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

Members of the Wheelwright Utilities board are facing imminent removal.

The second reading of an ordinance which gives the city commission powers to remove board members at any time was read at the Wheelwright City Commission meeting Thursday evening.

Mayor Marlee Sammons attempted to invoke the law soon after, saying he was tired of the lack of work being done by the board.

Hindered only by the fact the ordinance must be published before becoming law, Sammons' motion was struck down. He then called for a meeting with the board.

"The superintendent is going to start doing the job," said Sammons.

A meeting with the board and the commissioners will be sched-

uled one hour prior to the next regularly-scheduled utilities meeting.

The utilities board approved an across-the-board raise for utility workers in the amount of \$1.77 an hour. Commissioners voted unanimously to veto that raise and ask that the board follow the personnel policy manual on pay raises.

City officials asked for comparisons in pay rates from at least five other companies, public or private, before any raise is granted.

Plans for the housing of the city police department continued as the commission approved the purchase of building materials for the office, which will be located in the City Hall building.

The purchase of a storage locker for evidence gathered by the police was also given an okay. The current storage locker is made of plastic and could be easily broken into or

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The superintendent is going to start doing the job.

Wheelwright Mayor
Marlee Sammons

Taking it to the masses...



Gov. Paul Patton, using a graphic to show how state revenues are spent, pitched his tax package to an audience at Prestonsburg Community College on Friday. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Patton touts tax-and-spend plan during PCC stopover

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

Being grounded by bad weather in Frankfort, Gov. Paul Patton's drive to eastern Kentucky left him about 45 minutes late for his speech in Prestonsburg at Prestonsburg Community College Friday to talk about his budget proposal and other items being consid-

ered during the legislative session which is at the halfway point of the biennial meeting.

Former Judge-Executive Ben Hale quickly introduced Patton, who immediately launched into budget proposals.

Patton told the crowd of about 125 people, "I could write a budget that would let us stand still — but that is not what you sent me to Frankfort for."

Patton, who said he had a better understanding of the needs for Kentucky in the last 200 years because of his ability to succeed himself, said we could write a stagnant budget and have \$11 million dollars left over.

Using his theme, move Kentucky forward, Patton said no one could put up a good argu-

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On Friday, the Prestonsburg Fire Department conducted a controlled burn to speed the removal of a building that Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin sold to the Floyd County Board of Education to make room for the athletic complex that will be constructed at the school. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Stumbo says bottle bill up for compromise

By **Lisa Carnahan and Karla Dooley**
KPA News Bureau

As the midpoint of the legislative session came and went, the bottle bill once again took top billing in the state legislature.

After weeks of intense wrangling, a vote has finally been taken that keeps the bill alive.

And although the bill's sponsor, House majority floor leader Greg Stumbo, has vowed that he won't give up until the legislature takes some action toward cleaning up the environment, he admits he's got a long way to go before

the fight is over.

It couldn't have gotten any closer: the vote came down to the wire and hinged on the vote of one member of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee — Rep. Susan Johns, D-Louisville.

The bill was approved 15-14 after Johns' "yes" vote.

Several members who voted to pass it out of committee, including Johns, voiced their support for some aspects of the bill such as mandatory garbage collection and education programs but said they opposed any type of container

deposit.

Johns said initial contacts she had from people in her district were in opposition to the bill.

"Then I started hearing from the children ... school upon school contacted me," said Johns. "I'd like to see a different version of this with more emphasis on education and enforcement. The bottle portion of this, I don't support."

House Bill 1, which would require refundable deposits on drink containers, an advance

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disposal fee on food packaging sold at drive-thru windows and mandatory garbage collection, now heads to the full House for debate and inevitable substantial change.

Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, praised the committee's vote.

"This took a lot of courage. It's the first time in 20 years that container deposit legislation has made it out of a legislative committee," he said. "This is a historical step. I can't remember being prouder."

Stumbo said he knew any type of container deposit would face an uphill battle in the full House and he's open to changing the bill.

In the meantime, he's filed House Bill 745, which would allow voters to decide whether the state needs the deposits.

The bill would add a section to the state constitution permitting the question to be placed on the ballot. Stumbo has argued throughout the debate that consumers favor the bottle bill.

One possible alternative to House Bill 1 that lawmakers might find more palatable is a proposal from Natural Resources Secretary James Bickford.

Under that plan, beginning in July 2001, a one-cent advance disposal fee would be charged on all sealed beverage containers sold in retail businesses. The one-cent fee would also be placed on cups sold at fast food restaurants.

The money would be collected by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet and placed in a fund called "Kentuckians Against Trash (KAT). The monies would be distributed back to counties to help clean up illegal dumps and roadside litter. A portion would also be used for environmental education programs and administration of the program.

Deputy Secretary Bruce Williams said there were strengths and weaknesses to both plans.

Under Bickford's plan, the one-cent fee would not be redeemable.

"We call it an ADF (advance disposal fee) but it's a t-a-x. We're not trying to hide that," said Williams.

Stumbo said Bickford's plan would probably work, but a plan that included container deposits was the best solution.

"As long as there's money coming back to the counties to clean up dumps and roadside litter, that's fine," he said. "I just think it makes more sense to pay people not to throw it out."

Just as in the 1998 legislative session, many lawmakers found the most effective testimony to be that of Brandon Campbell. Campbell, now a University of Kentucky sophomore, was the leader of the Estill County High School students who brought the idea of a bottle bill to Stumbo in 1998. The students' efforts were recognized both nationally and internationally.

Campbell told the committee he's often asked why a bottle bill is necessary. He said he knew he had the answer when he picked up trash from a Kentucky roadside about a year ago and found three beverage cans that dated from the 1960s and 1970s.

"These laid in a ditch until I came along and picked them up ... over 30 years," said Campbell. "Who's going to pick up the Mountain Dew bottles that are thrown out by the inconsiderate people of my generation? I know this is a difficult issue but some things in this world are worth it."

After the vote, Stumbo took his bill to House Democrats, explained it and asked them how they wanted to proceed. The Democratic Party controls 65 of the 100 seats in the House of Representatives.

"There was more support for Gen. Bickford's proposal than for the bottle bill aspect of mine," said

Stumbo. "When I asked 'How many don't want to do anything?' only a handful stood up. When I asked them 'Who wants us to continue this?' over 90 percent stood up."

Stumbo said House Democrats want him to meet with opponents of the bottle bill in an effort to work out a compromise. That meeting has been scheduled and Stumbo is optimistic about the increased contact he's had with opponents since the bill passed out of committee.

"I've had numerous calls from industry representatives. Calls wanting me to come talk to them. I think they have the sense we're going to do something," he said.

Ten Commandments and more

Religious issues also took center stage this week, as pieces of legislation on the posting of the Ten Commandments, civil rights exemptions for churches, and prohibition of school activities that take place on Sundays were heard.

One legislator, Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, has been vocal throughout the debates, saying the General Assembly needs to be more sensitive to members of faiths other than Christianity. Stein is the only Jewish member of the legislature.

Stein's displeasure surfaced after a debate in the Senate on a resolution urging the posting of the Ten Commandments in public schools as part of historical displays.

The most heavily debated part of the legislation was an amendment offered by Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, that changed the wording of the resolution referring to the historical significance of "Christianity" to "Judeo-Christianity." Shaughnessy said that would make the resolution more inclusive.

Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, who sponsored the resolu-

tion, Senate Resolution 57, vehemently opposed the changes. He said that they negated the purpose he had in mind when drafting the legislation: correcting "the suppression of Christianity."

"It was never intended to be inclusive," he said.

Nevertheless, the amendment passed 29-9, and the resolution was approved on a vote of 37-1. The measure, which is not binding, will now be considered in the House.

Earlier, hundreds of Christians from across the state had held a rally on the back steps of the Capitol. They carried signs listing the Ten Commandments and listened to speakers, then came inside as the Senate convened to take a vote on Senate Resolution 57.

The next day, Stein referred to Robinson's comments and the rally in the House Education Committee meeting, when a resolution that would encourage school districts to prohibit some extracurricular activities on Sundays came up for discussion.

Stein said she had been disturbed by a "hostile crowd" at the rally, where one speaker called for a "religious war."

"I am beginning to get ... about fed up with this kind of thing," she said of the resolution. "This is one further attempt to impose a majority faith in Kentucky."

The committee did not take action on House Joint Resolution 56, which was filed by Rep. Charlie Walton, R-Florence, and Rep. Tom Kerr, D-Taylor Mill, in order to allow time for the legislators to work out a compromise. Walton said the purpose of the legislation was to allow for "family time."

A bill that would create an exemption in the state civil rights code for some religious organizations came one step closer to becoming law on Feb. 15.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee approved House Bill 70, despite questions from Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, who is a member of the committee.

The bill, which is sponsored by Kerr, would allow religious groups to deny use of their public facilities to groups whose beliefs conflict with the major tenets of the religion. It is opposed by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

"The state has stepped over its bounds in telling these organizations how they can use their facilities," Kerr said.

But Williams questioned the fact that the bill would allow Baptists, for example, to exclude Jews or Catholics.

"I don't think I can vote for this bill in its present form," he said.

Williams later abstained from voting on the bill, which passed 7-1.

And at least two other pieces of legislation addressing the Ten Commandments are under consideration in the legislature.

One, House Bill 111, would allow voters to decide the issue in referendum. Another, House Bill 45, would permit each school council to decide whether and where to post the biblical laws.

Worker's comp

Gov. Paul Patton has proposed a plan that would revise the worker's compensation reform he pushed through in a special legislative session in 1996.

"We knew in 1996 that, considering the dramatic and fundamental changes we had adopted, a time would come when the program would need to be reviewed and adjusted. That time has come," said Patton.

Among the changes in the governor's plan is a 40 percent increase in the benefits paid to workers who have permanent but partial disabilities and are still able to work. The changes would also place more emphasis on retraining and double the benefits paid in cases where the worker is killed.

And in a move to ease the tension that was caused by the 1996 reform, the governor has asked Stumbo to sponsor his proposal. Stumbo and other eastern Kentucky lawmakers were the most vocal critics of the worker's comp changes. A bill is expected to be filed this week.

Since the passage of the worker's comp reform in 1996, the system has seen a total decrease of 41 percent. According to Patton, the changes he's proposing will result in a 7.8 percent increase in the cost of worker's compensation.

"I believe this is reasonable and affordable considering the larger than expected reductions in premiums which resulted from the 1996 changes," Patton said. "Industry representatives have told me they believe this size increase in costs is within range of reason."

Patton was also busy this week pushing his sweeping tax proposal

for increasing revenues for the general fund. He traveled throughout the state, explaining his plans to constituents. The legislature is expected to let him know soon what they will do with the suggestions.

University safety issues

The mother of a Murray State University student who died in a 1998 dorm fire wept this week as the House Education Committee voted to dilute a bill she had fought for in memory of her son.

Gail and John Minger had hoped the campus crime bill would hold universities accountable in such cases, but under an amendment filed by Committee Chairman Frank Rasche, D-Paducah, that part of the bill, House Bill 322, was deleted.

"The accountability needs to be there or the universities will laugh at you and ... continue to sweep this information under the rug as they did in our son's case," Gail Minger said.

The Mingers say their son Michael's death in 1998 would not have happened if the university had been more careful in handling an arson that had occurred five days before in the same location.

In the past, the concept of sovereign immunity has limited the universities' liability in such cases.

Gail Minger said that unless the language is replaced in the bill, which has been called the Michael Minger Act, she will not allow it to carry her son's name.

"I think we've just gutted this whole bill," Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, said as the vote was being taken.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, said after the bill passed 18-6 that he will offer an amendment on the floor to the provision that waives sovereign immunity back into the legislature.

The bill requires campus police to keep a daily campus crime log and make an annual statistical report to the Council on Postsecondary Education. All fires or threats of them are to be immediately reported to the state fire marshal and local authorities. Violations carry a fine of \$500 to \$1,500.

During the weeks-long debate over the bill, legislators complained about a provision requiring the reporting of "hate crimes" and a section of the bill that required residence hall directors to report alcohol violations. Although Wayne removed the requirement for alcohol reporting, he did not take out the requirement that universities include hate crimes in their annual statistical reports.

Gail Minger told the committee that they had spent too much time debating the less important points of the bill.

"I've been away from my home for five weeks," she said tearfully. "My husband has to leave today."

The Mingers live in Niceville, Fla.

Death penalty

Two bills dealing with the controversial issue of the death penalty drew debate in the House Judiciary Committee.

One bill, House Bill 311, filed by Rep. Eleanor Jordan, D-Louisville, would prohibit the death penalty for defendants under the age of 18. Currently, two people convicted as juveniles are on Kentucky's death row at Eddyville.

Ralph Kelly, director of Kentucky's Juvenile Justice Department, said all other state law and regulation emphasizes rehabilitation for juveniles.

"How focused can we or they be on rehabilitation or building a better life if they're condemned to die," said Kelly.

Jordan said it was possible to hold juveniles accountable for their crimes without the death penalty and later said she feels that the bill has a "good chance" of making it to the House floor.

Rep. Bob Heleringer's bill, House Bill 514, abolishes the death penalty entirely. Heleringer, R-Louisville, a passionate opponent of capital punishment, told the committee it was time "for a new generation of Kentucky lawmakers to debate the issue."

Heleringer called the death penalty an "antiquated, barbarous" form of punishment.

"This is a perpetual, endless cycle of killing and violence" that must be stopped, said Heleringer.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, called the debate "purely informational" at this point. Neither bill has been posted for a vote before the committee.

Attorney R. Kenyon Meyer is representing one of the men currently on Kentucky's death row, Frank Tamme, and he told committee

members he's convinced Tamme is innocent.

Tamme was convicted of killing two men in Washington County. The Supreme Court overturned his first conviction and granted him a new trial. He was convicted a second time and again given the death penalty.

Meyer says new evidence indicates the eye witness, and only real evidence against his client, was the actual killer.

Phil Patton, president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association, testified that his organization believes "some crimes are so heinous they deserve this appropriate punishment (death)."

Patton said Kentucky juries should be given the option to sentence a defendant to the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole.

"House Bill 514 will not only abolish the death penalty, it will give the 39 men on death row clemency," said Patton. "These men are responsible for 70 innocent victims. You will be commuting their death sentence to life without the possibility of parole."

Alcohol and Gambling

But those weren't the only issues on legislators' minds this week. Several bills relating to alcohol and gambling were introduced.

House Bill 701 seeks to ban alcohol sales through drive-up windows.

Rep. Sheldon Baugh, R-Russellville, said the issue was brought to his attention by Kentucky temperance organizations and is based on a similar bill that passed in New Mexico.

Baugh said that alcohol sales through the windows contributed to drunk driving and underage drinking. "It just makes it a little easier to buy liquor or beer," he said.

But Becky Schuman, manager at the Tates Creek Spirit Company in Lexington, which sells alcohol through a window, said the bill would simply inconvenience consumers wanting to purchase alcohol. She said she didn't feel the window made it much easier to drink and drive.

"Just because you don't have a drive-through doesn't mean they won't go out to their car and pop open a beer or take a swig out of a half-pint," Schuman said, adding that people often asked for, and were refused, cups of ice to presumably mix drinks in their car.

Schuman said the window actually made it harder for underage kids to get friends of age to buy for them, because the kids are in the car with the buyer.

"Lots of times we refuse sales to a carload of kids," she said.

Another act relating to alcohol and cars, Senate Bill 92, made it through the Senate and is now in the House Judiciary Committee.

It would allow the audio or visual recording of sobriety tests to be presented as evidence in court, by the prosecution and defense of a criminal proceeding and in administrative reviews. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Kenton, said tapes of sobriety tests are already permitted in the courts, but the use of those tapes are not codified in law.

Westwood said alcohol-related arrests are not easy to prove if an individual's blood alcohol level registers between .05 and .10, because there is no presumption of intoxication in that range.

An individual is considered legally intoxicated if he or she registers .10 or above on a sobriety test. Between .05 and .10 intoxication or impairment has to be demonstrated. Westwood said that is where the tapes would be helpful.

The bill passed in the Senate without opposition Feb. 2. Westwood is confident it will pass through the House with the same ease.

"The bill has received the support of the Kentucky State Police, and it passed the Senate unanimously," Westwood said. "I consider that pretty strong support."

Two bills concerning gambling were introduced and are in committee.

House Bill 707, filed Feb. 15 by Rep. Hoby Anderson, R-Flatwoods, would require a sales tax on lottery tickets in Kentucky. The bill is in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

House Bill 711, also introduced Feb. 15 by Rep. Jack Coleman, D-Burgin, would create the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be administered by the Division of Substance Abuse of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. The fund would be made possible from

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Briefs

■ An effort that would allow a mother to anonymously give up her newborn within 30 days of birth, without the fear of prosecution or repercussion, hit a snag in the House Judiciary Committee. Several members expressed support of the concept behind Rep. Jodie Haydon's House Bill 367, but said clarification was needed. Committee members questioned the process by which parental rights would be terminated and were concerned over whether cases of severe abuse within that 30-day time frame could be prosecuted.

The committee took no action and is expected to reconsider the bill. Haydon, D-Bardstown, said his bill was prompted by the recent infant abandonment case in Shelbyville where a mother left her newborn child in a dumpster. The baby was found, still alive, by a passerby.

"Where are the rallies for that abandoned baby? They've been up here about the bottle bill, gun legislation, the Ten Commandments ... but where are the rallies for this little baby?" said Haydon. "These mothers are confused, frightened

and we need to give these babies a chance at life."

■ "Video voyeurism" would be a felony under a bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee. Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown, said the legislation was necessary to protect Kentuckians from individuals who participate in the business and specifically target states where the crime is only a misdemeanor. The bill would prohibit the secret video taping of sexual conduct or nudity and distribution of that tape over the Internet.

■ A bill that would require the state's fifth veterans' nursing home to be located in Louisville — behind the three already built or under construction and a fourth planned for Hardin County — drew stiff debate.

The bill's sponsor, Heleringer, said the change was warranted because 75,000 veterans live in the Louisville area, but other legislators said they were wary of making a decision on the location when it will be years before another facility is built. The bill was defeated on a 44-46 vote but a second vote to reconsider the bill was successful, so the bill came before the full House again later in the week. It was then defeated a second time on a vote of 47-50.

■ A bill that would establish rape crisis centers in each area development district in the state

passed the House unanimously. Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Louisville, said the legislation was necessary so rape cases "could be handled with sensitivity."

The Cabinet for Health Services would be required to designate one nonprofit corporation in each area development district to serve as the regional rape crisis center and require the center to provide crisis counseling, mental health support services, advocacy, consultation, public education, and training of professionals.

The bill would also allow examination of victims to be performed in a licensed sexual assault examination facility in addition to hospital emergency rooms.

■ A bill that would change the procedure for handling complaints against police officers has drawn some attention in the Senate Judiciary Committee in the past few weeks.

As it is written, the bill, which has the support of the state Fraternal Order of Police, would prohibit anyone not directly involved in an incident with the police, including witnesses, from making a complaint against an officer. Complaints would have to be filed within 90 days of the incident. The legislation would also require that interrogations of police officers be audio taped and that an attorney be present. Any failure to follow the rules

for handling the situation would result in the dismissal of the entire complaint.

Sen. Larry Saunders, the sponsor of Senate Bill 109, agreed to make alterations to the bill after several committee members voiced concern over it.

Lexington Police Chief Larry Walsh also testified against the bill, stating that he feared that it would lead to questions of police integrity and broaden the gulf between the police and the public.

"The Police Officer's Bill of Rights in its present form is not broken," Walsh said. "It doesn't need to be fixed."

The committee approved the bill and it will now be considered on the Senate floor.

■ You might have to study the eye chart before renewing your driver's license if a bill introduced in the Senate becomes law. Senate Bill 251, filed by Sen. Bob Leeper, R-Paducah, would send vision testing machines to clerks' offices across the state. A person who fails the eye exam would have 15 days to retake the test or provide medical proof that their vision meets standards set by the state police.

Eastern Kentucky University journalism students Dena Tackett, Shawn Hopkins, Jaime Howard and Jennifer Mullins contributed to this report.

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The word cop may have come from the initials c.o.p., which stood for constable on patrol, or be short for copper, since constables wore copper badges.

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Cleanup efforts continue to spread across the county as the fiscal court approved the advertisement for bids to clean up seven creeks.

Those creeks will include four miles of Buckeye Branch of Middle Creek, four miles of Cow Creek on Woods Branch and Slick Rock, three miles of Corn Fork on Brandy Keg, four miles of Mud Creek on Tackett Fork, three miles of Mud Creek from the mouth of Branham's Creek to main Mud Creek, four miles of Abbott Creek, and four miles of Right Beaver Creek of Estill Bottom to Main Right Beaver Creek.

Other issues before the fiscal court include further cleanup efforts of the county.

■ Judge Thompson announced that a proposed tire amnesty week would take place. Beginning April 27 through April 29 residents will be able to take tires to pick up locations.

The preliminary locations are Garth Hollow and the county garage at Allen. Residents and "mom and pop" types of service stations are encouraged to bring all the tires they can to the sites.

The tires will be taken away free on those dates.

■ A \$40,000 grant was secured by the court specifically for a bridge at Boscoe. Bids will be advertised for the project.

■ March 18-25 has been declared Commonwealth Cleanup Week. The county will target its efforts during the project starting at the Old Prestonsburg Road to the Mountain Parkway.

■ The annual county PRIDE cleanup is scheduled for April 15-28. More details on the cleanup will be released in the March court meeting.

■ The county water project was declared on schedule and going as planned. Thompson announced massive water lines will be laid in mid-June.

■ The E-911 surcharge will be reintroduced according to Thompson. The judge said that charge will be reinstated when a 90 percent accuracy rate is shown on the E-911 system.

■ Free garden seeds will be given out at the conservation district. Contact the local office for more details.

■ The waste management pickup crews had some confusion on the stickers for this year said Thompson. The lack of garbage pickup will be addressed. The judge has planned a meeting with the regional vice-president to attempt to straighten out the problems.

■ With water lines being laid across the county, Thompson gave recognition to the frustration felt by some residents. Drainage problems and construction have caused delays and quite a bit of mud. Thompson said he would like to relay to the residents, "We are doing the best we can."

■ Floyd County was awarded \$795,686 in road funds from the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. With the exception of setting aside three percent for emergencies, the county will have access to the funds beginning July 1.

■ As of July 1, all dogs across the county will have to be licensed by their owners. For a minimal charge of \$1.50 an owner can get their dogs registered.

Owners in noncompliance can be fined \$5 to \$100 or be imprisoned five to 60 days.

■ A resolution was passed in support of coal miners past and present in the county. The resolution resolves to urge Congress and the president to work together to reform the financial structure of the coal act.

The act was passed in 1992 to ensure that retired coal miners would receive health care benefits. A copy of that resolution will be sent to Gov. Patton, President Clinton, and to each member of Congress.

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■ The county clerk's budget was presented to the court. Expected revenues and expenditures for the year are set at \$7,329,335.

■ A budget for the Toler Creek Fire Department was also submitted to the court. Anticipated revenues for the fire department were \$525,000. Projected expenditures for the year are \$340,312.75

■ The court approved the semi-annual bond payments for solid waste, the gas system, and the detention center in the amount of \$206,749.38. A bond principal of \$390,000 was also approved for payment.

■ A payment of \$2,000 was passed for the Cow Creek Volunteer Fire Department #2.

■ A resolution for application to Eastern States Oil & Gas Inc. for gas line service at John M. Stumbo Park at Allen was passed. The resolution gives Judge Thompson the powers to perform any necessary duties for the gas line installation.

■ The remaining portion of the of water line extension in the Salt Lick area was passed into the Beaver-Elkhorn Water District.

■ Permission was given to Thompson to apply for a Rural Housing Preservation Grant.

■ A \$100,000 surety bond was approved with the Western Surety Company. The bond was executed by County Clerk Chris Waugh.

Patton

ment to his assertion that Kentucky is behind — to the tune of being in the bottom 25 percent in spending per capita.

Patton said the way out of that quagmire is to improve two important areas — education and infrastructure. Patton said if we are to have these things, people must be willing to pay for them. He used the analogy "education is to society what nutrition is to the body." To that end, Patton said his budget would add \$100 million to support across-the-board improvements in education.

Patton said his tax plan was more equitable, with 190,000 low-income families being eliminated from paying taxes, reduced income taxes for one million taxpayers and no changes for 275,000 filers. There will be an increase in tax for the more than 400,000 people with higher income, but even those people will see an average increase of \$290.

Some other points in his proposal include the following:

- Eliminate state property tax on vehicles.
- Provide equitable taxation of telecommunications.
- Expand sales tax to repairs on

tangible property to recover loss of traditional tax revenues.

• Equalize state and local real property tax treatment, but rates will continue to decline.

• Pension exemptions enacted in 1995 will continue to be honored.

Patton said the corporate tax base must take up some of the slack in the budget. Corporate taxes have eroded from being 9.5 percent of the total budget in 1990 to the present 5 percent. Patton mentioned coal severance tax and lottery revenues as areas that have not been providing as much revenue as in the past.

Patton said his proposed gas tax increase, which is probably the most unpopular part of his plan, was, in fact, the fairest. Patton alluded to the volatility of gas prices but said his proposal did not concern gas prices. He referred to it as a user tax. The more a person drives, the more taxes he pays. He said the cost of a driver would be about one-third of one cent.

Patton pointed out that one cent of the tax would be sent to those counties that have an inordinate number of unpaved roads. He specifically mentioned Magoffin

County, which has the third-highest number of unpaved roads.

While Patton said he did not want to talk specifically about roads that would be completed and those that would be cut, he did say that there was strong support for the Minnie to Harold road and he doubted that it would be among those roads cut.

Patton said recent quotes indicated that majority leader Greg Stumbo was supportive of his plan and he said Senator Benny Ray Bailey understood the workings of state government as well as anyone and would probably see the need for increased taxes.

W'wright

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tampered with. Confiscated rifles or drugs could be stored in the cabinet and held until brought to court.

Extra space in the office may be shared with a social worker. Officer Charles Johnson said he saw no problem sharing the existing space.

City officials discussed a barrage of complaints to the police department surrounding public parking in the middle of the roadway. While citizens at the meeting

In the question and answer session, Lee Mueller of the Lexington Herald-Leader asked Patton if there was a connection to Patton increasing the fees lawyers can ask to his support.

"Ah, the cynical press," Patton retorted and went on to say he had not asked anyone specifically for support of his plan and did not make the kind of deals that Mueller suggested.

Patton asked those who favored his plan to call other people and suggest they support the plan.

Patton's schedule called for another similar meeting at Somerset.

said the problems has existed for more than 30 years, the commissioners agreed the problem may be easily solved.

Johnson was instructed to place warning citations on the vehicles in the hope they will stem the tide of complaints.

"Since I was a little boy, people

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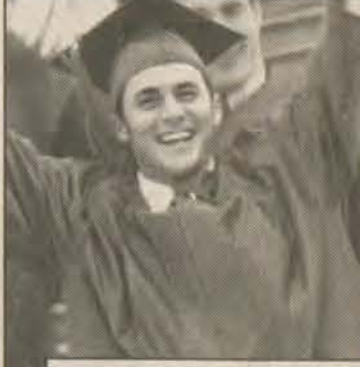
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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

-Oscar Wilde

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

-First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution-

Editorial

First the basics

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning is trying to pry \$1.5 billion loose from the federal budget to repair environmental damage from mining in Kentucky and other coal states.

It's a good thing Bunning is pressing this issue, because few in Washington show much awareness of rural Appalachia's most basic and urgent need: clean water.

President Clinton visited eastern Kentucky last year as part of his tour of economic distress zones, places where the current national prosperity is no match for the chronic local poverty.

As Clinton promised then, his budget does include a New Markets Initiative aimed at spurring \$22 billion in private investment in places such as Appalachia, Indian reservations and inner cities.

But Clinton, like so many politicians, fails to see that a healthy economy can never take root in a place with Third World sanitary conditions. His budget slashes spending for water and sewers.

Federal assistance for sewer construction through state revolving loan funds would be cut 40 percent, about \$550 million, in the Clinton plan.

The biggest source of water pollution in Kentucky is disease-carrying pathogens; the North Fork of the Kentucky River in eastern Kentucky is the state's most polluted stream. Without substantial federal assistance, there's no way local governments in Appalachia can extend sewers and upgrade treatment plants to clean up this sickening mess.

Acid runoff from coal mining only aggravates the water pollution problems, and this is where Bunning's bill would be helpful.

It would distribute almost \$1.5 billion that's piled up in a fund for reclaiming and repairing damage from abandoned mines across the country. The coal industry has been paying taxes into this fund since 1978. But only about two-thirds of the tax has been spent in the coal-fields.

Bunning has a hard fight on his hands because Congress has found it so convenient to use the coal tax on other programs and to balance the budget.

But Bunning is right. Kentucky would get about \$90 million under his bill. That comes nowhere near taking care of all the environmental problems created by the coal industry, but at least it's a start.

The time has come to spend the coal tax where it was supposed to be spent and where it's desperately needed.

-The Lexington Herald-Leader



"I don't get it... gas prices going up again?!"

Guest Column

Senate Week in Review

By Benny Ray Bailey
29th District Senator

We're now past the midpoint of the Kentucky General Assembly's 2000 legislative session. In the six weeks since the session began, lawmakers have voted on scores of bills, started budget hearings and attended numerous committee meetings to dig into the major education, health care, crime and tax issues we'll consider in this session.

But the legislative process is more like a marathon than a sprint, so the final half of our session is sure to be challenging. Over the course of the next six weeks, lawmakers will work long hours to find agreement on some of the top issues confronting our state.

But we're already starting to see some of the session's high-profile issues in the Senate chamber. We looked at one of those issues last week when the Senate approved a resolution that would encourage Kentucky schools to post historical documents, such as the Ten Commandments, as part of an effort to teach about Judeo-Christian influences on American history.

Senate Joint Resolution 57 states that historical documents, including the Ten Commandments, "may be read, taught from, and prominently displayed in the entry hall or foyer of Kentucky public schools as well as classrooms." The resolution would allow schools to accept voluntary private contributions to help defray the cost of posting the documents.

The resolution was approved by the Senate on a 37-1 vote and has been sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Members of the Senate also approved legislation

last week that would continue to boost the state's support for volunteer fire departments. You may remember that in 1998 lawmakers boosted grants awarded to volunteer fire departments. This year we're considering Senate Bill 130, legislation that would increase the annual allotment for volunteer fire departments.

According to the bill, the annual allotment for qualifying volunteer fire departments would be increased from \$7,500 to \$8,000 until July of 2001, when the allotment would go up to \$8,250. The bill, which the Senate approved without opposition, would allow the departments to receive even more money if sufficient funds are available.

Though the action on the Senate floor continues to increase, most Senate business is taking place in our committee system, where we took at bills to see if they merit consideration by the full body.

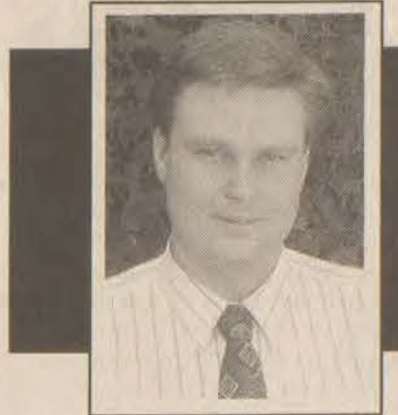
In last week's committee action, members of the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee unanimously approved SB 155, legislation that would make sure slot machines and video games aren't offered by the Kentucky Lottery without approval from the General Assembly. Proponents of this legislation say the bill is needed because Kentucky Lottery officials have said existing law would allow them to offer slot machines and electronic games if they chose to do so.

The Senate Health and Welfare Committee approved SB 188, legislation aimed at protecting unwanted newborns by making sure they're left in a safe place if a parent decides to abandon the child. The bill would let a parent turn the child over to police or hospital workers anonymously and

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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



A question which needs an answer

Every four years around this time, when other states are having their presidential primaries and it becomes so suddenly apparent how they each have different ways of approaching the election process, I begin to ponder the inherent prejudices in how our state treats its voters. And, as always, I am left with one question to which I can find no satisfactory answer:

Why is it that every May, our state tells tens of thousands of voters that they deserve no voice in choosing the leaders who will represent us? How can that happen without there being protests in the streets?

Don't believe me? It happens. This year, despite the fact that politicians will spend countless public and campaign dollars to supposedly increase voter participation, over 180,000 registered Kentucky voters will be told they do not have the right to cast a ballot.

Those 180,000 people are the folks who mark the "Other" box on their voter registration cards. They're the people who choose not to be affiliated with either the donkeys or the elephants, but instead to be independent or choose the Reform, Libertarian, Taxpayer's or some other third party.

Voters of a similar stripe who happen to live in New Hampshire have the right to vote in the primary election. So do those in South Carolina and Virginia.

Here in Kentucky, however, we have stripped seven percent of registered voters of the right to participate in half of our elections.

Of course, I am being somewhat facetious. I am fairly well-versed in the arguments in favor of the closed primary system. In fact, I subscribed to them at one time because they do sound somewhat logical.

Those in favor of the current system of only allowing Democrats to vote in Democratic primaries and Republicans in Republican primaries say that opening up the primary system would cause all sorts of chicanery.

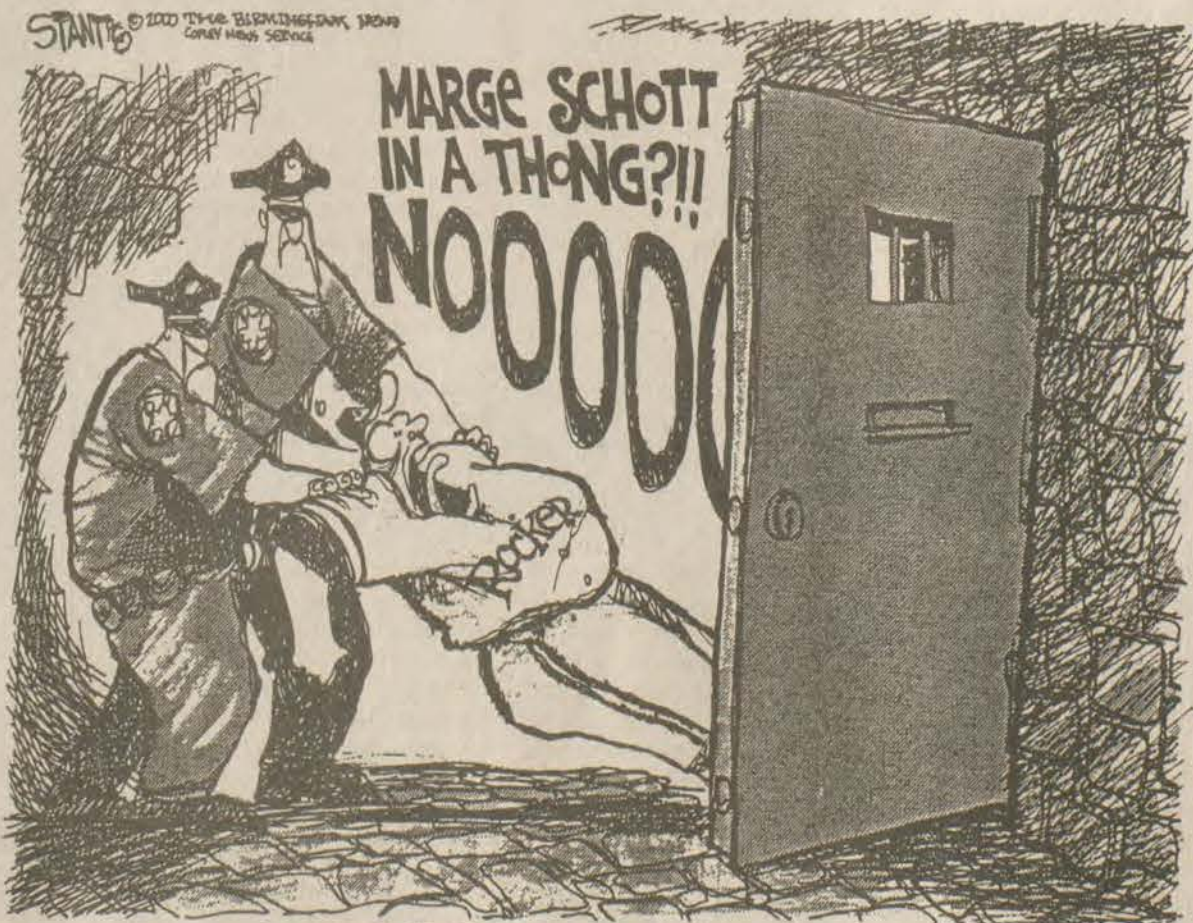
If, for example, a Democrat were unopposed in the primary but the Republicans had a contested race, the Democrats could flock to the polls to vote for the candidate they believed would be most likely to lose against the Democrat in November, thereby sabotaging the Republicans' attempt to select a nominee.

The first logical response to that argument, however, is since when did our state's politicians care about fairness in elections? After all, Kentucky, even with its closed primary system, doesn't exactly have a spotless record when it comes to elections. I heard someone the other day say that ours is the only state in which dead people have the highest rate of voter participation.

But I understand that that is not exactly a convincing argument, which is why I have another one — taxes.

You see, elections are extremely expensive affairs. Just ask anyone who has ever served on a fiscal court and they will tell you that. Each of our counties spends thousands of dollars each election to pay the myriad of vot-

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Angela Kaye Smith, 26, of Ivel and Keith Douglas Osborne, 26, of Ivel.

MAYO MOMENTS...

by Linda Lyon

Can it be that it is only six weeks until spring break?? I was looking at the calendar yesterday and realized that winter is almost over. Time sure moves swiftly when you are no longer a "Spring Chicken."

The Mayo campuses are quite busy. Although our enrollment has increased by 8 percent, we are not resting on our laurels.

The ongoing efforts of our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing educational solutions to the problems of unemployment and poverty in eastern Kentucky. We are also working diligently with Prestonsburg Community College to provide a collaborative solution on our campuses that will allow all of our students to choose a seamless progression from a two-year technical or academic program into a four-year BS or BA degree at one of Kentucky's fine universities.

We have expanded our schedule of evening, short term, and weekend classes. These classes range from general automobile maintenance to basic computer operations to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more.

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Pen

ing-related expenses — election officers, voting machines, printing the ballots, etc.

And just where does that money come from? You and me — and the 180,000 people who are told they cannot vote in primary elections.

Let's see, third-party voters are taxed, that tax money, in part, goes to pay for primary election expenses, and those same people are not allowed to vote.

Now, I'll be the first to admit I'm no brilliant legal mind. But to me, the closed primary system screams, "Taxation without representation," and that, folks, is unconstitutional. Or at least it should be.

for more information.

Classes in basic computer fundamentals are forming at the Pikeville Campus. You can call Joyce Thompson at 606/218-2060 for more information on that. Her email address is joyce.thompson@kctcs.net <mailto:joyce.thompson@kctcs.net>

The students of KAPS will be attending a conference in Lexington on February 17 and 18. The Highlands Chapter of KAPS has agreed to sponsor the students by paying for the hotel rooms and fees to attend the conference. The students will be attending several seminars on surveying and will present the Mayo Student Charter to the state KAPS board. This should be a great learning experience for the Surveying and Mapping students at Mayo.

Last weekend I visited a local funeral home with my mother and really enjoyed myself. That may be a strange statement, but let me explain. I did not know the deceased nor any of her family but Mom did. I listened, did not participate in the discussion, but I, nevertheless, took a trip down memory lane.

I sat quietly as Mom renewed acquaintances with the brother and sister of the deceased. She had not seen them in 50+ years. I heard the

stories of a little one-room school house and eight grades all taught together.

I listened and marveled at the memories of times that were hard, long cold walks to school, dinners of bread and meat carried in little lard buckets, spelling bees, floods, fights and fun. I heard the tales of my mother's school days, the seatmate (the brother of the deceased) for so many years who fought with her every day and yet both of them have such fond memories of those days.

Although they were boy and girl, the desks in the school house were built for two students. Mom and this gentleman were the only two in their grade so they were "stuck" with each other. I was blessed by the reunion I witnessed in that funeral home.

You may wonder how I am going to tie this to Mayo Technical College. Well, it goes something like this. Education in eastern Kentucky has progressed in leaps and bounds in my lifetime. I am 51 years old (I won't tell Mom's age because she reads this.), and I, too, began my education in that same little schoolhouse, with one room, eight grades and my lunch in a lard bucket. I went two years to that school before moving on to a consolidated school.

Yes, consolidation then was bringing all those little schools into one large area school where each grade had its own room and teacher. I walked more than a mile to school and it was a privilege to get to go to school.

Our children today are driven or drive everywhere they go and have every convenience we can provide for them. Technology, roads and outside contact with the world have changed the face of eastern Kentucky education forever. The age of computers has opened up avenues once not even known to exist and some that did not exist for us.

It is our job now to use that technology and teach our students to use it to make a better place for them and their children to follow. Mayo was established in 1938, before my birth, and during the time that the small schoolhouses still populated every community in these five counties.

It has grown and met the needs of each succeeding generation of students coming out of the small schools and later the larger consolidated schools. We are still here, doing what we have always done best — educating the people.

A lifetime is a short time when

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for the parties to pay for the primaries and still have plenty of funds left over. Just ban soft money spending during campaign season and let the parties use that money to pay for the elections.

But since I know THAT would never fly, why not open up the primary system so that voters can cast their ballots the way they really want — for the person, not the party.

After all, despite all the forecasts of doom which accompany any

mention of opening up the primary system, such disasters have not occurred in New Hampshire or South Carolina. If anything, voter participation in those states is greater, if only because of the uncertainty.

Of course, it will never happen, not in Kentucky.

At least, not until those 180,000 people, joined by anyone else interested in fairness, start speaking up and standing up for their right to vote.

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Guest

without fear of being prosecuted for abandonment.

In the Senate State and Local Government Committee, members approved House Bill 2, legislation that would make it illegal for one person to pay another to sign a petition that places a question on a public ballot.

The same committee also approved legislation which would exempt churches from laws pertaining to their public accommodations. Under HB 70, churches would not be forced to let groups whose beliefs they disagree with use their accommodations, such as campgrounds or reception halls.

In last week's Judiciary Committee business, members approved HB 355, a bill that would eliminate visitation rights of a parent convicted of killing their child's other parent. The bill states that a judge couldn't allow visitation in such cases unless a hearing determines that visitation would be in a child's best interest.

Members of the Senate will be looking into some of the top issues of the 2000 legislative session in the weeks ahead, so this is an important time for Kentuckians to share their thoughts on the issues of the day. If you have a

comment or question on an issue we're looking at in Frankfort, I hope you'll take the time to share your thoughts with me by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. If you leave a message, I'll return your call at my earliest opportunity.

You also can stay involved with the legislative process by writing me or any legislator at Legislative Offices, State Capitol Annex, 701 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601. If you have Internet access, the Kentucky Legislature's home page — complete with bill summaries, bill-status information and committee meeting schedules — is at www.lrc.state.ky.us.



A giraffe's neck has the same number of vertebrae as the neck of a mouse—seven.

Representative Ira Branham

by Ira Branham
94th District Representative

Hello from Frankfort, everyone!

The following is a short list of the legislation that I have sponsored to be considered during this season:

House Bill 38—provides for the deductibility of funeral and burial expenses under limited circumstances.

House Bill 292—creates an extracurricular activity transportation fund. As of now, state funding is only provided for transportation to and from school.

House Bill 293—provides for the return of what would eventually mean millions of dollars to our local school system. This was money taken away by virtue of a 1998 Franklin Circuit Court decision.

House Bill 525—provides that those physicians employed by managed care organizations to review the decisions of our Kentucky physicians, must be licensed as Kentucky physicians.

Currently, the doctors employed by insurance carriers often do not allow your family doctor to perform certain treatments or even provide certain medications your doctor may request. If something goes wrong, only your doctor is responsible. This shifting of responsibility to your doctor isn't fair. This legislation would provide for greater accountability from the insurance company doctor.

House Bill 23—would phase out the state portion of the property tax on automobiles.

House Bill 30—would provide a \$500 tax credit to our volunteer firefighters who otherwise receive nothing of value for the service they provide.

House Bill 180—would create a prepaid college tuition program.

House Bill 390—would create a system for review of health care decisions made by a health insurance carrier.

House Resolution 75—would urge Congress and the President to reform the financial structure of the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefits

Act.

A bill I put into the hopper just last week would create an Infrastructure Development Fund from severance tax receipts allowing counties to use this money for water and sewer projects.

Another bill I developed and presented for consideration last week would create a retirement fund for coal miners who have not otherwise been afforded a pension from their coal mining employment. The money would come from the severance tax and would not require the involvement of an attorney.

The budget bill is a hot topic right now. The bill provides that persons earning \$75,000 or less would pay less in taxes. Those earning more than \$100,000 would pay more.

Call me anytime, express your opinions, suggestions, or comments about these or any of the myriad of other matters currently pending before the General Assembly. The toll-free number to leave your message is 1-800-372-7181.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you.



Mike Goble, public affairs officer for the Kentucky State Police Post 9, helps Michael Rohrer with a "fatal vision" experiment. Rohrer, a Pikeville High School student, is trying out a specially made set of goggles that make the wearer feel as if he is intoxicated. Here, the student is trying to touch Goble's hand and is off course. Goble, who is hoping to purchase a pair of the glasses to use in school programs, made the demonstration at Thursday's meeting of the Mountain Coalition for Prevention Project, which works with school children in Pike and Floyd counties to discourage drug and alcohol abuse. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Nominations sought for women's award

East Kentucky Women in Leadership (EKWIL) will present, for the third time, the "Vision for East Kentucky Women Award" in conjunction with the 13th annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference, in Benham, on April 28-29.

EKWIL needs your help in identifying candidates for this award and encourages nominations of women or men who have done something significant to further women's progress in the region. The nominations must reflect how the individual, male or female, meets each of the criteria. You must also enclose a short biographical sketch of the individual with complete name and address and also the name, address and phone number of the individual making the nomination.

Nominations must be submitted by March 3 to Betsie Carroll, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. For additional information, call 606/886-2374.

Criteria for vision for East Kentucky women award

- Demonstrates vision, strategy and action in their efforts to confront issues that affect women in east Kentucky.

- Includes others from diverse backgrounds in the solution process inspiring local resources to believe in the potential of eastern Kentucky women.

- Provides effective leadership to women in east Kentucky through perseverance, compassion, optimism and ethical behavior.

- Enhances the values of women in the region by drawing attention to the skills, talents, contributions and demands of their multiple roles.

- Champions the dignity of all women, regardless of the lifestyle choices they make.

- Is a resident of east Kentucky.

As a part of the 13th annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference, EKWIL will sponsor a special celebration of East Kentucky Women on Friday afternoon, April 28, from 1 until 3 p.m.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Irene Williams, 57, of Phelps, died Saturday, February 12, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Harold G. Senter, 70, of Mims, Florida, died Tuesday, February 15, at the Parrish Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Helen V. Senter. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under the direction of North Brevard Funeral Home.

Myrtle Stafford Roberts, 90, of Burnwell, died Monday, February 14, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Mary Jane Varney Justice, 86, of Sidney, died Tuesday, February 15,

at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Norvil Sparks Jr., 70, of Hatfield, died Tuesday, February 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gypsy Ruthe Maynard Sparks. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Elizabeth "Betty" Palko, 74, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, February 14, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Mary Nixon Blackwell, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, February 16. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18,

under the direction of Bailey Son Funeral Home.

Lacy Pearl Hopkins, 70, of Gardner Fork of Greasy Creek, died Wednesday, February 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services-Morris Chapel.

Alene Jackson Lowe, 74, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, February 16, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Don Lowe Jr. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 20, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Mildred Jewel Mullins Tackett, 68, of Virgie, died Wednesday, February 16, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of R.S. Jones &

Funeral Home.

Dr. Joshua P. Sutherland Sr., 86, of Grundy, Virginia, died Wednesday, February 16. He is survived by his wife, Nell Smith Sutherland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Gary D. White, 45, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Monday, February 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Renn White. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary Chapel.

Johnson County

Margie Fannin, 63, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 11, under the direction of Preston

Funeral Home.

Gladys Mae Perkey Mollette, 85, died Friday, February 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Dr. Francisco Puig, 62, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, February 8, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Linda Andrews Puig. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Ethel Curtis, 82, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, February 12, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Thomas Baldwin, 75, died Friday, February 11, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 13, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Alex Verich

Alex Verich, 75, of Howland, Ohio, died February 3, 2000, at the Cleveland Clinic of injuries from a December fall. He was the brother of Duna Combs of Langley.

A native of Wisconsin, he was a World War II veteran, who survived the sinking of the escort carrier USS Gambier Bay during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He spent three days in a life raft and swam more than three miles to assist the rescue operation.

He was an architectural engineer for several large companies in Ohio, later forming his own company of professional consulting engineers.

In addition to his sister here, he is survived by his wife, two sons, a brother and another sister.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Election Tuesday

Election for one parent member to the Allen Central SBDM will be Tuesday, February 22.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the office Friday, February 18, at 3 p.m. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. A parent council member must be a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. A parent council member cannot be a district employee at Allen Central Middle School, a local board member, or a relative of a local board member. Relative means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or mother-in-law.

Any person of a child enrolled at Allen Central Middle School may vote to elect the parent council member.

Alice Lloyd College offers one stop program

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services and Alice Lloyd College have joined in helping both citizens of Kentucky and students of ALC find jobs, write resumes, and provide information on labor markets, career options, education and training programs, and much more. There are currently about 20 One Stop Program Offices statewide. The assistance received is free of charge and more information may be obtained through the Alice Lloyd College Career Development Office. Both the One Stop Program Office and the Career Development Office are located on the second floor of the Student Center on the campus of ALC. Call the ALC Career Development Office at 606/368-5136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AARP Tax Aide service begun, February 1

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has begun its tax service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers on Tuesday, February 1, and will continue through April 13.

The service will be offered at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, from 8:30 to 3:30 each Tuesday, and is free to all senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

ALC video conference

The Division of Teacher Education at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will host a Multicultural Regional Video Conference on March 4, in the Campbell Arts Center. Videos on a wide range of issues pertaining to the education of diverse students will be available. Participants will select from these quality films. Following each viewing, facilitators will guide the audience in discussion of the issues raised. A luncheon will be included in the \$20 registration fee. The luncheon speaker will be local author, Verna Mae Slone. Professional Development credit of six hours will be awarded, with district approval. The deadline for registration will be February 19. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Billingsley at 606/368-6090.

Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interested in working with the 2000 Census to take the required exam are much broader than originally announced. The exams will be administered at sites throughout Floyd County from now through March. For information on times and locations, call 1-888-325-7733. Jobs are available as census takers and crew leaders and pay between \$6.50 and \$13 an hour. If you call the toll-free number, indicate that you live in the Ashland, Kentucky, region.

Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call

886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

February 25: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 29: So you're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospital-sponsored events, call our Events Line at 437-2003.

Domestic violence?

Have you ever heard: "I promise I will never hurt you again?" Have you been told you were ugly? Or fat? Or stupid? Or heard some other put down that made you feel bad about yourself? Is the person saying these things an intimate partner? In Kentucky, on the average 5,400 women and children seek shelter from domestic violence, on a yearly basis. You are not alone. Call our crisis line 886-6025 or 1-800-649-6605. There is help available; we offer shelter, support, counseling and referrals, educational programs groups and court advocacy. We are here 24-hours a day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

Fibromyalgia group meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building.

For more information, call: Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of February.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

Clothing; articles found

Allen Central Middle School Y.S.C. has several coats and other

articles of clothing brought in that have been found in the school. If you have misplaced your coat at school, come by the center to see if it has been brought to the Youth Service Center.

Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is responsible for their behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

Veterans rep.

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Call 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

Apples for the students

James A. Duff is collecting Food City receipts that will help us to get free computers and other items that we can use in our school. Help us by saving your receipts and either send them to school with your child or dropping them off at the Family Resource Center. You may also drop them off at the front office of our school. We would appreciate any help you could give our school with this project.

Open house

Betsy Layne High School will host an open house on Wednesday, February 23, from 4-7 p.m. Teachers will be available to discuss students' progress.

Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War, U.S. and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606/886-7920.

You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless

and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

Blood drive at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College will be the scene of a blood drive on Tuesday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Central Kentucky Blood Center, the drive will take place in room 102 of the Johnson Building. For information, call Dawn Wheeler at 606/432-4979.

Reptile specialist to visit Alice Lloyd College

Jim Harrison, a naturalist and herpetologist at the Kentucky Reptile Zoo located in Slade, will once again visit Alice Lloyd College on Tuesday, February 22, at 1 p.m., in the Estelle Campbell Center for the Arts Auditorium. Mr. Harrison has many years of experience in the areas of venom research and breeding reptiles. His lecture will focus on reptiles and include a display of live specimens. For more information, call 368-6136.

Fund-raiser planned

Wesley Christian Academy is planning an activity to raise funds to purchase playground equipment. A \$10 donation covers dinner, door prizes and the chance to win \$1,000 in cash during the March 13 event

(See Calendar, page seven)

The "Word" for the Week

No condemnation

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow Sterling, Kansas

All her accusers walked away. Jesus asked, "Did no one condemn you?" The answer of the adulteress was simple. "No one, Lord." Jesus then said two astounding things. "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more" (John 8:10-11). Jesus Christ did not come to bring condemnation.

Adultery already violates God's standards. "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). The penalty for adultery was death. "If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20:10). The New Testament adds these solemn words, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). The Old Testament penalty reflects the awesome spiritual reality.

At the same time, "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). Jesus did not condemn. He did not condone the woman's sin, either. "Sin no more." Salvation means new life. God removes guilt and the inclination to sin. God also provides a new bent of heart. "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1).

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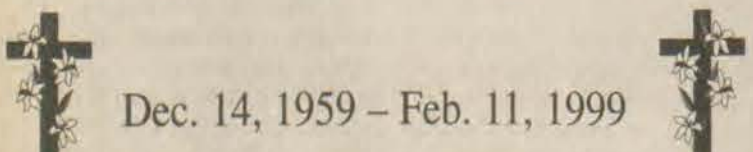
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Riverview Manor Nursing Home residents Joann Hall, left and Minty Crider present a check for \$256 to Don Willis who represents the Shriners Hospital. The money was collected during the nursing home's Hug Contest. The money will be specifically earmarked for the Lexington unit to buy toys for the children at Easter. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Applying for student financial aid quick, easy

Millions of students applying for federal student financial aid this year will find the process easier and faster than ever before, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the nation's largest source of college student aid.

In addition, tax credits of up to \$1,500 per student for tuition expenses paid last year are available for 1999 federal income tax filers.

"Streamlined forms have cut paperwork significantly," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, "and with electronic filing, a student's aid application can be processed in a matter of hours. Furthermore, tax credits can make college or training courses more affordable and reduce the amount of income tax families owe."

This year, an estimated \$51.4 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study opportunities will be awarded to some 8.4 million students out of 10 million applicants. Even students who are not financially needy enough to qualify for grants or federally subsidized loans are eligible for loans at interest rates lower than those offered by commercial lenders.

Following are some facts that potential applicants may find useful.

- Applying for federal aid is free. Filling out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) is the first step in the process. Students can file electronically or on a paper application. Most state and institutional aid eligibility is determined by the FAFSA, so students should start there.

- Students are also encouraged to talk to the financial aid directors at the schools they hope to attend to learn about financial aid packages and other sources of assistance. Students can obtain a FAFSA at high school guidance offices, libraries, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at 1-800-433-3243 (TDD 1-800-730-8913).

- Electronic filing is faster, less error-prone. An estimated 12 to 14 percent of paper applications are returned for errors, adding time to the application process. By filing electronically, students can

avoid delays because the software immediately identifies errors and allows for on-the-spot corrections.

FAFSA on the Web is now available to students to apply electronically through the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA on the Web can be accessed with many popular browsers, including Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer. Help is available by calling the customer service hotline at 1-800-801-0576 (TDD 1-800-511-5806).

- Reapplying for aid simplified. Reapplying for aid is simpler than ever. Students simply add a minimal amount of new information on the 2000-2001 renewal form and update any information that has changed since 1999-2000 (family size, for example).

Students can also reapply electronically by using the renewal version of FAFSA on the Web. For renewal filing over the web, students are given an electronic access code or PIN that serves as the student's signature. Parents will still have to sign if the applicant is a dependent.

Check with the school financial aid administrator for questions about the renewal paper or electronic FAFSA, or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center.

- PIN numbers now available. The department will mail a PIN (personal identification number) to new students who apply for aid in the 2000-2001 award year. The PIN can be used to access the student's account information online, access renewal FAFSAs, and take the place of the student's signature for FAFSA on the Web applications in subsequent years. Beginning March 6, students can make corrections to an aid application through the Internet.

Other useful tips:

- print carefully and clearly using only blue or black ink or pencil; no other colored ink accepted.

- have the student's Social Security number ready.

- use W-2 forms and carefully estimate tax information if federal income taxes have not yet been completed.

- be aware of deadline dates

for the schools to which you are applying. While students have an 18-month window to apply for federal aid, some schools have early filing dates for their own institutional aid that may be based on federal aid eligibility (a list of state deadlines is included in the FAFSA instructions).

- some schools use only the federal form. Others have a separate form for institutional aid so be sure to check with the school.

- do not report parents when answering the question, "how many students in the family are attending college?" But do report oneself even if attendance is less than half-time, and other family members who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program, and who are enrolled at least half-time.

- the forms are processed by computer, so do not attach additional materials and write only in the marked spaces on the application, never in the margins;

- be sure to sign the application or separate signature sheet for electronic filers (except electronic renewal filers who are independent) and have a parent sign if required.

In addition to federal grants, loans and work-study, families can take advantage of education tax credits: up to \$1,500 for the HOPE tax credit for each student enrolled in the first two years of college or vocational school; and up to \$1,000 for the Lifetime Learning tax credit for those beyond the first two years of study for students enrolled in vocational, college, graduate and professional schools, or adults taking classes part-time to improve or upgrade their job.

These credits can be claimed by eligible taxpayers when they file their 1999 tax returns. In 1998, 4.7 million families received \$3.4 billion in education tax credits.

To take advantage of the HOPE and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS form 8863 with their federal tax return. For more information, call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040, read IRS publication 970, or visit the U.S. Treasury Department's website at www.irs.gov.

MSU office assists minorities

Morehead State University's Office of Retention wants to ensure that minority students have the GUSTO it takes to make the transition to university life.

The GUSTO (Guiding Undergraduate Students Toward Opportunities) program pairs freshmen with faculty or staff mentors. "Mentors get to relax with students and share a part of their personal life, which is unusual," said William Salazar, minority retention specialist.

Having a mentor gives students an unbiased opinion when faced with a decision, said Nic Wilson, a Somerset sophomore and GUSTO participant. "It's also a friendly face to see."

As a freshman, Wilson did

not know many people on campus. "It was nice to walk around and see a professor that you know outside the classroom."

His relationship with his mentor, Dr. Rice Caric, associate professor of government, is different than a regular professor-student connection," said Wilson. "It's more like he's a friend of the family; he's helped me make it through some tough times."

The GUSTO program accepts up to 50 incoming freshmen each school year, Salazar said. Minority students who have a high school grade point average of 2.0 or higher are eligible to participate in the program.

"Mentoring students is a modest business in most cases

because students are defining themselves and don't want a lot of input from people like myself who are 25 years older," Dr. Caric said. "Nic is a smart, ambitious guy. I provide some information to him concerning various outlets for his ambitions."

Wilson said he would like to be a part of several organizations on campus. "I just can't find time for everything." He is executive vice president of the Student Government Association, sergeant-at-arms of the Black Student Coalition and a member of the Societas Pro Legibus pre-law society.

Additional information on the GUSTO program is available from Salazar at 606/783-5195.

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from 6 to 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the school at 874-8328, or any student. Contributions are tax deductible.

Historical society to meet

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Monday night, February 21, at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg. Everyone is welcome.

1st annual Jenny Wiley cheer and dance competition

The 1st annual Jenny Wiley Cheer and Dance competition will be held Saturday, February 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Prestonsburg High School gymnasium. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in 14 categories of cheer and dance divisions. For more information, or to pre-register, call Debi Manuel at (606) 886-0170, or Anita Coleman at (606) 874-2839. All proceeds will benefit the Prestonsburg High School Lady Cats Boosters Club program.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of the David School will teach GED classes at the James A. Duff Family Resource Center

each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are free. If you need more information, call Judy Handshoe, at 358-9878.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education should contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

McDowell FRC services

The following events and activities will be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center.

- GED classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Center. These classes are free for anyone wanting to earn the GED.

- Bi-monthly Advisory Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of that month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held on

April 6.

- Parents who are looking for new ideas on effective discipline techniques, assisting with homework, getting children to help with chores, how to provide healthier meals and snacks for their families, effective household budgeting, and other topics should attend the next Parent Support Group.

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families. Please attend either of both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

- Floyd County Health Department has a clinic open at the Center each Monday to see patients concerning school (head start, kindergarten and sixth grade) physicals, W.I.C., immunizations, female exams, well-child exams and other services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 377-2678.

- A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the Center two days a week for students who are in need of counseling services. Call the Center if you feel your child could benefit from this service, 377-2678.

Internet printing on the rise

(NUE) - Contrary to popular predictions, offices won't be paperless anytime soon. In fact, Internet usage in the workplace has increased demand for printing, according to recent surveys of business professionals sponsored by Hewlett-Packard Company.

The two quarterly Internet Printing Index surveys revealed that printed output is often used as a hard-copy extension of the Internet.

Regular users of online information reported printing 33 pages per day from the Internet during the second quarter survey, a 10-page-per-day increase over the first survey. More than half (56 percent) of the respondents print at least 10 pages daily.

According to the survey, people print the following most often from the Internet:

- Seventy-eight percent of respondents print research or reference materials from the Web.
- Sixty-three percent print online product information.
- Forty-six percent print maps and directions.
- Forty-five percent print information from company and vendor Web sites.
- Thirty-three percent of respondents said they

print photos from the Web.

In addition, the IPI surveys examined the choice of black and white versus color for printing online materials. Of those who use color printing, most use color to improve the appearance of their printouts or to make a better impression.

Color printing is expected to increase dramatically in the future, according to the IPI results. "As technology advances and prices drop, color printing has become faster and more accessible, allowing more and more business users to benefit from the greater impact of color documents," said Greg Wallace, worldwide marketing manager for Hewlett-Packard's Inkjet Graphics Solutions.

HP has commissioned the IPI on a quarterly basis to monitor changes in workplace Internet-printing behavior and identify relevant changes.

The surveys were conducted by MarketTools, a provider of Web-based market research, and commissioned by HP, a leading manufacturer of computing and imaging equipment.

For information on HP products and services, visit the company's Web site at www.hp.com.

Counterfeiters Foiled

(NAPSA) - With the public acting as the first line of defense against counterfeiting, the world is becoming a riskier place for counterfeiters. Treasury Department-sponsored employee education seminars are providing retailers with the ammunition they need to thwart counterfeiters.

Burnetta Travis, 42, of Gulfport, MS knew something was wrong with the \$100 bill she had just received from a customer at the Wal-Mart where she worked. She notified the in-store loss prevention officer, and the nervous customer left without his change. Once confronted in the parking lot, the customer admitted, "You got me." Travis' actions led the Secret Service to seize \$56,388 in counterfeit currency. Travis learned about the newly designed currency through Wal-Mart's employee training.

Similar training gave a Kansas City, MO teenager the tools she needed to intercept two counterfeit \$20 bills at a McDonald's. Zera Frazier-Bey, 17, noticed that the color of the bills was not quite right and neither bill had a watermark. This discovery led to the arrest of two women, one of whom was wanted for passing \$1,500 in counterfeit notes at a nearby 7-Eleven.

As part of an effort to stay a step ahead of counterfeiters, the Treasury Department recently unveiled the designs for the new \$10 and \$5 notes. The new designs, similar to the \$20 issued in 1998, represent the Treasury's latest move to give the public more power to fight counterfeiting.

"If everyone checks the money that passes through their hands, it will put counterfeiters out of business," Secretary Lawrence H. Summers said. "That is the goal of redesigning our currency."

Not only are cashiers and other money-handlers getting more savvy about detecting bogus bills, but the notes themselves are harder to counterfeit. That's because of new security features that have been added to U.S. currency since 1996.

By now, most people have seen the new \$20 bill with its larger, off-center portrait, the watermark-visible when the note is held up to light, and the enlarged high-contrast number for people who are visually impaired. These features also are included in the new \$10 and \$5 notes.

There are a number of other features designed to foil counterfeiters. The security thread, the fine line printing patterns, microprinted phrases and color-shifting ink-which does not appear on the \$5 note-make the bills difficult to duplicate.

In Fairfax, VA, these features helped Kim Welsh, 26, identify two

men trying to use a bogus \$100 bill in the Sam Goody store where she worked. Welsh had been trained to look for the security features by her bank. The subsequent investigation led to the seizure of \$10,000 worth of counterfeit bills.

All three cash-handlers were awarded "Exceptional Public Service" awards by Secretary Summers. The Treasury Department will offer free informational materials on the redesigned notes to retailers, educators and financial institutions to help more people learn to authenticate paper currency. For more information, go to www.moneyfactory.com.

Kentucky gets more federal aid for emergency heating

Another half million dollars in federal funds has been allocated to help low-income Kentucky families pay for heating their homes, and President Bill Clinton announced Wednesday he intends to ask Congress to earmark more.

Clinton released \$120 million in the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds to 31 states yesterday; Kentucky's share is \$528,131. That's an addition to \$1.16 million previously released to the state.

More than 130,000 Kentucky households are served by LIHEAP annually. Most counties already have reported running out of their current program funding. State program coordinators say the new funding won't last more than a week but will assist another 3,000 families.

Kentucky's 23 Community Action Agency (CAA) offices administer LIHEAP funds through a contract between the state's Cabinet for Families and Children and the Kentucky Association for Community Action. Every county has at least one staffed CAA office.

Since January, the state's program has been operating in its crisis mode. Until the funds run out, help is available to Kentuckians who meet the program's income criteria, and are in a crisis situation. Clients must be at or below 110 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Examples of a crisis situation include receiving a disconnect or past due notice from a utility or having no more than a four-day supply of other fuel types, such as firewood or coal.

Clinton said he wants Congress to act quickly on his request to provide \$600 million in emergency funding to ensure as many people who need help get it during severe weather.

"If we provide more money, if the states really want to see the maximum number of people helped, they have the ability to raise income limits of people eligible for that help, and to structure the help accordingly," he said.

For more information about LIHEAP, call the Kentucky Association for Community Action at (800) 456-3452.

Board to seek condemnation for gridiron properties

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education met in special session Thursday night with a short agenda, but one of those items was time-sensitive: review and consider acquisitions and dispositions.

The board apparently has obtained all property needed to complete the football complexes except the Carlos Neeley property at Prestonsburg and the Harold Newman property at South Floyd. With Carol Stumbo abstaining, the board voted 4-0 to initiate action to obtain both properties under condemnation.

The board has been trying to hasten the process of building football complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools so the football fields, especially the one at Prestonsburg, will be ready for play this fall.

If construction is not finished by the opening of the season, Prestonsburg will have to find another site to play home games. South Floyd could use Brackett Field one more year and suffer less of a disruption than Prestonsburg.

The board had a long discussion about student-teacher ratio. The ratio of teachers has a great impact on the budget. While the information that the central office presented was not intended for action but for board information, Supt. Paul Fanning and his staff members present told the board it should make a decision on the student-teacher ratio and the budget in the next week or so. The information needs to be available to schools by March 1, so they can plan for the 2000-2001 school year.

The board scheduled a meeting/workshop to work on the items for February 22 at Adams Middle School.

Some board members say they are getting mixed signals on exactly what the staffing ratios are at individual schools. The school calculates staffing ratios without using special education or Title I teachers. When the teachers are figured in the formula, the ratios are drastically reduced.

Phil Paige, assessment coordinator, gave a couple of options for the board to consider. Paige pointed out that the options were just that and the board had the right to alter the plan as they saw fit. However, Paige and Fanning did recommend a plan that the central office thought would work best.

Paige had worked out a detailed plan to present to the board and some board members tried to discuss isolated parts of the staffing report. Paige told them that the plan had to be looked at in order to get a true picture of what it represents.

As she has done often, Stumbo said board members simply had to have information of that kind in time to study it before board meetings. The February 22 meeting will be devoted to working through the plan, with additional information being supplied by the central office.

Stumbo said the student-teacher ratio was misleading. She said if a person visited the regular teachers with a class of students, the ratio would be much higher than what is listed after support teachers are included.

Stumbo asked that Paige and instructional supervisor Susan Compton compile information that

would allow the board to see exactly what the ratio was — even down to individual teachers. Paige said he would be glad to do his portion of the report but it would take some time since he has been assigned to run the alternative school, Opportunities Unlimited.

Stumbo also said she did not think the system was using support teachers as effectively as it should — “and it’s our duty to see that those teachers are used effectively,” Stumbo said.

Compton said while regular money could be used at the discretion of the SBDM at the individual schools, the central office had the right (and duty) to alter any programs funded by federal dollars. Compton said the schools could, in fact, lose their funding if their special programs did produce student improvement. Both Paige and Compton are on the budget committee.

State manager Woody Carter pointed out to the board that neighboring Johnson County was number 52 in the state while Floyd County was 152. He said research has shown that some of that improvement was the result of better use of support personnel. He said the best scenario was to use the extra money to hire certified teachers and place them in a classroom.

Board chairman Terry Dotson said optimistically, “When we win (some of) the lawsuits, the money will be put back in the budget.” The board does not have a good track

records for winning lawsuits.

Paige pointed out that personnel salaries eat up a great chunk of the system’s budget. He said about 78 percent of the budget went toward salaries. The state average is about 76 percent. At one time Floyd County spent 84 percent of its budget on personnel.

The system’s budget took two big hits: 1.9 percent set aside for court settlements and \$800,000 that has to be paid to Cogenex. Glenn Hendricks, a highly-skilled educator with the system, estimated that money would provide nearly 70 teaching positions for the system.

The system also must allocate about \$680,000 to fund a 3.2 percent raise for both certified and classified personnel. In order to make some of this money, about \$100,000 was taken from maintenance (in the draft budget). The money will be returned to the department when other mon-

neys become available.

Jody Mullins said it bothered him that money was being taken from maintenance each year. Dotson pointed out that last year’s money was returned to the department and there was a good chance the same would happen this year. “Anyway,” Dotson said, “these are only suggestions and will need further review.”

Mullins said he is concerned that maintenance would get away from daily tasks and the system would pay at a later date when facilities began to deteriorate.

The board and central office staff will return to Adams Middle School on Tuesday to continue working out the details of the budget and staffing allocation so the information can be sent out to school.

The budget has to be completed and submitted to the state by the end of March.

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have been parking in the middle of the road,” said a resident at the meeting.

Eddie Patton of the county judge-executive’s office asked the city to provide a building to lodge office space for several social services. A building of 1,000 to 1,200 square feet has been requested to house offices that may include employment services, the health department, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Department of Social Services, and the Mud Creek Clinic.

The old library building is the only building left available, said Don “Booty” Hall.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the old library needs to be restored but was unsure the building would provide enough space.

“It would mean a lot of services to the people of this area,” said Thompson.

Sammons suggested adding on to the existing city hall building, but Thompson said a new building would not be cost effective.

Whether the building be used for the services or not, Thompson suggested that the library be refurbished.

“It would be nice to clean up

the library,” he said. “It would restore another building.”

In other issues facing the commission:

• The city received no bids on two cars that were put up for sale. Mayor Sammons said the city would sell the cars to the first person offering \$500.

• A payment of \$11,669 was approved for the city’s liability insurance, which includes coverage of the city swimming pool.

With the pool now under county ownership, city officials want to check on the premium to see if it could be lowered.

• An insurance premium for the city police cruiser totaling \$1671.71 was also approved. Needed it only in the winter, the city decided to drop its Blazer from the policy until November.

• A payment of \$1,000 was approved for the liability case of Christopher Isaac.

• Tim Parker suggested that City Clerk Mary Ann Slone be sent to a city budget workshop being held at the Big Sandy Area Development District. The commission agreed the workshop would be a good idea for tips in planning their budget.

Online sales site helps shoppers save time and money

(NAPSA)-Finding a retail sale or bargain has just gotten much easier, whether you shop at a local retailer, from a catalog or on the Internet. A new web site points out the best buys, making it simpler to find the items you want at the prices you crave.

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■ Prestonsburg Blackcats preview

Prestonsburg improved, but is it soon enough?

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It has been a long and difficult basketball season for the Prestonsburg Blackcats, a team that is not accustomed to being where they are at this time of the year.

The 58th District basketball tournament is just eight days ahead and Coach Jackie Day Crisp's team is just not where they had expected to be.

At the onset of the season Coach Crisp said a 10-win season would be gratifying but that will not happen. The Blackcats are just 3-20 on the year at press time with only three games remaining against Sheldon Clark (Friday night), Magoffin County (Tuesday) and Piarist (Wednesday) at home.

Prestonsburg will meet the Piarist Knights in a first round game of the 58th District tournament. The Knights have been one of the three wins for Prestonsburg and the Cats will carry a heavy favorite's role when the two meet.

However, Prestonsburg, if they conquer the Knights, will have to meet the number one seed, South Floyd in a second round game. The Blackcats have fallen twice to the Raiders in the regular season.

If there was a highlight to the otherwise dismal season, it had to be in the Coca-Cola Classic at Pike County Central when the Cats won over Jenkins and surprised host Pike Central in advancing to the finals before losing to county rival Betsy Layne.

However, in the Coca-Cola Classic Prestonsburg seemed to show signs of being a good basketball team and the 10-win season appeared to be a possibility.

However, since the tournament, Prestonsburg has put but one victory in the win column and that over Piarist.

Inexperience and youth have contributed to the Prestonsburg program's demise. Leadership from last year has been missing as the Blackcats were hit very hard by graduating the top eight players from last season.

Coach Crisp said he knew what faced him when he took the job at the start of the season.

"I talked with Mr. (Coy) Samons about it and we

knew it was going to be a rebuilding year for us," said the Blackcat coach.

But coaching a boys varsity basketball team has been Crisp's dream and his dedication to the program



Ricky Powers

will turn it around.

Last year when the Second Season tipped off, Coach Crisp was in a different surrounding with the girls program. He guided the Lady Blackcats to the regional finals before falling to Belfry.

Ricky Powers and Dustin Music have led the scoring parade most of the season for Prestonsburg. Seth Crisp has developed into a floor leader while the trio has been the nucleus for this season. Ryan Martin, John Dixon, Matt Clay, Matt Slone and Kyle Shepherd all have contributed but just haven't shown the ingredients for a championship team.

Martin, a sophomore, has bloomed into a pure three-point shooter and joined the varsity late in the season. He has been consistent from the floor as well as the free throw line.

Music gives some size in the middle for the Blackcats, has soft hands, and can score from the paint area. Powers is also a three-point threat from the court and is one of the team's leading rebounders. He runs the court well.

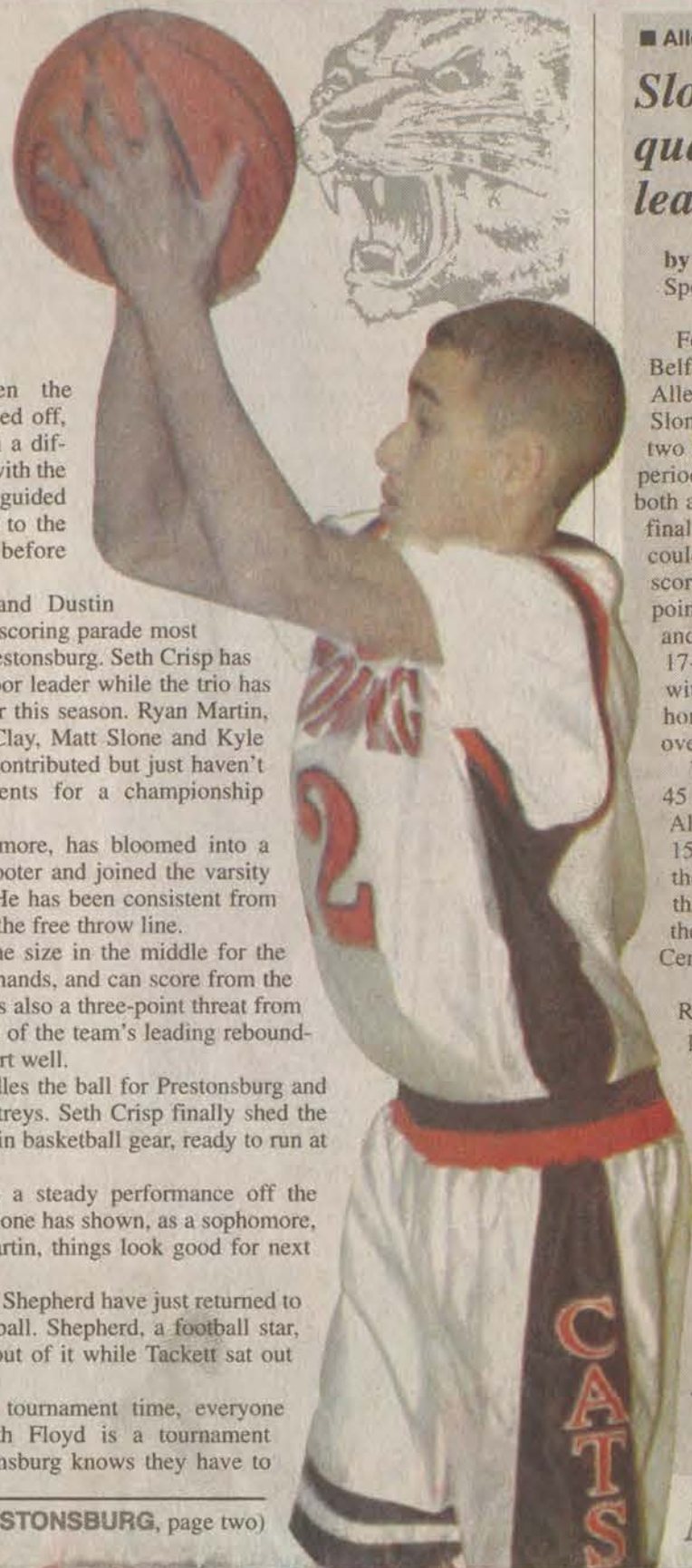
John Dixon handles the ball for Prestonsburg and he also can hit the treys. Seth Crisp finally shed the football legs and is in basketball gear, ready to run at full speed.

Matt Clay gives a steady performance off the bench while Matt Slone has shown, as a sophomore, that, along with Martin, things look good for next season.

Matt Tackett and Shepherd have just returned to the game of basketball. Shepherd, a football star, spent two seasons out of it while Tackett sat out last year.

When it comes tournament time, everyone starts at 0-0. South Floyd is a tournament favorite, but Prestonsburg knows they have to

(See PRESTONSBURG, page two)



Matt Clay

■ Allen Central at Belfry
Slone's fourth quarter spurt leads Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

For three quarters, the Belfry Pirates held down Allen Central guard Leslie Slone and limited him to two free throws in the third period where he missed both attempts. But in the final stanza, the Pirates could not contain him as he scored all eight of his points in the final quarter and led Allen Central on a 17-14 run that concluded with the Rebels coming home with a 62-59 win over the host Pirates.

With the score tied at 45 after three periods, Allen Central hit 10 of 15 free throws in edging the Pirates. Slone hit a three-point basket late in the quarter to give Allen Central the lead for good.

Jeremy Sexton led the Rebels' scoring with 15 points. Rodney Scott finished with 13 and Jeremy Hayes buried two three-point baskets to toss in 10 for the game.

Point guard Larry Mullins had nine points in the game but hit three big charity tosses in the final quarter. Slone had eight points.

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■ Betsy Layne at Pike Central

Pike County Central hits free throws to defeat Betsy Layne

Daugherty scored 24 for Lady Hawks

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats have really struggled lately. They lost to Knott County Central on Monday and were hoping to change their streak. They only have one game left and that will be at Sheldon Clark, therefore they needed a win at Pike Central in the worst way.

Pike Central was playing without the services of Ashley Melvin. Melvin had knee surgery on Thursday and will be out the rest of the season. As hard as the Lady Bobcats played and as much as they needed the win, the Lady Hawks were the ones that came away with the victory.

Fran Daugherty of Pike County Central led all players in scoring with 24. Jenny Parsons was the leading scorer for the Lady Bobcats.

The Lady Bobcats had a very poor shooting percentage from the floor. They were also out rebounded by the Lady Hawks. Heather Hamilton had a better shooting night than she has been having. Hamilton finished the game with nine points for the Lady Bobcats. Amber Roberts came off the bench to hit double figures for Betsy Layne and Devon Reynolds finished with nine.

Pike Central got the ball off the tip-off but failed to score and Whitney Lykens pulled down the rebound for the Lady Bobcats. But the Ladycats also failed to score on their trip down. Both teams made several attempts before Parsons, on an assist by Reynolds, hit the first basket of the game. With 6:36 to go in the opening quarter, the Lady Bobcats took their first lead.

But that lead was short lived. On the next trip down the floor, Hall hit a three-point basket for the Lady Hawks to give the lead to Pike Central.

Sparks hit the next basket for the Lady Hawks on one of the many rebounds she pulled down in the game. Sparks is a strong

(See PIKE COUNTY, page two)



Amber Roberts (20) can take the ball to the basket as well as shoot from the outside. Roberts came off the bench to score 10 points for the Lady Bobcats. The Lady Bobcats dropped their second game this week when they fell to the Pike County Lady Hawks 64-56. (photo by Karen Joseph)

A Look At Sports

Tubby-ball not accepted by Wildcat fans

Looking at the Kentucky Wildcat basketball record, 18-7, you would think the winning mark would suffice UK fans but it sure hasn't.

I don't think they mind losing as much as the way Kentucky loses.

After back-to-back losses to Florida and LSU, Tubby Smith decided maybe his team should push the ball, take the first available shot and maybe, just maybe, the ball will go through the hoop.

Well, Pitino-ball, Tubby-style, just didn't work and the Cats still passed the ball around the perimeter looking for someone to shoot the ball and score. All the Cats really got was a "ton of bricks" and some didn't even come close to being a three-point threat.

The Cats were beating Alabama and on their way to win number 18 this past Wednesday night but the crowd certainly wasn't into it. That prompted Alabama freshman sensation Robert Grizzard, who handled the Cats defense fairly well, to make a statement.

"I always heard Kentucky was a tough place, but I thought the crowd would be louder than it was."

Well, the respect that UK had as one of the top programs in the nation is dying out.

No longer an automatic conference champion, the Cats have to claw for everything they get.

I am glad they have a winning record. And I think they will be part of the 64 teams that make up the NCAA tournament. I believe they will get a first round win in the field of teams but I do not expect them to make it further than round two or, at most, round three.

It is hard to get excited about this team. I like the run-and-gun offense of pushing the ball up the court, hitting an open man, trailing or what, and watching the ball settle in the net for a trey. I don't like to see the bricks Keith, Saul, Todd, Desmond and others are shooting.

UK has two chances to redeem itself when they face Tennessee and Florida once

again. While the Cats own a first-meeting win over the Vols, they will find themselves hard-pressed to win in Knoxville Wednesday night.

Florida will visit Rupp Arena to close out the regular season before SEC tournament play begins. The Gators were rude to the Cats in Gator Alley but don't expect them to be any nicer when they visit Lexington.

Of the five games remaining, two are winnable for the Cats — Georgia and Mississippi State. Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida, the Cats will be hard-pressed to win. Even on the road at Mississippi State could be an upset loss.

Kentucky could be looking at their worst loss record in a long time with 10 setbacks.

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THE SCORE BOARD

■ Girls

58th District
Pike Central 64, Betsy Layne 56
Whitesburg 54, Allen Central 51

15th Region
Shelby Valley 80, Elkhorn City 47

Area
Breathitt Co. 53, Paris 49
Fleming Neon 43, Hazard 38

■ Boys

15th District
Elkhorn City 59, Mount Mission 52

Games on tap

■ Girls

Mon., Feb. 21
58th district
Allen Central @ Pike Central
Prestonsburg @ Sheldon Clark
South Floyd @ Shelby Valley

Tues., Feb. 22
Magoffin County @ Allen Central

Thurs., Feb. 24
Betsy Layne @ Sheldon Clark
Boyd Co. @ Prestonsburg

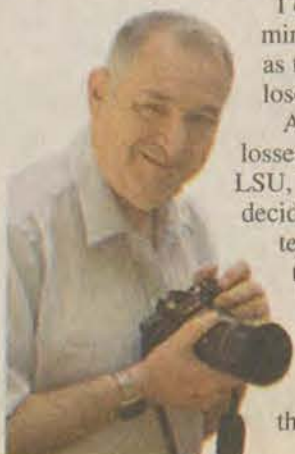
Fri., Feb. 25
Red Bird @ Piarist

■ Boys

Tues., Feb. 22
Allen Central @ Cordia
Betsy Layne @ Phelps
Prestonsburg @ Magoffin Co.
Jenkins @ South Floyd

Wed., Feb. 23
Piarist @ Prestonsburg (Senior Night)

Fri., Feb. 25
Breathitt Co. @ Allen Central
Betsy Layne @ Magoffin Co.
Red Bud @ Piarist
Fleming Neon @ South Floyd



Whitesburg at Allen Central

Martin scores 16 in loss to Whitesburg

Lady Rebs cool from floor, stripe

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebs were at home this past Thursday night hosting the Whitesburg Lady Yellow jackets in a non-regional game.

But you would have thought the Lady Rebs were on the road as they could not do much right in falling to Whitesburg.

Allen Central shot a cool 37 percent for the game and hit only 50 percent from the charity stripe, 14 for 28, and was one of seven from the three-point arc.

The problem was they failed to take care of the basketball, falling 54-51 to the Lady Yellowjackets. Allen Central had 27 turnovers in the game and only lost by three.

Senior Jessica Martin, a good candidate for Player of the Year in the county, finished with 16 points to lead the Lady Rebs. Point guard Shanna Howell broke a mild slump and tossed in 13 points. Shannon Sizemore and Kari Osborne both contributed eight points.

Erin Majakey hit the only three-point basket for Allen Central. The loss evened Allen Central's record at 12-12 on the season.

Victoria Boggs led all scorers with 22 points but 12 of those came in the fourth quarter when Whitesburg pulled out the win in a comeback effort.

Leah Hansel was the only other double figure scorer for Whitesburg

with 11 points. Elizabeth Kincer added seven. Chastity McBee scored six.

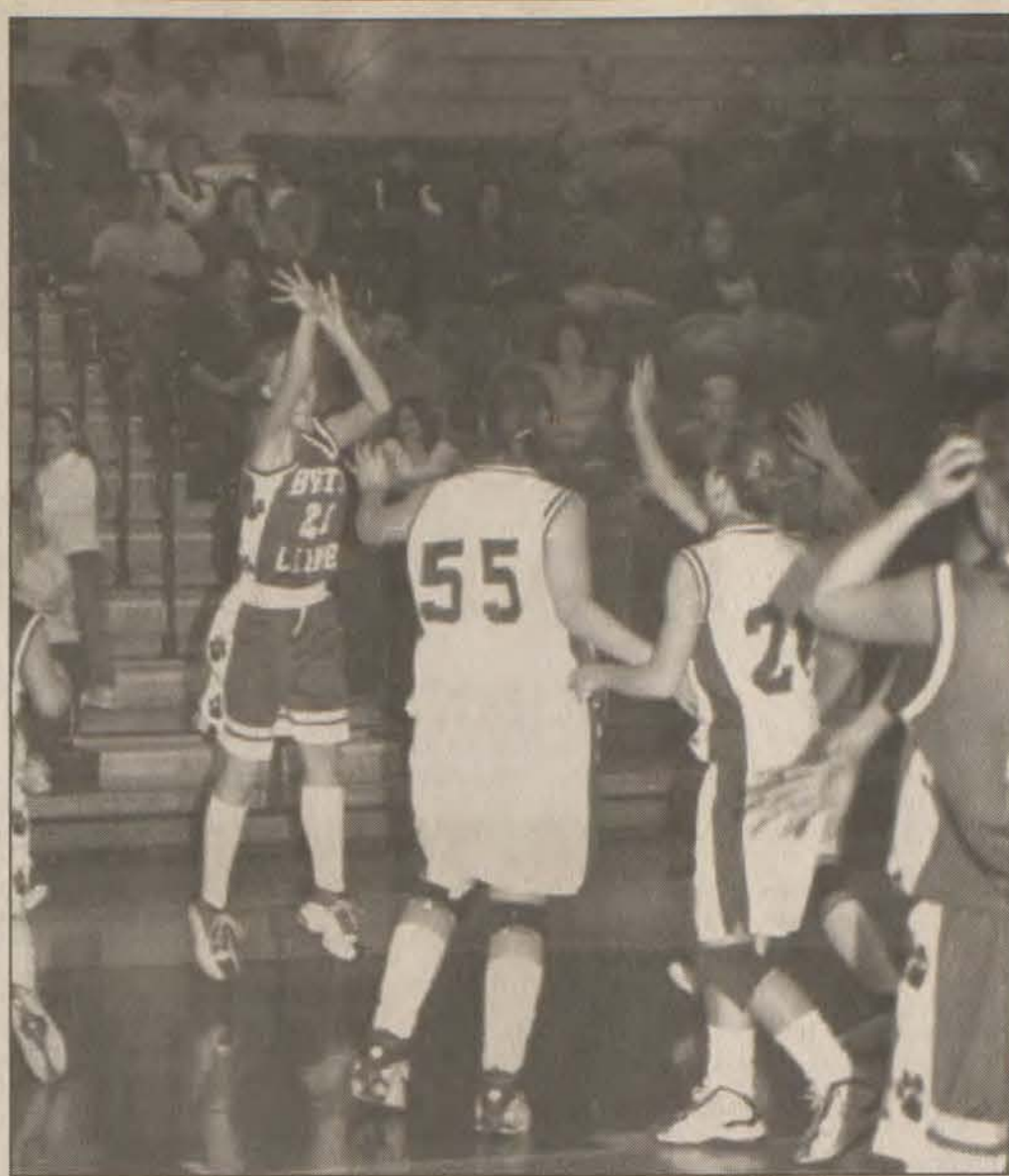
Boggs did not have a field goal in the first two quarters but scored five in the third on a basket and a three-pointer. She had her second trey in the fourth period. She was five of six from the charity stripe in the second stanza.

Martin pulled down 10 rebounds for Allen Central and Sizemore had five. Osborne was a workhorse on the boards with nine caroms. Jackie Martin pulled in seven.

Howell dished off four assists to lead Allen Central there.

Barb Prater, who had been in the hospital, returned to the lineup for Allen Central. She had one assist and one steal.

Jennifer Risner, the two guard, missed the game because of illness. As a team, Allen Central had 34 rebounds in the contest.



Amber Roberts (20) lets go a three point basket in the game against the Pike Central Lady Hawks. Roberts had been playing very good ball lately, but the Lady Cats really need to step up their offense going into the district tournament. The Lady Bobcats will face Prestonsburg in the first round of the district tournament. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Slone

It was the free throw shooting of the Rebels that kept them in the game against Belfry. The Rebels connected on 16 of 24 free throws in the final two periods. Just the opposite, Belfry went to the line seven times in the second half and failed to convert any. They were just four-of-13 for the game.

The Pirates drained six three-point baskets in the game with Tom Varney accounting for four of those. He finished with 19 points to lead all scorers. Matt Slater netted 12 and Boo Hager scored 11. Dustin Rutherford scored eight points, all in the fourth quarter.

Belfry held the lead at the first stop at 16-14. Varney drilled two of his treys in the opening period,

scoring nine points. Scott and Hayes scored four points apiece for the Rebels.

Hayes connected from the three-point arc twice in the second quarter to keep the Rebels close, trailing 31-27 at the half.

Sexton had but two field goals at the half, but scored eight points in the third that led the Allen Central comeback. The Rebels caught the Pirates at 45 going into the final quarter. Varney hit two treys in the third for Belfry in scoring six points. He missed all four of his free throw attempts. Hager had six points.

Josh Howell finished with five points for Allen Central. Z.W. Chaffins had two points.

Allen Central travels to Cordia Tuesday night and returns home Friday night to host Breathitt County in the regular season finale.

The Rebels will meet Betsy Layne in the first round of the boys 58th District at Allen Central on Tuesday night at approximately 8 p.m.

Prestonsburg

play it one game at a time and that is taking care of Piarist.

Prestonsburg will close its season with Piarist and then turn around and open the tournament with the Knights.

Sports

What is the answer?

A loud crowd for the remaining two home games. Not to be intimidated when visiting Knoxville and staying focused when the mean Gators come rolling in.

Point production is not, again, is not going to come from the three-point arc. They may as well abandon that plan. Whatever happened to taking the eight to 10 foot jumpers? They count as two points and are a much higher percentage shot.

The trey is all right if you have another Derrick Miller, Travis Ford, Tony Delk, etc. But there isn't any hope this team will ever become a good shooting team from the arc.

Inside, Jules Camara is the man. He can take it inside or hit the short jumpers. He looked good against Alabama but everyone looks good against the injured-riddled Tide.

Bench Desmond Allison and play Jules. Give Marvin Stone more minutes and let Jamaal look on from the bench.

Oh yeah, Tom Hammond referred to Todd Tackett as "Tockett Tackett!" I thought that was a good one.

ASHLEY MELVIN OUT...

Pike County Central's outstanding guard Ashley Melvin had knee surgery this past Thursday and we wish her a very speedy recovery.

Ashley is an outstanding basketball player and has had her share of knee problems over her career. Of course, Ashley will miss the district and regional tournaments.

REDS CAMP OPENS...

The Cincinnati Reds opened spring training camp this past week and it looks like there is a lot of excitement in the Reds camp.

The Reds believe in themselves and that is much of the battle when you are about to face a 162-game schedule. A good attitude about self

and collectively as a team goes a long way and has a way of overcoming uncertain adversities.

I am excited about the upcoming season and I know that Dale McKinney must be. I hope Dale and Gary Frazier, if they have them this year, will not schedule any excursions on Wednesday night.

ONE WEEK UNTIL...

One week remains in the high school basketball regular season. It seems the season has left us so fast. I love this time of year when we can enjoy the district, regionals, SEC tournament and NCAA and welcome the start of the baseball season.

A lot of good college basketball is on the horizon and I have enjoyed watching some good games (very late at night when I finally arrive at home).

This Direct TV package is great for college basketball junkies.

Again, Allen Central will be the site for the 58th District tournament as well as the boys 15th Region.

Coach Johnny Martin is working hard to ensure the success of both events.

IS THERE A GIRLS FAVORITE...

Looking at the 58th District, there is not clear cut favorite in the girls bracket. There is not one team you can point to and say, "there is your winner!"

With the exception of South

Floyd, the other three teams have beaten up on each other all season. Betsy Layne has fallen to Allen Central and Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg has lost to both teams and Allen Central has fallen to both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg.

Who knows who will win it? The team playing the best basketball at the time, I suppose.

Who then is playing good basketball right now? Nobody! None of the three have looked very impressive of late. Hey, maybe the South Floyd Lady Raiders will surprise the whole bunch!

REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Girls: Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central out of the 57th. Sheldon Clark the winner. Prestonsburg, Allen Central out of the 58th. Prestonsburg the champion. Shelby Valley, Pike Central out of the 59th. Shelby Valley the winner. Belfry, Elkhorn City out of the 60th. Belfry the winner.

The 60th District is as weak as I have seen it. It has been a down season for Phelps and Elkhorn City. Even Belfry hasn't had the sparkling season they are accustomed to. Millard is still winless.

If they draw in separate brackets, look for a Shelby Valley/Sheldon Clark final with the Lady Wildcats going to the Sweet 16.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! See you in church today.



THE BETSY LAYNE LADY-CATS fell to the Pike Central Lady Hawks Thursday night in regional play. Betsy Layne will close out their regular season by traveling to Sheldon Clark Friday night (photo by Karen Joseph)

Pike County

force on the inside for the Lady Hawks. Sparks had eight points in the game, but really went to the boards for the Lady Hawks.

For the Lady Bobcats, Parsons had six of the eight points that they managed to put on the boards. Heather Hamilton had the other two points. Pike County Central had a one-point advantage at the end of the first quarter, 9-8.

Hall got the second quarter started on a right note for the Lady Hawks by hitting a three-point basket to help Pike Central add to their lead, 12-8. The Lady Hawks scored again before Hamilton hit a basket for the Lady Bobcats. With 5:30 remaining in the half, Hamilton hit another basket and was fouled and completed an old-fashioned three-point trip to bring the Ladycats to within one point of the Lady Hawks.

But again the Lady Hawks would turn up the heat. This time it was Daugherty hitting the three-point basket. Russell then hit a two-point basket for the Lady Hawks to give them a six-point lead with 2:29 remaining in the first half.

Betsy Layne would not give up. They managed to score four straight points to cut the lead back to two. Pike Central scored again to put the lead back to four. Lykens went to the line for Betsy Layne and hit both free throws to make the score 21-19 with 30 seconds to go in the half.

Daugherty hit a three-point basket for the Lady Hawks, but with only eight seconds to in the half, eighth grader Lykens took the ball down the court, drove the baseline under the basket, and shot a hook shot after she went under the basket and it went in as the buzzer sounded.

The Pike County Central Lady Hawks went into the dressing room

with a three-point advantage over the Lady Bobcats, 24-21.

The second half got underway with the Lady Hawks bringing first blood. Again it took over two minutes before the Lady Bobcats could hit a basket. Kim Tackett hit a basket under the goal with 6:34 to go in the third quarter to bring the lead back to three.

With 4:37 remaining in the third quarter, Parsons brought the Lady Cats to within two points when she hit a two-point basket. That was as close as the Lady Cats would come to the Lady Hawks.

In the last four minutes of the third quarter, the Lady Hawks outscored the Lady Bobcats 13-7 and increased their lead at the end of the third quarter to 10.

In the first three minutes of the final quarter, the Lady Hawks outscored the Lady Bobcats 7-2 to increase the lead to 15 points with five minutes to go in the game. But Betsy Layne would not give up. Roberts hit a three-point basket, then Reynolds on an assist by Lykens hit a two-point basket. Roberts hit another to help the Lady Bobcats go on a 10-0 run and cut the Lady Hawks' lead to five with 58.3 seconds to go in the ball game.

Trailing five points with less than a minute to go, the Lady Bobcats were forced to foul. Betsy Layne fouled and Pike Central hit the free throws to hold on to win over the Lady Bobcats by a score of 64-56. Pike Central hit seven of 10 free throws in the last minute of the game.

The Lady Cats fell to 13 and 14 with one regular season game remaining. They will face the Lady Blackcats from Prestonsburg in the first round of the district tournament.

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So, Dale Jarrett is in a rocket ship right now, eh?

He dominated qualifying, got lucky in the Bud Shootout and is clearly the favorite to win the Daytona 500. Sorry guys, it's not going to happen. He's too easy a pick.

Plus, while he's dominating, there's no reason to tinker with that perfection. All the while, though, someone who hasn't been as good is working at getting better.

That person is than Jeff Gordon.

Gordon finished second in the Bud Shootout, but what people don't realize is that he went to the back and still caught up to everyone before the 25-lap quickie was finished.

Sure, Jarrett was faster for that race. But he won't be faster on Sunday. In fact, Ricky Rudd will finish ahead of Jarrett too. It's in the cards.

Here's how they'll finish for the 42nd running of the Daytona 500:

1. Jeff Gordon. He may not dominate, but by the race's end, he'll be the one in front;
2. Bobby Labonte. This will be a familiar position for him all year - behind Gordon;
3. Ricky Rudd. This will be his best year in a long time;
4. Mark Martin;
5. Dale Jarrett.

Care to disagree with The Lugnut? Write to him at: Track & Speed, 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 706, Chicago, IL 60610. Or e-mail him at: lugnut@tmedia.com

By the numbers

Following is a glance at the NASCAR Winston Cup series point funds through the years (Note: Not all years are represented; the first year of the point fund was 1971):

Year	Total	Champion's share
1971	100K	40K
1973	120K	34K
1980	210K	49.5K
1981	250K	60K
1984	500K	150K
1986	2,000K	400K
1989	2,500K	1,000K
1993	3,000K	1,250K
1995	3,500K	1,300K
1996	4,000K	1,500K
1998	5,000K	2,000K
2000	10,000K	3,000K

Coming up

February 27 - Dura-Lube/KMart 400
North Carolina Speedway
Rockingham, N.C.

March 5 - Carsdirect.com 400
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, N.V.

March 12 - Cracker Barrel Old Country Store 500
Atlanta Motor Speedway
Atlanta, Ga.

On the air

Craftsman:
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series 250
Daytona International Speedway
Friday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. ET; ESPN
Radio: 10:45 a.m. ET; MRN

Busch Grand National:
NAPA Auto Parts 300
Daytona International Speedway
Saturday, Feb. 19, Noon ET; CBS
Radio: 11:45 a.m. ET; MRN

Winston Cup:
Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway
Sunday, Feb. 20, Noon ET; CBS
Radio: 11:45 a.m. ET; MRN

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Fast Fact

Jeff Gordon's race winnings of \$2,172,246 for last year's Daytona 500 was the largest single day payout in motorsports history.



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The beginning of the end

Is Daytona a predictor of how your favorite driver will finish the season?



Dale Jarrett crashed at last year's Daytona 500, but still walked off with the Winston Cup points championship.

By HENRY MILLER

RECENT history may say winning the Daytona 500 doesn't mean you're going to have a great year.

Of course, it doesn't mean that you're going to have a bad year, either.

In fact, based on last year's results, a bad Daytona 500 doesn't ruin a driver's chances of finishing well in the final NASCAR standings. In 1999, none of the top-five finishers fared any better than 25th at Daytona:

- Dale Jarrett finished 37th at Daytona and finished first in points.
- Bobby Labonte finished 25th at Daytona and finished second in points.
- Mark Martin finished 31st at Daytona and finished third in points.
- Tony Stewart finished 28th at Daytona but finished fourth in points.
- Jeff Burton finished 35th at Daytona and finished fifth in points.

Of course, the same happened on the other end of the spectrum, as the drivers

who finished in the top five in last year's season-opening race didn't fare any better than sixth in the final point standings:

- Jeff Gordon won the Daytona 500 and finished sixth in points.
- Dale Earnhardt finished second at Daytona and finished seventh in points.
- Kenny Irwin finished third at Daytona and finished 19th in points.
- Mike Skinner finished fourth at Daytona and finished 10th in points.
- Michael Waltrip finished fifth at Daytona and finished 29th in points.

"It's funny how that worked out," said Johnny Benson. "It's a cliché, but you have to remember that no matter how much we test, no matter how hard we work or how long we stay down here, this race is worth the same amount of points as Rockingham, Bristol, Martinsville or Sears Point. Our point system rewards consistency, and that is what it is going to take to get on the stage in New York at the banquet. "What is kind of cool is that

a lot of people are going to come out of the race on Sunday and say 'we're ahead of where Jarrett was this time last year. That's a good feeling.'"

Some drivers may be ahead of where Jarrett was last year after Sunday's Daytona 500, but the way Jarrett has rocketed around the 2.5-mile superspeedway, don't be surprised if nobody's ahead of him in the points this year.

Jarrett has been a man among boys during Speedweeks. He was more than seven-tenths of a mile an hour faster than teammate Ricky Rudd to earn the pole for Sunday's event. As if that weren't enough, Jarrett then won the qualifying race for the Bud Shootout in dominant fashion, and then patiently sat in the back of the pack in the Shootout before making his move on the last lap and beating defending Daytona 500 champion Jeff Gordon to the checkered flag.

"The 88 car is in a class by itself," said Jeff Burton following Sunday's Bud Shootout. "They're just that stout, I guess."



In 1997, Jeff Gordon became the first driver in nearly 20 years to win both the Daytona 500 and Winston Cup points championship.

Jarrett downplays the unbeatable tag that's been placed on him and deflects much of the praise to his team.

"Dale Jarrett was nothing," Jarrett said. "Anybody who doesn't mind going close to 200 miles an hour can get in that car. You have to know exactly the spots to hit on the racetrack, but I can go out there and show you. I'd like to take some credit, but I can't take any credit. This is all the crew that did this."

Busch drivers sound off on the importance of Daytona

By HENRY MILLER

RANDY LaJoie has a simple way of explaining the season-opening Busch Grand National race at Daytona International Speedway, the NAPA Auto Parts 300: "NASCAR is Daytona and Daytona is NASCAR," said LaJoie, driver of the No. 1 Bob Evans Chevrolet. "It's as simple as that."

"If you can come out of the box and win Daytona, it makes your year go by a lot easier - especially knowing you've won one of the most important events of the season."

LaJoie, the 1996 and 1997 Busch Grand National Series champ, captured last year's season-opening race for his only victory of the season. He

finished 10th in the points race and is one of the favorites to not only win Saturday's race but also to win a third series crown.

Even though the great year didn't follow the great start, LaJoie said a win or at least a great showing in Daytona can carry a team a long way.

"It gives the guys on the crew an extra pat on the back, because it reinforces the belief that hard work over the last two months has paid off," LaJoie said.

For Jeff Green, who is probably the most highly favored of the contenders to win a title, winning at Daytona would be the perfect way to thank his new sponsors, Nestle NesQuik. "I didn't realize we would be so popular this year in the



Todd Bodine

garage area," Green joked, referring to other drivers willing to trade some of their sponsor's products for some NesQuik.

Green and his team took two of their tests to Talladega during the off-season to prepare for the season opener. Crew Chief Harold Holly said they came back to the shop pretty happy.

"When we took the car back the second time, we were really happy with the results. I can't wait [for] Daytona now because I feel we have the car capable of winning the race. It also doesn't hurt having Jeff Green behind the wheel."

For the most part, it doesn't hurt to have someone behind the wheel like Todd Bodine, either. Bodine finished fourth last year in the final Busch Series standings without gaining a win or even a pole.

Bodine's strength came on the short tracks, finishing in the top five six times in nine events.

"I think I have always been able to be competitive at the superspeedways," said Bodine, driver of the Phillips 66 Chevy. "I've been able to run well in the draft, run up front and capable of winning the race. I have just never had a lot of luck when it came to races at Daytona and Talladega. With a little luck this time maybe we can get the first win of 2000."

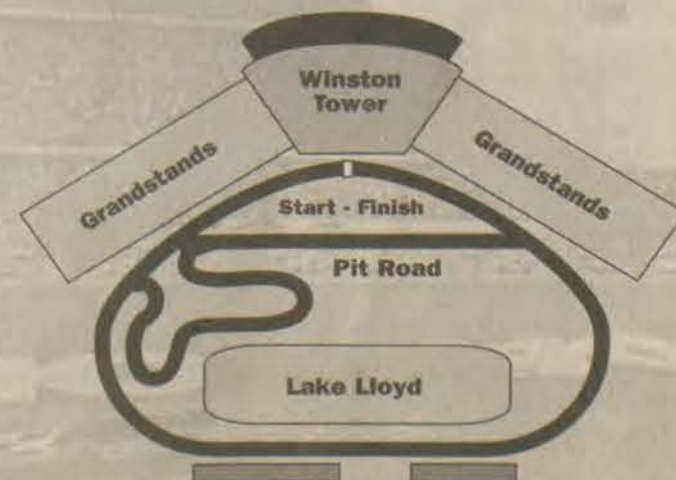
Despite all the hype and distractions of weeks at Daytona, LaJoie said that when you look at the big picture, Saturday's race is no different from any other.

"Daytona sets the tone for what the drivers anticipate down the pike," LaJoie said. "But when it comes down to it racers are racers, they want to win."

This Week's Track

Daytona International Speedway: Daytona, Fla.

- Length:** 2.5 miles
- Banking:** 31 degrees
- Qualifying record:** Bill Elliott 210.364 mph Feb. 9, 1987
- Race record:** Bobby Allison 173.473 mph July 4, 1980
- Last year:** Daytona 500 Feb. 14, 1999 Won by Jeff Gordon



Listen up

I definitely wasn't counting on the attention. Even going to the dry cleaners, you have to sign stuff now. You can't just pick up your clothes, you've got to autograph something before you can get your clothes.

- Dale Jarrett on the attention he's gotten since winning the Winston Cup championship

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Pruitt Captures 2nd Texas Title

If experience is indeed the best teacher, then Texas pro Bud Pruitt has learned his lessons well, as evidenced by the fact that the veteran angler cruised to a repeat victory Saturday in the Texas BASSMASTER Invitational on Sam Rayburn Reservoir with a three-day total of 54 pounds, 12 ounces — his second BASS victory in four years on the famed east Texas impoundment.

Once again, Pruitt used the same lure and the same technique that won him the Texas Invitational title in 1996.

Pruitt, 34, who moved to Rayburn a year ago to strengthen his fishing skills, used a 1/2-ounce Rat-L-Trap lipless crankbait in shallow coves with scattered beds of hydrilla.

"I remembered how I won the tournament in 1996," he said, "but the area I fished then is on dry land now, so in practice I looked for a new area. I was keeping my boat in just 4 or 5 feet of water and casting toward the shoreline into water less than 2 feet deep, and gently working the crankbait through the hydrilla. Whenever it would get caught in the vegetation, I could rip it out, and that's when a lot of strikes came."

After weighing in a 21-pound, 10-ounce stringer the second day — anchored by a 10-pound, 3-ounce trophy — he finished with a limit weighing 12 pounds, 7 ounces.

That was enough to hold off a surging Japanese pro, Takahiro Omori, who finished second with a total of 48 pounds, 4 ounces. The popular Japanese angler, who lives on the shores of Lake Fork part of the year, used a Team Daiwa Vibration lipless crankbait over scattered hydrilla.

Scott's New Project Since his ugly divorce two years ago from the organization that he started, BASS founder Ray Scott's future career has been the subject of rampant speculation in the bass community. Did he plan to start another tournament circuit or fishing membership organization? Or a tour for senior anglers?

The answer is none of the above. Despite carefully guarding his future plans, it seems that Scott is about to enter the television business. Reliable sources report that the millionaire promoter is planning a television show based on a series of one-on-one light-line contests staged on the lake that fronts his Alabama home. Among those committed to appear are Roland Martin, Orlando Wilson and Ken Cook.

There is no word on whether Scott has lined up advertisers or even a network to carry his show.

Fisherman's Bass Circuit Terry Kelley and Larry Durham of Six Mile, S.C., used a combination of techniques to defeat 163 other teams in the recent \$100,000 Fisherman's Bass Circuit team tournament on Lake Hartwell. Kelley and Durham would start each day using a jigging spoon in 40 to 50 feet of water to catch their six-bass limit. After that, they switched to a jig-and-pork combination fished in brushpiles and around docks. Their two-day catch of 31.77 pounds netted them the \$37,000 top prize.

The \$33,000 second-place prize went to Bradley Pass and Robert Dean of Georgia. Both top prizes included a \$32,000 Ranger boat with a Johnson outboard and cash.

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

Table with columns: Rank, This Week, Last Week, Angler, Hometown. Lists top 15 bass fishing pros.

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.

PRO BASS FISHING RESULTS

Texas Invitational

Here are the top finishers in the BASSMASTER Texas Central Invitational held Feb. 10-12 on the Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Including angler, hometown, total catch (and number of dead fish), total weight, and earnings.

Table with columns: Rank, Angler, Hometown, Total Catch, Total Weight, Earnings. Lists top 30 finishers.

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

Outdoors

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Pedal Power



PHOTO BY TIM TUCKER

Florida hunter Eric Walker scouts prospective hunting areas by bicycle.

Hunters Use Bikes for More than Exercise

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Each hunting season, an estimated 5 million Americans enter the woods to hunt big game. Eric Walker doesn't like those odds.

As a result, the Gainesville, Fla., sportsman goes to great lengths to separate himself from the crowd — literally.

Walker, 37, is one of a growing legion of hunters who have discovered the value of using mountain-type bicycles in the woods. He is a typical hunter in that he has little or no access to private hunting property, and must take his chances on state-sanctioned public tracts. Bikes provide hunters like Walker with the go-power to penetrate deep into the forests, put distance between them and their competition, and reach the most unpressured populations of deer and turkey.

"We're seeing bikes more and more in restricted areas where you can't use motorized vehicles," said Dewey Weaver, spokesman for the Florida Game and Wildlife Commission. "We're seeing more and more during deer season. But we see them most often in the spring during turkey season."

Walker became a convert during a hunting trip to St. Vincent Island off the Florida Panhandle, where he found himself competing against pedaling sportsmen in a quota hunt.

"It seemed like a third of the people there had bicycles," he said. "And it didn't take long before we were wishing we had one. That island is 11 miles by 4 miles, and we walked from one side to the other. We were kicking ourselves for not bringing bikes."

For the last six years, Walker has used bicycles to enjoy fruitful seasons. He is a serious outdoorsman who enjoys the more primitive bow and muzzleloader hunting to modern weaponry.

Tips from the Pros



BASIL BACON'S tournament career has spanned more than 30 years and includes two victories on the BASS circuit. He lives in Springfield, Mo.

The Importance of Boat Positioning

"Boat control is the ability to approach a piece of cover or structure from the position that best allows you to take full advantage of the situation. It is the ability to position yourself to create the best possible casting angle both to work the cover or structure, as well as present the bait properly to the fish. It also involves the ability to maintain that proper positioning as nature works against you with unfavorable winds or currents."

"I can't emphasize enough that a bass boat is a part of your equipment that is as important as a rod, reel or anything else. And you aren't getting everything out of your boat if you aren't concentrating on boat positioning."

"There are so many different things that boat positioning does for you. Boat positioning determines how you cast and retrieve your lure, but I think beyond that. At our level, each cast is planned, and we're thinking several casts in advance. Not only that, but I'm thinking about the fight back to the boat after I've hooked the fish."

YOUR SPORTS

Triathlete Overcomes Late Start

By SANDRA PHINNEY

Cindy Nickerson is focused on a dream. In 2007, when she reaches the age of 50, she intends to compete in the Hawaii Ironman, a grueling triathlon that includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

That might not be a surprising goal for someone who has been a lifelong athlete. But just more than 10 years ago, Nickerson was pedaling an old three-speed bike with a baby seat on the back.

In August 1988, a triathlon sponsored by the local YMCA caught her interest. She made the audacious decision to enter the triathlon the next year, and started to train. Slowly, "I could only run between one set of telephone poles, then walk. Run a little, then walk again," she recalls.

She took the advice of a friend, bought a good pair of running shoes, and kept on running. She also enrolled in a weight training course at the Y and started swimming laps in the pool.

August 1989 rolled around, and she entered the Y's annual triathlon. When the starting gun sounded and the competitors entered the water for the swimming leg, she found herself thinking, "What in the world am I doing here? What was I thinking?" Despite her trepidation, she finished the swim and managed to get through the bike ride. But the exhausting ride took its toll.

"When I started to run, I felt like I had no feet. I had to run three or four miles before I got the feeling back." Toward the end, she had to struggle to stay in the race. At one point, in the depths of discouragement, she looked up and saw another competitor running toward her. Nickerson recognized a friend, and wondered why she was running the wrong way. "Then my friend turned and was running with me, encouraging me to finish. I felt like crying. She had finished the whole race and came back to run with me."

She is still gratified by that experience. "It took me three hours and I was almost last, but I finished!"

Nickerson then set another goal: to compete in a triathlon outside her home town of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. After she had accomplished that, she set yet another goal: to qualify for the Canadian Triathlon Team and the World Championships. She vividly remembers the

wind and freezing weather that accompanied that qualifying race. But she qualified and went on to her first world championships in Cleveland in 1996.

"During the race, they kept referring to the athletes as the world champions," she recalls. "I'd look around to see who they meant. There were over 30 countries represented by 2,000 athletes. I was overwhelmed."

The rest, as they say, is history. She's gone on to compete in the last three duathlon world championships, in Spain, Germany and North Carolina.

"At 43, my body is in really good shape and I feel good. I'm in balance — mind, body and spirit," she said.

Nickerson's current plans include competing in the Montreal Ironman competition this summer. In 2001, she hopes to qualify for the Triathlon World Championship in Nice, France. Each year brings her closer to her dream, to compete in the Hawaii Ironman when she's 50.

Does she have any doubt she'll make it? Not a trace. Nickerson has the following advice for would-be triathletes: "Set a goal. Give yourself lots of time. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it. You can do anything you want." She also recommends reading good books and magazines, weight training, and joining a running or triathlon club. "Oh yes," she says, remembering what a friend told her several years ago, "buy a good pair of running shoes!"

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Betsy Layne Training League

Green vs. Black-Gold

In the opening game on Saturday, the Green team met up with the Black-Gold team. This was a very close ballgame, with the final outcome being decided in overtime.

When the final horn sounded, it was the Black-Gold team having the one-point advantage over the Green team, 11-10.

The Green team jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter by outscoring the Black-Gold team by 6-0. Dylan Malenado scored four points in the initial period and Kedron Hall scored the other two points, making the score 6-0 at the end of the first period.

Neither team scored in the second period.

In the third quarter, it was the Black-Gold team doing all the scoring. The Black-Gold team racked up five points, while the Green team failed to score. Jason Case scored all five points in the third period for the Black-Gold team. At the end of the third period, the Green team held on to a one-point lead over the Black-Gold team.

In the final quarter, the Black-Gold team outscored the Green

team by one point.

Jason Case had two points for the Black-Gold team and Dylan Malenado had the one point for the Green team and therefore the score was tied, which sent the game into overtime.

In the overtime, Jason Case scored three points for the Black-Gold team while Dylan Malenado scored two for the Green team. This gave the Black-Gold team the one-point win.

The Green team moved to the losers bracket and take on the Blue team. The Black-Gold team advanced to the championship game.

Blue vs. Green team

In the semi-finals of the junior training league, the Blue team met up with the Green team. The Green team had played earlier in the day and lost to the Black-Gold team.

Adam Howell led his team to a victory by scoring 17 points for the Blue team. The Green team was led in scoring by Andrew Vance.

In the opening quarter, Adam Howell scored eight points for the Blue team to give them an 8-4 lead

at the end of the quarter. Andrew Vance scored four points for the Green team.

It was all Green team in the second quarter as the Blue team failed to score. Andrew Vance scored four points and Dylan Malenado scored two points to give the Green team six points. This gave the Green team the two-point advantage at the half, 10-8.

But in the third quarter it was all Adam Howell. Howell scored seven points for the Blue team, while Dylan Malenado scored the only two points for the Green team. The Blue team had a three-point advantage at the end of the third quarter.

In the final period, the Green team failed to score, while the Blue team scored four points to add to their win. Adam Howell and Casey Adkins each had two points for the Blue team in the fourth quarter, making the final score 19-12 in favor of the Blue team.

With their win, the Blue team advanced to the championship game to face the Black-Gold team.

Junior Training League Championship Game

In the championship game of the junior training league division, the Black-Gold team, which was undefeated in the tournament, took on the Blue team, whose only loss came from the Black team.

The Blue team had a tough time scoring and failed to score until the fourth quarter. Megan Hamilton led the Black-Gold team with 10 points to give the Black-Gold the championship by a score of 18-3.

In the first quarter, Megan Hamilton scored four points for the Black-Gold team and in the second quarter, Jason Case score all six of his team's points, giving the Black-Gold team a 10-0 lead at the half.

Megan Hamilton scored the only two points for the Black-Gold team in the third quarter.

Trina Wakeland scored three points for the Blue team in the fourth and final quarter. The Black-Gold team scored six points in the final period to give them an 18-3 win.

Megan Hamilton had four points and Jessica Jarrell had two points for the Black-Gold team to give them the championship.

TRAINING LEAGUE

In the first game of the semi-finals of the training league on Saturday, the Green team took on the Maroon team.

The Maroon team had not been beaten in the tournament, but neither had the Green team. So this game should prove to be a dandy, and a dandy it was.

The lead changed hands several times and both teams had big quarters, but the Maroon team managed to hold on and get the win by a score of 31-22.

Tyler Hamilton led both teams in scoring with 18 points. Samuel Keathley was the leading scorer for the Green team.

The Maroon team failed to score in the initial quarter, while the Green team racked up 10 points. Samuel Keathley had four points, while Justin Kurkowski, Brady Conn and Brandon Mulkey each had two for the Green team. The Green team led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 10-0.

In the second quarter, it was the Maroon team that managed to do all of the scoring. Tyler Hamilton had 10 points for the Maroon team and Brennan Case had four. Reece Spurlock had the only two points for the Green Team. At the half, the Maroon team had a two-point advantage, 14-12.

In the third quarter, it was the Maroon team again scoring most of the points. Brennan Case and Tyler Hamilton each had six points in the third quarter, while Michael McKinney had one point. The Green team failed to score and the Maroon team led after three quarters by a score of 27-12.

In the final quarter, the Green team fought back and scored 10 points while the Maroon team only scored 4. Samuel Keathley had four points and Katlin Lawson, Brady Conn and Reece Spurlock each had two points for the Green team. For the Maroon team, Tyler Hamilton and Brennan Case each had two points.

But even though the Green team managed to outscore the Maroon team in the first and final quarters, they could not overcome the second and third quarters of the Maroon team. The Maroon team claimed the victory by a score of 31-22.

The Maroon team advanced to the championship game, while the Green team moved to the losers bracket to take on the Blue team.

In the second semi-final game in the training league division, the Green team coached by Gary Keathley and Ronnie Lawson took on the Blue team coached by Keith Henry.

Both teams had a previous loss, therefore only the winner would advance in the tournament.

This was a tough ballgame with the outcome being decided in overtime. Even though Trey Whitt led both teams in scoring with 22 points, his Blue team fell to the Green team by a score of 43-39.

The Green team was led in scoring by Samuel Keathley with 20 points.

The Blue team jumped out to an early lead by outscoring the Green team by a score of 10-6 in the first quarter. Adam Gearheart had six points for the Blue team and Jason McKinney and Trey Whitt each had two. For the Green team, their six points came from baskets from Samuel Keathley, Jeremy Lykens and Brady Conn.

But the Green team came out in the second quarter and outscored the Blue team 12-4. Adam Gearheart and Trey Whitt had two points each for the Blue team. For the Green team, Samuel Keathley had six points, Katlin Lawson had four and Brady Conn and Brandon Mulkey each had two. The Green team had a four-point advantage at the half with a score of 18-14.

In the second half, the Green team again outscored the Blue team, but not by as much this quarter. The Green team scored 16, while the Blue team scored 12.

Samuel Keathley had 10 points for the Green team, while Katlin Lawson had four and Taylor Boyd had two in the third quarter for the Green team.

For the Blue team, Trey Whitt had 10 points and Corey Henry had two points.

The Green team led at the end of the third quarter by a score of 34-26.

But the Blue team would not quit. In the fourth quarter they ral-

lied back to tie the score at the end of regulation time and put the game into overtime.

For the Green team, Samuel Keathley had two points and Katlin Lawson had a free throw to give the Green team three points in the quarter.

For the Blue team, Trey Whitt had seven points and Corey Henry had four to give the Blue team 11 points and put the game into overtime.

In the overtime, the Green team outscored the Blue team by 3 points to take the game. Jason McKinney had a basket and Trey Whitt had a free throw to give the Blue team three points. Buddy Conn had four points and Katlin Lawson had two points to give the Green team six points and the game, by a score of 43-39.

The Green team advanced to the championship game to take on the Maroon team for the second time.

In what could have been the championship game, the Maroon took on the Green team. Due to the fact that the Maroon team was undefeated in the tournament, and this is a double elimination tournament, if the Green team won, the two teams would need to play another. And the Green team did win by two points. Therefore there would be another championship game.

Samuel Keathley led both teams in scoring with 10 points for the Green team. Tyler Hamilton was the high scorer for the Maroon team with nine points.

In the opening quarter, the Maroon team failed to score and the Green team only scored three points. Jeremy Lykens scored three points for the Green team. The Green team led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 3-0.

In the second quarter both teams did a little better in the scoring department. Not a whole lot, but a little better.

Tyler Hamilton and Austin Collins each had basket for the Maroon team, while Samuel Keathley had four and Justin Kurkowski had two points for the Green team. The Green team went into the locker room with a 9-4 lead.

The Maroon team came out in the third quarter and outscored the Green team by three points. Brennan Case had eight points and Tyler Hamilton had one point for the Maroon team.

For the Green team, Samuel Keathley, Katlin Lawson and Jeremy Lykens each had a basket. The Green team held on to a slight two-point lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, the Maroon

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Pikeville College sports

Lady Bears win big KIAC game

Gallion scores 20 in 70-56 win over Spalding College

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Pikeville Lady Bears improved to 2-1 in the KIAC Division I play with a 70-56 win over Spalding College Thursday night.

Freshman Tecco Gallion scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in leading the Lady Bears to victory.

The win put Pikeville in a virtual tie with Brescia and Lindsey Wilson, both of those are 3-2 in league play. Spalding fell to 1-4.

Pikeville's defense held Spalding to just 30 percent shooting for the night, hitting but 9-of-30 shooting in the first half, thanks to Gallion's 14-point output in the first half. Pikeville held a 34-28 lead at the

intermission.

Spalding pulled to within three, 34-31, at the 18:50 mark of the second half before three baskets in the next minute, the final being a layup by sophomore Nicole Stanley, made the score 40-31.

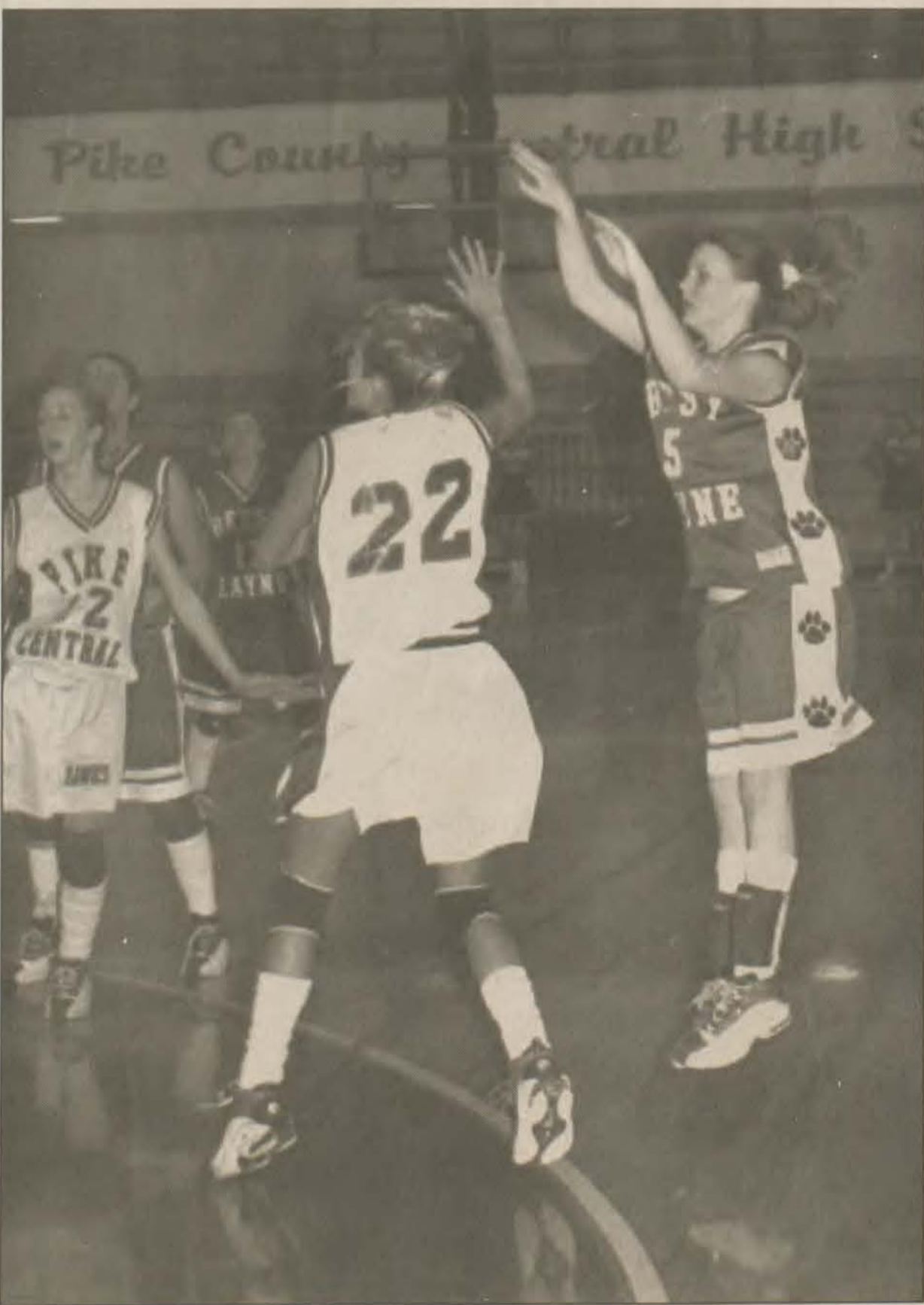
Pikeville extended the lead to 15, 61-46, on four straight free throws by senior point guard Kelly Blackburn at the 4:35 mark.

The largest lead came with only 27 seconds left when freshman Amanda Collins turned in a three-point play followed by an assist on a jumper by junior Jamie Steele to push the margin to 70-56.

Pikeville won the battle of the boards 49-32. Pikeville hit 17 of 21 free throws from the stripe for 81 percent shooting.

It marked the third straight game that Gallion has led the Lady Bears' scoring. Collins finished with 13 points and six rebounds.

Blackburn, off the bench, handed out nine assists to go with her five rebounds and four points.



Whitney Lykens didn't see a lot of playing time in the game against the Lady Hawks of Pike County Central, but she did hit this three point basket and finished with five for the night. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

His hair has receded to a promontory high on the forehead as a closely-cropped stand of graying bristle. But the thickness is still there, straining at the fabric of his jacket and filling the aperture of an outside turtleneck pullover. Large, square-palmed hands with fingers like so many swollen link sausages rest half-clenched on the arms of a chair. And the eyes, they still harbor a malevolent glint.

Despite the ravages of age and the gridiron wars, Dick Butkus yet holds forth as a formidable presence. Only now he would just as soon forget his past football glories with the Chicago Bears and all the honors and accolades that followed a Hall of Fame career.

"I simply want to be known as Dick Butkus, the actor," he said. "I guess you can say I've gone Hollywood."

Currently, Butkus stars in a made-for-television series titled "Hang Time" that appears on Saturday mornings around the country. He plays the part of a basketball coach in a comedic setting.

"It's not prime time stuff," he admitted, "but it has a good, solid message for young people and deals with the problems of this age group. The show is top-rated in its time slot. I'm proud of it."

Life after football had its ups and downs for awhile, but Butkus was determined to shake the image he had so carefully cultivated as an eight-time NFL Pro Bowl selection.

"People thought the way I played football is the way I am off

the field," he recalled. "They'd whisper to one another, 'Don't look at him, don't attract his attention. Who knows what he'll do.' It took me some time to break down that kind of impression."

Getting established in the film business was difficult for Butkus but the perseverance developed in the crucible of the playing field eventually paid dividends.

"The beer commercials I did demonstrated that I had a flair for comedy," he said. "They gave me an opportunity to be considered for parts other than a cop or a football player."

Currently, Butkus has a role in an Oliver Stone production which opened in theaters across the land during the week before Christmas.

"I read in the trade papers about the film Stone was going to make, so I just called his office," Butkus said. "I talked to the producer and he gave me a shot at a part. Even then I thought I would end up on the cutting room floor but my scenes were kept in the movie. This is a big step forward for me."

Despite the desire to distance himself from his football past, Butkus still holds a special feeling for the Bears.

"Back in 1985 when the Bears went to the Super Bowl, I was doing color for their radio broadcasts," he said. "I was the biggest homer you ever heard. Screaming and shouting. I couldn't have been more proud of their winning the title game if I had been a part of it. Once a Bear, always a Bear, I

guess."

When the subject turned to old buddy and ex-teammate Mike Ditka, Butkus grew pensive.

Mike was the most intense guy I ever met as a player," he said. "The guy would get all fired up when it was just an exhibition game. For that reason I didn't think he would go into coaching. But he went down there in Dallas with Tom Landry and really got into it. Then he came back to Chicago and took them to a Super Bowl championship. And the die was cast, so to speak."

Did Ditka make a mistake in trading away so much talent to get a gifted but untried rookie in running back Ricky Williams?

"No, I don't think so," Butkus replied. "The only problem was the kid got hurt early on and hasn't been able to show very much. Back when I played, George Allen was the Bears' defensive coordinator. When he left to coach in Los Angeles, the Rams tried to trade a bunch of guys for me but the old man (Bears owner George Halas) wouldn't cut the deal."

Does Butkus have any regrets? "Sure, I would've like to have played on a championship team," he said, "only we (Bears) just didn't have the people. But I accomplished everything I wanted so I don't feel cheated in any way. Now, I have a new life. And I would as soon everybody forgot the old one."

Easier said than done because with an all-timer like Dick Butkus,

Training League

eam failed to gain any ground on the Green team. Both teams scored eight points and this allowed the Green team to come away with the victory.

Tyler Hamilton had six and Casey Castle had two points for

the Maroon team. For the Green team, Samuel Keathley had four points and Katlin Lawson and Brandon Mulkey each had two points. The Green team managed to get the win by a score of 23-21. This created another champi-

onship game.

In the second championship game and the third game between these two teams, the Maroon team faced the Green team. Both teams were pretty much worn out, but

this time it was the Maroon team coming away with the win and the championship of the training league division.

Tyler Hamilton led both teams in scoring with 18 points for the Maroon team. Samuel Keathley led the way for the Green team with 12 points.

The Maroon team jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter by outscoring the Green team 8-2. Brandon Mulkey had the two points for the Green team. For the Maroon team, Tyler Hamilton and Brennan Case each had four points.

In the second quarter the Green team outscored the Maroon team by one point. Brennan Case had four and Casey Castle and Michael McKinney each had two points for the Maroon team.

For the Green team, Samuel Keathley had five points and Reese Spurlock had four points for the Green team. The Maroon team went into the locker room with a five-point advantage, 16-11.

In the third quarter, the Green team managed to cut to lead to two by outscoring the Maroon team by a score of 10-7. Tyler Hamilton had five points and Michael McKinney had two points for the Maroon team. For the Green team it was Katlin Lawson with seven points and Brandon Mulkey with three. The Maroon team led at the end of the third quarter by only two points, 23-21.

The Maroon team put the game out of reach in the final quarter by outscoring the Green team 18-11.

For the Maroon team, Tyler Hamilton had nine, Brennan Case had seven and Casey Castle had two to give them their 18 points for that quarter.

Samuel Keathley had seven points, Reece Spurlock had three and Justin Kurkowski had a free throw to give the Green team 11 points for the final quarter.

The Maroon team defeated the Green team for the second time by a score of 41-32 to claim the title.

JUNIOR VARSITY

In the first round of the semi-finals on Saturday in the junior varsity division, the Green team and the Navy team faced-off against each other. Neither team had been beaten in the tournament. But it was the Green team coming away with the victory in

the first game.

Jack Slone led both teams in scoring with 14 points. Brent Newsome was high scorer for the Navy team with 10.

In the opening quarter, the Navy team outscored the Green team by two points. Brandon Kidd had four points and Bill Curtis Collins had three points for the Navy team. For the Green team, Kristen Smith had all five points. The Navy team led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 7-5.

Again in the second quarter, the Navy team outscored the Green team, this time by three points. Jack Slone and Jonathon Howell had two points for the Green team and Justin Slone had one point.

For the Navy team, Brent Newsome had all eight points. When both teams went into the locker room, the Navy team was on top by a score of 15-10.

The Green team gained a little ground on the Navy team in the third quarter, by outscoring them 10-8. Brenton Hamilton and Brandon Kidd each had four points for the Navy team. For the Green team Justin Slone had four points and Jack Slone had six points. The Navy team continued to have the lead at the end of the third quarter by a score of 23-20.

Things changed in the final quarter. The Green team rallied from behind to outscore the Navy team 13-2 and claim the victory. Brent Newsome scored the only two points for the Navy team. For the Green team, Jack Slone scored seven points, Kristen Smith had five and Justin Slone had one point, making the final score 33-25.

The Green team advanced to the championship game and the Navy team moved to the losers bracket to face the Red team.

In the second game of the semi-finals of the junior varsity division, The Navy team, after losing to the Green team earlier in the day, eliminated the Red team to move on to the championship game. The Navy team was coached by Charlotte Collins and Lucia Hamilton and the Red team was coached by Steve Case and Steve Roberts.

Brent Newsome had a game-high 23 points for the Navy team. Buddy Conn led the way for the Red team with 15 points.

The score was even after the first period of play, with both teams scoring eight points. Buddy Conn had all eight points for the Red team. Bill Curtis Collins hit a three-point basket for the Navy team, while Brandon Kidd had four points and Lindsey Cross had one point.

In the second period, the Red team outscored the Navy team by one point and was able to go into the locker room with a one-point advantage.

Braxton Branham had four points and Tyler Hamilton and Adam Roberts each had two points for the Red team. For the Navy team, Cody Click had four points and Brent Newsome had three to make the score 16-15 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Navy team, or really Brent Newsome, put the game out of reach for the Red team, by scoring 27 points in the third period. The Red team scored 11 points. Buddy Conn had seven and Mason Rivers and Braxton Branham each had two for the Red team. For the Navy team, Brenton Hamilton had two points, Brandon Kidd had five points and Brent Newsome had the other 20 points. The Navy team enjoyed a 42-27 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Red team outscored the Navy team by six points in the final period of play, but it was not enough. Derek Case had eight points, with Mason River and Adam Roberts each having two for the Red team. For the Navy team, Brenton Hamilton and Bill Curtis Collins each had two and Brandon Kidd and Jake Schmoltdt each had a free throw. The final score was 48-39 in favor of the Navy team.

In what could be the championship game, the Navy Team met up with the Green team for the second time. In the first game the Green team defeated the Navy team by a score of 33-25. If the Navy team defeated the Green team in this game, they would play yet another game, because the Green team was undefeated in the tournament.

In what was probably the best game in the tournament, the Navy team defeated the Green team in overtime by a score of 49-48, to

(See Training League, page seven)

NASCAR Connection

Jarrett looks ready to repeat

by Steve Mickey

If last weekend was any kind of indication, Dale Jarrett looks like he is ready to pick up where he left off last year and win his second consecutive Winston Cup championship.

The opening weekend of Daytona's famous speed weeks couldn't have gone any better for Jarrett. He won the pole for the Daytona 500 and then on Sunday won both the qualifier and The Bud Shootout.

Qualifying for the 500 showed that the new Ford Taurus is a better race car than the one that Ford teams competed with last year.

It also showed that the new Taurus at this time is a better car than the new Monte Carlo that the Chevrolet teams are trying to get a handle on.

Ford completely dominated Saturday's qualifying, with Taurus drivers posting 10 of the top 15 times. Pontiac drivers filled four of the remaining slots, with the lone Chevrolet driver to break into the top 15 being Mike Skinner with a fourth-place finish.

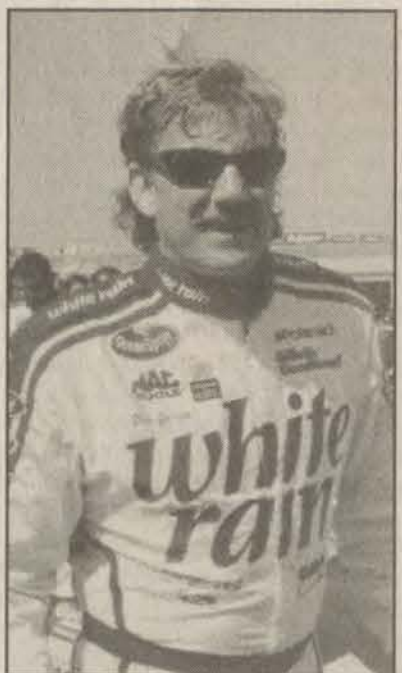
Chevrolet teams had been hoping that the new Monte Carlo would give them some added rear down force this season, but qualifying showed all of the bow tie teams that additional down force comes with a price.

The result of the added down force was added drag, which at a track like Daytona really slows down the car, but at tracks like Rockingham and Richmond makes the cars more stable.

A day at Daytona can sure make a difference in racing as we found out on Sunday during The

Bud Shootout. Dale Jarrett won the event, but the Chevrolet camp found out that in a crowd the Monte Carlo would be a good drafting car capable of winning.

Chevrolet drivers spent much of the race in the lead and were able to stay in the drafts even at times when cars got three abreast down the backstretch. The race looked like either of the Monte Carlos driven by Sterling Martin



or Jeff Gordon were in a position to win, but Jarrett's Ford proved to be just too tough.

We all know that with the use of the restrictor plate at Daytona that whoever wins the race will be the benefactor of some drafting from another car. This may be where Jarrett has an advantage over many of the cars that will make up the starting field.

The complete starting field won't be put together until after

the twin 125s on Thursday, but right now it seems that the first half of the field will be top heavy with Fords. One of those Fords will be the Taurus driven by Jarrett's new teammate, Ricky Rudd.

Rudd showed his new owner, Robert Yates, that he made the right choice in putting him behind the wheel of his famous Texaco #28 Taurus. Rudd won the outside pole slot beside Jarrett and was a player in the Shootout until he got tapped by Bobby Labonte, sending him into the wall and eventually sliding upside down as Jarrett took the checkered flag.

The Daytona 500 now unfolds like a giant chess game with drivers being careful to pick their drafting partners days before the race even begins.

Drivers during the Shootout and 125s learn just what cars that their car drafts the best with and spend more time looking for them in their rear view mirrors on Sunday than they do looking ahead through their windshields.

No driver can win the 500 unless he has some help. Help comes in many forms other than drafting partners. Sometimes it is a caution flag at just the right time or the mechanical woes being suffered by another driver.

Ask Dale Earnhardt if the best car is always the one that makes it across the finish line first, or better yet, ask Derrike Cope, who won the 500 at the expense of Earnhardt's last lap cut tire, if the best car is always the one that makes it to victory lane.

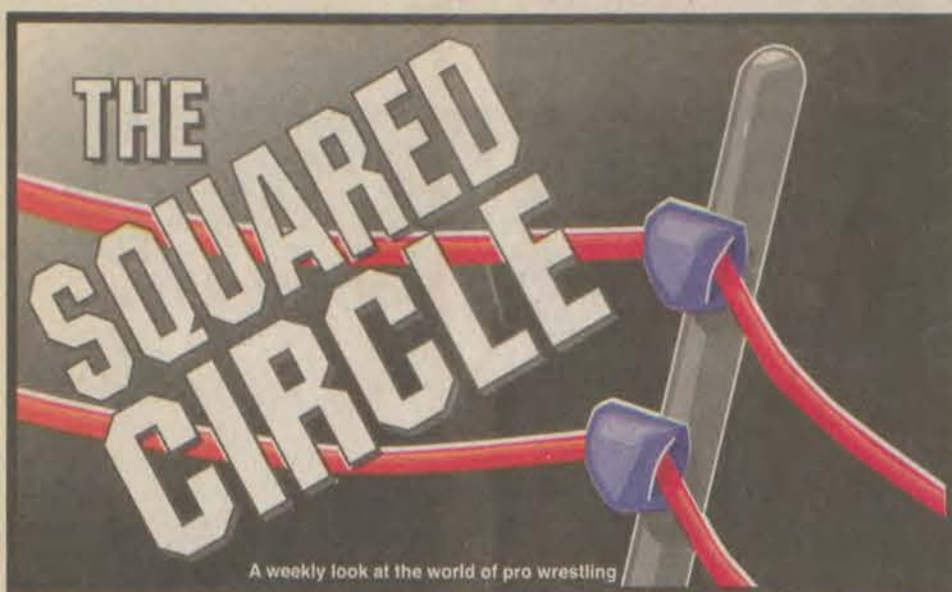
It may just be that being lucky will be just as important as being good come this Sunday!



BETSY LAYNE'S LADYCATS WILL TAKE THE number two seed into next week's district tournament. Betsy Layne will meet Prestonsburg in the first round (photo by Karen Joseph)



Whitney Lykens (5) drives around this Pike County Central Lady Hawks in the game on Thursday night. The Lady Hawks were playing without the services of Ashley Melvin, but still came away with the win over the Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne. (photo by Karen Joseph)



TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Mike Awesome, ECW
3. Sid Vicious, WCW
4. The Rock, WWF
5. Chris Jericho, WWF
6. The Big Show, WWF
7. Hardcore Holly, WWF
8. Masato Tanaka, ECW
9. Cactus Jack, WWF
10. Justin Credible, ECW



■ CROWBAR



■ HARDCORE

Look for: Crowbar to get a push in WCW as a singles wrestler.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WCW, Superbrawl, San Francisco, Feb. 20
- WWF, No Way Out, Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27
- ECW, Living Dangerously, Danbury, Conn., March 12

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, I love reading your articles in the newspaper every Friday. I love watching WWF wrestling every Monday and Thursday. My favorite wrestlers are Stone Cold Steve Austin and The Rock. But I do have some questions that I hope you can answer.

Are Triple H and Chyna really an item outside of wrestling? What happened to Debra?
— Audrey Kingston
Laurinburg, N.C.

A. Yes, Triple H and Chyna have been dating for about a year now. Debra is working for the WWF and is helping Stone Cold rehabilitate from his surgery. The two plan a spring wedding.

Dear Squared Circle, I watch WWF wrestling all the time, and I was wondering what happened to The Undertaker. I liked him a lot and I miss him on wrestling.

— Jerry Ebner
San Antonio, Texas
A. The Undertaker won't be back for a few more months. He's still nursing some injuries and recently had surgery.

Dear Squared Circle, I am a huge Edge fan. Unfortunately, I am a bit razzed about the angle the WWF writers have come up with concerning Edge and his upcoming marriage. Some might consider this a jealousy thing from a crazed fan, but I just wonder what the point is? First, Edge is mobbed by all the WWF women wrestlers. Finally, the EMT B.B. gives a lame performance of CPR after seeing Edge sprawled out in the ring. Why do the writers think it is a good idea to take a scene from real life and turn it into something unsavory?

As far as a conflict with Val Venis, it really doesn't matter. It would, however, be a real shame to cause friction between Edge and Christian.
— Darla Lincione
Zanesville, Ohio

FEUD OF THE WEEK

New Harlem Heat vs. Booker & Midnight

CATCH PHRASES

"I'm a kiss stealin', wheelin'-dealin', jet flyin' son of a gun."
— Ric Flair

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ Edge tries to knock Matt Hardy off the ladder at No Mercy. (Jason J. Molyet/Squared Circle)

EDGE, CHRISTIAN A POPULAR DUO

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

They started out as members of The Brood — part of a cult with the blood-spewing Gangrel. But they've branched out on their own, and Edge and Christian are among the WWF's most popular tag teams.

The blonds from Ontario, Canada, have made their mark in the World Wrestling Federation — and after their now-famous Ladder Match with the Hardy Boyz on Oct. 17 in Cleveland, Adam Copeland and Jason Reso have etched their names forever into the minds of wrestling fans who witnessed No Mercy.

After watching that match live, I can understand why Edge and Christian used to wrestle under the names High Impact and The Suicide Blonds.

Both are appropriate monikers. But today the childhood friends perform before sellout crowds in large arenas in New York, Dallas, Pittsburgh and Toronto, not the small venues in southern Ontario where they got their start.

The road to the top has been relatively smooth for Sexton Hardcastle and Christian Cage. The blond bombers have taken the WWF (and its female fans) by storm after five years as independent workers.

And for good reason: Long, flowing blond manes, chiseled bodies and breathtaking aerial maneuvers all add up to popularity among young fans, most notably teen-age girls.

Edge first appeared on the WWF scene as a member of the Brood, with Gangrel and Christian. But he didn't enter the ring through the Titan Tron.

Instead, he would appear out of nowhere, from the upper deck of the crowd. He'd quickly descend to the arena floor and strike unsuspecting fellow wrestlers.

The duo were trained at Sully's Gym in Toronto by Ron Hutchison and Sweet Daddy Siki.

They paid their dues.

Now they're making six figures working for the most glamorous of all wrestling promotions. And they're loving it.

"Five years from now, I'd like to sign another five-year contract," Edge told the Ottawa Sun. "I came in as this mysterious guy in the rafters running in and popping people," he said.

What's equally important is what others are saying about this team.

"This Canadian boy will likely make history," said Jim Cornette, a talent scout for the WWF and a long-time wrestling manager and promoter.

And Vince Russo, former head writer for the WWF, called Edge "the next Ric Flair."

That's high praise. To that end, WWF executive Jim Ross thinks the 6-foot-4, 240-pounder is a future world champion.

Meanwhile, Christian hasn't gone unnoticed.

"He was a good student and a fast learner. After nine months of training, I felt this young man from Orangeville was competent enough to make his ring debut," said Hutchison, who's trained numerous wrestlers.

The two friends even became foes for one night. That was on May 3, 1998, when Edge wrestled under his real name and beat Christian Cage at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum. Later that year Christian followed his friend into the WWF, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Their tag team battles with The Hardys have become legendary, despite their youth. Both are only 26 years old and have bright futures in the sport.

Edge and Christian no longer rise from the circle of fire as part of The Brood. They don't have to, because they've already set the WWF ablaze.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Sabu apparently has a loophole in his contract regarding late payments from ECW that allowed him an out to sign with WCW.

■ Linda McMahon announced plans for a 24-hour wrestling channel. It's likely to be Internet-related.

■ Goldberg says his arm is not healing as quickly as he and WCW had hoped. He is targeting April 16 in Chicago as a return date if he can't make it in time for the March 19 Uncensored pay-per-view.

■ The WWF show at the Gund Arena on Jan. 30 drew 14,546 paying fans. But the WWF refunded more than 2,000 tickets ranging from \$15 to \$35 because The Rock and Chris Jericho were unable to make the show.

■ Rick Steiner won the celebrity deer-hunting contest in Alabama, despite bagging the smallest buck in the 13-year history of the event.

■ The legendary Canadian promoter and former wrestler Stu Hart (Bret's father) is now in a wheelchair.

■ The No. 13 on Tazz's entrance is used to signify the number of years the wrestler spent in the sport before finally getting a break with the WWF.

■ Japanese hardcore legend Atsushi Onita will wrestle Terry Funk in a Japanese exploding death match on June 25 for Combat Zone Wrestling in New Jersey. This could mark the first time this match is held in the United States.

■ Mick Foley, who took part in many of these bizarre matches while in Japan, has confirmed he'll wrestle only a few more months as Cactus Jack and then he'll retire. But he maintains that he'll stay with the WWF in some other capacity, perhaps as a manager.

■ Many fans have written about Debra's whereabouts. WWF.com is reporting that Debra will be doing some autograph signings and promotional work, but will not be back on TV in her former role as a valet.

■ Former NWA and WWF wrestler Handsome Harley Race had back surgery. After 5 1/2 hours, his back was fused. He's doing well.

■ Eddie Guerrero tore ligaments in his right elbow in that tag team debut a couple of weeks ago. He's expected to be out about six weeks.

■ Expect Mick Foley (Cactus Jack) to pull out all the stops in his Hell in a Cell match with Triple H at No Way Out. This might be Foley's last match, or at least one of his final matches, and he'll want to give the fans a memorable showing. But the WWF will caution Foley from doing any stunt that's too dangerous — like diving off the cage again.

COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

WWF...
Feb. 19, Knoxville, Tenn.
Feb. 20, Augusta, Ga.
Feb. 20, Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 21, "Raw Is War," Atlanta

WCW...
Feb. 21, "Nitro," Sacramento, Calif.
Feb. 22, "Thunder," Reno, Nev.
Feb. 26, Winnipeg, Manitoba



ECW...
Feb. 25, Toledo, Ohio
Feb. 26, Cincinnati

REAL NAMES

Chris Jericho
Chris Irvine
5-10, 225
Hometown: Vancouver, British Columbia
Birthday: Nov. 9, 1970
Pro debut: Oct. 10, 1990

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:
■ Feb. 4, 1950: The Crosley Broadcasting Corp. inaugurates studio TV wrestling in Cincinnati.
■ July 4, 1982: WWF champ Bob Backlund and NWA world champion Ric Flair wrestle to a double disqualification in Atlanta.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

ON THE RISE **TAKING A FALL**

Sabu: Reports have this ECW athlete about to sign with World Championship Wrestling. His high-flying daredevil style is unique in the sport.

Tammy Lynn Sytch: She and boyfriend Chris Candido have joined WCW. The couple left ECW and were working independent shows until last week.

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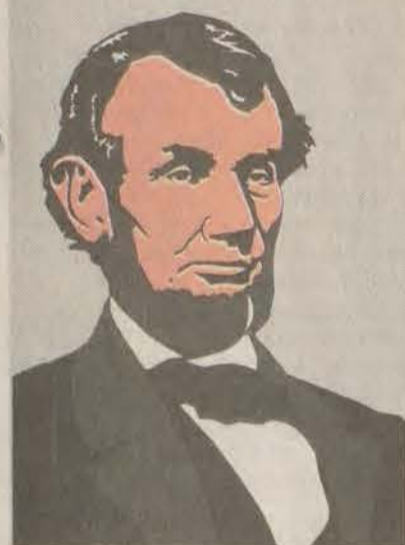
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PRESIDENTS DAY

A tribute to George Washington

Heroes



by Frances Brackett
 Past chairman, John
 Graham, DAR

George Washington, born February 22, 1732, at Wakerfield, Westmoreland County, Virginia, was the son of Augustine Washington and his second wife, Mary Ball. As a 16-year old, Washington departed on his first surveying trip on March 11, 1748.

On January 6, 1759, he married a widow, Martha Dandridge Curtis, in New Kent County, Virginia. As owner of Mount Vernon, following his brother Lawrence's death in 1752, he and Martha built the estate to 8,000 acres, and it has become the most historic house in the United States.

When fighting the British in the War for Independence in 1777, Washington and the Continental Army occupied winter quarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Stanfield writing of that time states, "He and his poor Soldiers were off quite bearfoot (sic) and illclad to make

another successful attack against Princeton to start the New Year 1777."

Two Virginians in this army who later settled in the Big Sandy Valley were Simon Auxier, who died in 1826 and is buried in the Hopson Cemetery at Auxier, and Nathan Preston, who died in 1832 and is buried in Old Town Cemetery in Paintsville, still Floyd County at the time of his death. Both graves are marked with Revolutionary War stones denoting service at Valley Forge.

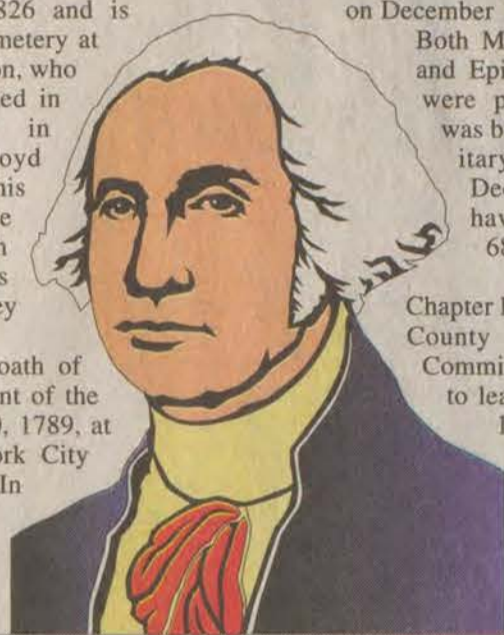
Washington took the oath of office as the first president of the United States on April 30, 1789, at Federal Hall in New York City and served two terms. In March 1797, John Adams, a Federalist, became president, leaving Washington free to

return home to Mount Vernon.

Washington died on December 13, 1799, and his widow, Martha, ordered the family vault at Mount Vernon opened and cleaned on December 16.

Both Masonic ceremonies and Episcopalian services were performed and he was buried with full military honors on December 18, 1799, having lived almost 68 years.

John Graham Chapter DAR and the Floyd County Bicentennial Committee encourage you to learn more about the life of our first president, and more about the lives of our Big Sandy Valley Continental Army veterans.



I cannot remember a time when Abraham Lincoln was not my hero.

I'm sure I read every biography in the Paintsville Grade School library, and that means I read several about the 16th president, born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

I suspect I was originally taken by his being a Kentuckian. When I was a kid living by the coal tippie, there was little to be proud of in my Kentucky. Lincoln was an exception.

I identified with his family's life of poverty on a hardscrabble farm, and I identified with the crooked log cabin I saw in pictures. Most of all, I identified with the little boy who had a passion for learning and loved to read.

That he grew up to become President of these United States was phenomenal.

(I still believed then that anyone could grow up to be president; after all, Mr. Lincoln did. Today, I no longer believe anyone can become president, certainly not anyone who's a woman or anyone who's black or anyone who's not of European heritage.)

I think I also admired Lincoln because he was so often portrayed as the underdog, and I've always had an affinity for that species. He was and still is derided for his looks, considered gawky, angular and ugly — he would not have passed the television test. But the more I know of him, the more I have come to like his looks.

He apparently accepted the way he looked and did not let others' derision hold him back. He wrote, "Common-looking people are the best in the world; that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them."

Lincoln was not born a gentleman, in a culture where — as today — social status was important. He referred to his own lineage as "undistinguished," much as most of us would have to do.

Matured and far more jaded than when I first knew the Kentucky president, I have lost none of my admiration for Lincoln. If anything, it has grown.

When I worked in Frankfort and often had to go to the capitol, I never ceased to be in awe of the



■ Riverview royalty
 The Valentine Kings and Queens were crowned this month at Riverview Health Care Center. The winners from first floor were Odell Osborne and Marvin Kendrick, top The second floor winners were Lona Setser and John Endicott. The Valentine's Day party was celebrated with many residents and family members.

Girl Scouts celebrate World Thinking Day 2000

Girl Scouts of all ages from central and eastern Kentucky will celebrate World Thinking Day 2000 on February 22.

On that day, almost 10 million Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 140 countries worldwide will celebrate the global nature of their membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the international umbrella organization to which Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) belongs.

The association is the largest organizations for girls and young women in the world. Some girls will begin the day at dawn, meeting with other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides as part of a worldwide chain of "thinking" that will start in the Pacific and end at dusk on the West Coast of North and South America.

"The new millennium challenges Girl Scout and Girl Guide organizations such as Girl Scouts of the USA, to provide

experiences that will open more opportunities for all girls and young women," said Mars'aa Johnson Evans, national executive director of Girls Scouts of the USA.

Wilderness Road Council has several events planned to celebrate Thinking Day. In central Kentucky, Girl Scouts will celebrate Thinking Day by learning more about African-American history and culture in an African-American Heritage Workshop.

In southeastern Kentucky, troops will attend a Camp Diversity Workshop, where they will learn about disability awareness. Troops in northeastern Kentucky are holding a Thinking Day workshop. They will be taking an imaginary trip around the world visiting places like China and Iceland.

"It's an occasion to celebrate the rich diversity of today's Girl Scout members who grow strong through our local pro-

jects such as the Wee Care statewide service project, Girl Scouting in the School Day Programs and the Girl Scouts Promise to Vote community service project," said Anne Weston, executive director of Wilderness Road Council.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults.

Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social sciences and self-esteem in young girls while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

In Girl Scouting—and its special girls-only environment—girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

To learn more about Girl Scouting today, go to <http://www.girlscouts.org> or visit the Wilderness Road Council website at www.gswrc.org.

Celebrate African-American Heritage

There is perhaps no better place to study the richness of African-American culture in the South than in the kitchen. There is also perhaps no better opportunity to experience it than in February, which is traditionally known as Black History month.

White Lily, in honor of the African-American influence of Southern Foods, has a few ideas for celebrations. What better way to celebrate than with cookies made from seeds brought from Africa? These cookies are so easy that children will enjoy making them, but are delicately sweet enough for adults to enjoy with tea or coffee.

The African word for sesame, benne,

(pronounced ben-nee) derives from the language of the people of the upper Niger River Valley in Western Africa. In South Carolina's Low Country today, the word benne is still used by many when referring to sesame seeds. Eating the seeds is thought to bring good luck.

The tiny sesame seed is just one of many foods which historians say were introduced into Southern cooking by African-Americans. Others include: peanuts, sweet potatoes and okra.

Peanuts and sweet potatoes became so engrained in the Southern diet largely due to

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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.

The Weatherman isn't the only one who was fooled. Just before last week's snow, the robins showed up here in large numbers.

HERE'S A MORAL TO THIS

It doesn't pay to be selfish, even about fishing. Judge Hill and I invested, a month ago, in some nightcrawlers and when acquaintances "wondered" where they could get some of these for jigging purposes, I either kept mum or blandly remarked, "Don't look at me." Since that time I have had (a) a cold, (b) the flu and (c) weather in which only a golfer would venture out.

Judge is boarding the nightcrawlers, and he might be able to add a few troubles of his own to that list.

Last week we printed a veteran's statement that he lived in a house so open and cold that the diapers froze on his baby's body. And somebody could not resist remarking, "Birdseye diapers, doubtless."

A CLEAN ITEM

This comes to us via a bulletin of the Methodist Conference:

DUZ you must DREFT along with the TIDE of unconcern? VEL, now is the time to CHEER up if you want real JOY. Why? The TREND is for all the family to BREEZE right into the Bible Classes and Church with ZEST. So hear our S O S and don't let us have to DIAL you about Church. DASH right up to the building. WISK to your Class Room and let's pull together like TWENTY MULE TEAM with PRAISE. Good LUX.

And we add: Come CLEAN—RISE and shine!

A GOOD BUSINESS MAN

Our idea of a good business man is an 11-year-old Campton boy who sells one of the Lexington papers. Last week when the paper arrived late because of road conditions he was unable to make the usual number of sales. But in that particular edition there happened to be the photo of Woodrow Allen's sons and Governor Combs.

So the youngster mailed Mr. Allen five copies of the paper, explaining his difficulties and telling the Prestonsburg man he could pay him for the papers or except them as a gift from him if he did not care to pay.

Back went to him a dollar bill.

Now that polio prevention is packed in a cherry-flavored pill, Junior will no longer go yelling bloody murder for his immunization. Biggest job will be to keep the brat from taking an overdose.

VETO JUSTIFIED

Governor Combs is so right in vetoing that pay raise General Assembly members voted themselves. We never have been able to understand the principle of a candidate breaking his neck to get an office, then after it is won deciding he wasn't paid enough and voting himself a retroactive raise.

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Celebrate

the work of the renowned botanist and agricultural chemist George Washington Carver (1860-1943). Carver did extensive research on the sweet potato and the peanut at Tuskegee (Alabama) University.

Also a part of Southern traditional cooking is White Lily Flour. The Soft Red Winter Wheat that makes up 100 percent of White Lily Flour is the wheat that grows in the south.

"Sesame seed cookies may sound unusual. However, these cookies are a favorite in Charleston, where they are often

sold in gift shops," says Belinda Ellis, Test Kitchen manager at White Lily.

"Using White Lily Flour makes these cookies light and delicate," Ellis continues.

Children love rolling the dough in the sesame seeds. Other activities for children and Black History Month include playing Mancala, an African game for two players that teaches math and concentration skills. It is available at most toy stores. There are also hundreds of books available on African-American Heritage. These include

African stories, biographies about notable African-Americans, poems, and many children's fictional stories.

Benne (Sesame) Seed Cookies

Sesame seeds can become rancid if they are not fresh. Look for use by dates on the package. Also, it is good idea to taste them before using. If they have a strong flavor, do not use them for this recipe.

1 cup sesame seeds, about 2 (2 ounce) containers

1 3/4 cups White Lily Plain All-Purpose Flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/4 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place sesame seeds into shallow pan and toast for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely.

Combine flour, soda, and salt. Set aside. Cream butter or margarine with the sugars. Beat in the eggs and vanilla until light and fluffy. Blend in the flour mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup of the sesame seeds.

Roll dough into tablespoon size balls. Then roll balls in remaining sesame seeds. Place on a cookie sheet. Flatten with the bottom of a glass or press with hands. Place cookies about 1 1/2-inches apart.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

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Things to Ponder

Understanding guilt: It's good and it's bad

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

So many times, usually at least once a day, the painful explanation is heard, "But I feel so guilty! If only I had not said the truth that upset her." An impression is that so many negative feelings are labeled as "guilt," when the correct label might actually be "disappointed, hurt." Sometimes, it seems, Miss Guilty One continues to accept responsibility for the emotional distress of others with the blink of the eye.

But, where does guilt come from, why and what is its purpose? It is crucial that we understand how guilt works, plus if it is justified.

Guilt is one of the most common—yet most powerful—emotions that rule our lives. So much suffering, and even tragedy, has been the outcome of needless feelings of guilt. Unjustified, excessive guilt often interferes with our enjoyment of living, cripples our social and business lives, increases worry, is disheartening, and humiliates us.

As we all have experienced, guilt creates fears and anxieties that are the foundation of multiple emotional ills, chronic fatigue to self-punishing conditions such as drug addiction.

In some instances, bitter self-loathing derived from full-blown, needless guilt can torment a person until suicide seems to be the only way to get relief.

One expert perceived guilt as central to human existence. Yet, he pointed out that uncontrolled, inner guilt could paralyze us so that we are totally unable to function as human beings. In contrast, other writers also described the "good" face of guilt and how it is a desirable human emotion.

For example, in its simplest form, guilt is the realization of and sorrow over having done something morally, socially, or ethically wrong. Guilt helps us to recognize what we have done wrong, when we have violated our own consciences and the mores of our society.

Not all guilt is harmful, unnecessary, and should be destroyed. In this way, guilt is our society's regulator. Without it, we would possibly not learn in school, do our jobs properly, follow traffic rules, perform exercise, and feed and care for our children.

Then, the impact of guilt often helps us balance life more effectively so there are good relationships with loved ones or living in harmony within our communities or with one another. One psychologist's opinion was that "Guilt feelings are an evitable accompaniment of the development of our consciences."

The conscience's signaling when there is a difference between right and wrong is the major component of the entire guilt feelings mankind has experienced in the past, and will in the future.

Although we are born with basic drives, such as to survive and the sex drive, a conscience is not an innate drive. All of us begin without morals and have no inhibitions not to fulfill pleasure-seeking impulses.

This is definitely a time that parents have all of the responsibility to teach a child what is right and what is wrong to create a new member of society who is aware that he or she must live by its rules!

In addition, the demands of the society in which a child is reared also play an important role. The traditions of race, nationality, and even neighborhood can force a child into the "norms of behaviors." Changes in the conscience cannot be observed, but increases as

the child is taught—by example and by immersion into a lifestyle.

Then, as the conscience expands, guilt grows and develops if the child feels that he has disobeyed, or thinks he did. This process occurs after the rules are taken in and the child feels he must obey.

Violating society's edicts can bounce back as guilt feelings, even if these edicts are outdated. A frequent example is the couple that comes for marital therapy. Many times one of their basic issues is that they were intimate prior to marriage; in some cases, it only happened one time.

Due to the guilt of not following parental teachings, not to have sex before marriage, getting married was the only choice for them. What if someone found out? Thus, they accepted staying married without a basis for a true relationship for 15 or 20 years, because of guilt pertaining to one event.

Of course, most everyone has probably observed that some people feel guilt more strongly than others and for less reason. One explanation was that parents and family members accuse some children frequently and inappropriately about "bad" actions.

Haven't you seen parents who never said anything positive to their children and were never content with what their kids did? Shame is drilled into the children continually for behavior that is not truly shameful.

Reportedly, if a parent places more guilt on a child than he can tolerate, the youngster is likely to choose one of two directions: (1) since he cannot live with the guilt, he may rebel and find relief in drugs, delinquency or other forms of antisocial behavior; or (2) he may grow up overwhelmed with a heavy load of guilt, deeply convinced that he is a bad, undeserving person.

The latter seems to be the individuals who can never be perfect enough or apologize sufficiently. He is always paying the price of "possibly" being guilty, whether it is true or not. Although the person may appear to be OK, it is not unusual for him to commit suicide, due to a combination of hate, rage, revenge, a sense of guilt and a feeling of unbearable frustration.

Additionally, this person has intense feelings of guilt that can often make life literally unbearable and he feels "stuck." Some writers predicted that the tendency to take in unneeded amounts of guilt might be inherited, similar to some form of emotional illness.

Like other situations in life, individuals react differently in regard to guilt. It has been found that people with the least reason to be affected by guilt, are likely to have the greatest reaction. In a classic Harvard University study, 84 percent of those who followed the rules, responded that they would feel guilty, conscience-stricken or ashamed, if they had not.

One of the conclusions was that the sterner your conscience and the more vigilantly it monitors your thoughts and actions; the worse you will feel if you do something you think is wrong.

Now is the time for you to check your feelings out and try to evaluate how often, how much, when, and where you are aware of different levels of guilt feelings and their many disguises.

Take time to look inside yourself: Are you upset about something you did or failed to do? Did you break, or fear you had done so, some deeply held moral or ethical rule supported by society? Next week, the focus will be on ways to cope better with guilt feelings.

Going online for advice about acne

(NAPSA)-On the surface, acne may look like just a few pimples, but this common skin condition can cut deeply into a teenager's self-image. Research has shown that this embarrassing rite of passage can impact a teen's social life and school work, and even cause depression.

"Acne can erode a teenager's self-image and confidence, at a sensitive time in their personal growth and development," says Donna Ford, president of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the world's largest private, non-profit organization for professional counselors. "However, of all the challenges facing teens, acne is one problem that they can easily do something about."

In order to help teens do something about it, the ACA is hosting a web site on acne for teenagers and their parents. Accessible at www.counseling.org/teenacne, the site offers medically accurate information about the causes of acne, the "dos" and "don'ts" in managing the condition, and a synopsis of available treatments. Actress Lindsay Price, star of TV's "Beverly Hills 90210," helped launch the site by having an online chat session with teens about acne, and how celebrity and fashion help shape their self-image.

"The Internet is the information medium of choice for teenagers," says Ms. Ford, noting that the number of teens online in the U.S. is estimated at 9 million. "They use the web to e-mail friends, shop and do research for school, so we felt it was the ideal way to provide reliable information and reassurance about acne."

Acne develops when certain hair follicles become

clogged by skin cells that block the opening of pores. A number of factors beyond a teenager's control, including age, heredity, hormonal changes and stress, contribute to the development of acne.

One piece of advice that the site offers teenagers who are concerned about their acne is that they should talk with their parents about seeing a doctor. "The good news is that doctors now have a variety of effective medications available to address the problem," said Sharon Levy, M.D., Director of Medical Affairs and Clinical Research for Dermik Laboratories, Inc.

One topical medication that has been shown to treat acne rapidly is Benzamycin®, a combination of the antimicrobial benzoyl peroxide and the antibiotic erythromycin. Clinical study shows that Benzamycin® can produce improvements in acne in as little as two weeks. As with other topical acne medications, local irritation has been reported with Benzamycin use.

It is important to keep in mind that no acne medication has been approved, or is used for, the treatment of any psychological condition, including depression.

It is also important for teens to know that they are not alone or singled out when it comes to acne—about 85 percent of people between the ages of 12 and 25 are affected by the condition. As Lindsay Price tells teens, "The myth that only geeky, nerdy teenagers get acne is completely untrue. Movie stars get acne, I get acne, it's completely normal and you shouldn't feel embarrassed."

SOCIETY NEWS

KFWC Drift Woman's Club

by Celia Little

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club met January 17, at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building with President Alice Osborne presiding.

The Devotional was given by Roney Clark, who read "A Blessing" by Kate, Watkins Furman, and I-John: 4-11. The Flag Salute was led by Donna Allen.

Secretary Celia Little read the minutes of the December meeting and Roney Clark, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Donations sent were: South Floyd Art Department, \$100; Scholarship, \$250; Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation, \$175; Beaver Creek Fire Department No. 2, \$100; contributions and dues to KFWC and club woman magazines.

Alice Osborne reported that the press book and club reports of

annual work accomplished, had been mailed to KFWC headquarters.

The Education Committee was scheduled for the program.

Members present were Alice Osborne, Donna Allen, Ruby Akers, Roney Clark and Celia Little.

The next meeting of the KFWC Drift Woman's Club will be February 21. The program will be by the Arts and Crafts Committee,

Memorial scholarship established at February meet

by Doris Robinson and Alice O. Martin

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association met in special session, February 3, at May Lodge at 10 a.m. Chairing the meeting was FCRTA President Roberta Fugate, assisted by First Vice-President Daniel Branson.

The invocation was given by Daniel Branson, after which Alice Martin led the Pledge to the Flag.

The speaker for this special session was Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who had prepared a written proposal of which he distributed copies to those present.

In reference to the proposal, Bartley said he was interested in having a memorial scholarship established by the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association in memory of all Floyd County's retired teachers who are deceased.

He proposed that a separate fund from the FCRTA treasury donations from various sources. There would be no money taken from the organization's funds for this scholarship unless it was decided by the members to make a donation.

At this point, several members of the group suggested that the scholarship be set up as a memorial to all of Floyd County's deceased teachers, both active and retired.

Bartley agreed to this change and a few other points that were made before it was determined to put the proposal to a vote. The vote was unanimous to establish the scholarship as proposed and revised by the group.

The initial scholarship amount is set at \$1,000 and will be open to any senior expecting to graduate in Floyd County who plans to attend a Kentucky college.

In accordance with the terms of the scholarship, four FCRTA members were chosen to serve on the Memorial Scholarship Committee. Those selected were Judy Burchell, Ray Brackett, Betty Porter and Ann Stumbo. The president will also serve by virtue of her office.

The scholarship committee will remain in place for two years, except

for the president who will stay only until a new president of FCRTA is elected. Every two years the president will have the power to appoint or reappoint four members to the committee.

A form application, approved by the committee, shall be made available to every high school senior by providing sufficient copies to every public high school principal and/or guidance counselor.

A majority vote of the committee shall be sufficient to award a scholarship to an eligible applicant. In the event a majority vote cannot be attained, the president of FCRTA shall have the right to choose from the finalists still under consideration.

Relatives of committee members will not be eligible for the scholarship. Awards will be limited to one per year.

When matters concerning the FCRTA Memorial Scholarship were cleared, the president turned to other issues. She reminded the group that on June 30, FCRTA would be without officers.

A nominating committee which includes Ruby Akers, Pat Branson, Harry J. Wallace and Alice O. Martin, the latter as an alternate, was selected. Any retired Floyd County teacher willing to serve should contact a member of the nominating committee before the last Thursday in March.

Also announced by the president was the KRTA convention scheduled for April 19 and 20, in Louisville. FCRTA is entitled to six delegates to this convention. It was decided to delay the selection of these delegates until the March meeting of FCRTA.

The president noted that the office of Vice-President-Elect of the Big Sandy District is open. Anyone interested in this position should let Mrs. Fugate know.

Various committee reports followed.

Alice Martin, chairperson of the notification committee, thanked the president for taking over her duties during Mrs. Martin's absence. Jimmy Reynolds noted the present membership of FCRTA to be 243 members. The treasurer's report

showed a balance of \$2,160.12.

Danny Branson had an extensive legislative report. Quoted verbatim are the following items which should be of interest to all retired teachers:

"On Tuesday night, January 25, Governor Patton presented his budget message to the General Assembly. Although some details are still missing, we have been able to determine what funds are included for the Teachers' Retirement System.

"Unlike the budget presented in 1998, this budget does provide some funds for ad hoc cost of living adjustments. Specifically, 0.7 percent the first year of the biennium and 1 percent the second year. Added to the 1 1/2% the first year and 2.5 percent the second year.

"The other items in our legislative program that require funding—that is, an increase in the death benefit from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and the increase in the minimum value per year of credited service from \$310 to \$335—are being paid for by the retirement system and do not require additional state funds."

The president advised all members to solicit the support of our legislators to see that pending bills supportive of retired teachers are passed.

Betty Porter gave the AARP report, stating that every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be help at the library for the elderly in filing income tax returns. She also stated that a computer class open to the elderly would be offered at the college from 6-8 p.m. starting February 14. Additional information on the computer class can be had by calling extension 258 at the college.

The February meeting of FCRTA concluded with the benediction by Daniel Branson.

Registering at this special session of FCRTA were Syrdilla Martin, Alice O. Martin, Patricia Branson, Roberta Fugate, Daniel Branson, Gene Davis, Bessie Conley, Judy Burchell, Doris A. Robinson, Andrew Crider, Jimmy Reynolds, Ruby Akers, Harry J. Wallace, Ray Brackett, Earl D. Qusley, Betty Porter and Ann Stumbo.

ANNIVERSARIES



Golden anniversary

Robert Earl and Dollie Butler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29, 2000. They were honored by their children and grandchildren with a reception at the Paintsville Community Center. The reception was attended by friends and relatives. The Butlers were married in Floyd County on January 28, 1950. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bennett Sanders

Karen Machelie Strawser and Michael Bennett Sanders exchanged wedding vows at St. Francis Catholic Church in Pikeville in an evening ceremony on December 29, 1999.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strawser of Pikeville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sanders of Lancaster, formerly of Floyd County.

Father Ralph Beiting of Louisa and Rev. DeWitt Furrow of Phelps officiated the wedding ceremony. Father Joe Muench of Harrodsburg was the soloist, and Marcia Adkins of Robinson Creek was the pianist.

Maid of honor was Emily Sargent of Springville, Utah, and bridesmaids were Jamie Strawser, sister of the bride, and Kelli Sanders, sister of the groom. Lacey Helvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Helvey of Pikeville, was flower girl.

Mike Sanders served his son as best man, and groomsmen were Robbie Freels of Prestonsburg and Joseph Mayhorn of Phelps. Kevin Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose of Wayland, was ring bearer.

A reception at the Landmark Inn in Pikeville followed the wedding ceremony.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of the Piarist School in Martin and will be graduated from Coastal Carolina University in May. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Parsons of Virgie and Dorothy Strawser of Columbus, Ohio, and the late Paul Strawser.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of the Piarist School and is a senior airman in the United States Air Force, stationed in Mildenhall, England. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor of San Antonio, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Sanders of Phelps.

The couple will reside in Mildenhall, England.



Little and Conn wed

Angie Diane Little and William Gene Conn, both of McDowell, were united in marriage on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2000, at Prestonsburg. The bride is the daughter of Bonnie Little of McDowell and the late Carl Ray Little. The groom's parents are Billy Gene Conn of Harold and Polly Jean Shepard of Prestonsburg. The bride was given in marriage by the couple's son, Kendell Wade Little.



Coleman, Hall to wed

Brenda Gail (Tip) Coleman and James Ernest (Butch) Hall plan to be united in marriage on March 25, 2000, at 2 p.m., at the Church of Christ at Meade Bottom. The bride-elect is the daughter of Doris Bates of Wheelwright and Verlan Hall of Colsom. The prospective groom is the son of James and Wilma Hall of Bevinville. The couple will reside at Bevinville with their daughter, Sarah. They plan a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Postscript

huge likeness of Lincoln in the rotunda. In fact, if I allowed myself to linger near the imposing statue, tears would invariably come to my eyes.

I appreciate Lincoln's wit. His reply to an election result: "I feel) somewhat like the boy in Kentucky who stubbed his toe while running to see his sweetheart. The boy said he was too big to cry, and far too badly hurt to laugh."

I am in awe of his wisdom. He wrote in 1858, "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy."

Particularly thought-provoking in today's political atmosphere is his oft-quoted statement: "If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time." Amen.

I wish his integrity would be emulated by today's leaders. "Truth is generally the best vindication against slander," he said.

In 1864, the awful war still a year from end, he wrote, "I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside me."

And what an incredible sense of humility and fairness: "I claim not to

have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me," and "It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged."

I also share his frequent sense of outrage. Addressing an Indiana regiment late in the war, he said, "I have always thought that all men should be free; but if any should be slaves, it should be first those who desire it for themselves, and secondly those who desire it for others. Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."

My admiration for how he could turn a phrase is about equal to my admiration for his commitment to preserve the union of the United States, less than 100 years old in his time.

I come from people who fought on behalf of the union and am proud to say so in a time when the trend is otherwise. I admit to getting chills when I read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address — from the time I had to memorize it in grade school.

Has there ever been a more passionate plea for peace and motherland?

On President's Day, it is fitting to repeat what I consider one of the greatest speeches ever written. No matter what the side, any decent person would have to have been moved.

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in

Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Happy late birthday, Mr. Lincoln.

Good day to subscriber D. Edward Osborne of Winchester. Thank you for reading the Floyd County Times.

NEW ARRIVALS



Alexis RaeLynn Thornsberry

Janice Thornsberry of Garrett, announces the birth of her daughter, Alexis RaeLynn Thornsberry, on January 27, 2000, at 8:34 a.m., at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The infant weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20-3/4 inches long. The grandparents are Rita Thornsberry, Doug Harvey and the late Barry Thornsberry, and great-grandparents are Norm and Deloris Thornsberry of Hollybush, Bruce and Wanda Vanhoose of Beckley, West Virginia, and the late Janice Vanhoose.



Jacob Tyler Robertson

Edward and Ogie Slone of Ligon announce the arrival of their grandson, Jacob Tyler Robertson. The baby was born January 6, 2000, at St. Joseph's Hospital East in Lexington. He weighed nine pounds, five ounces, and was 21-3/4 inches long. He is the son of Robert Thomas and Shelia Slone Robertson of Carrollton. The paternal grandparents are David and Sue Robertson of Carrollton.



Joseph Kade Meade

Joe and Patty Meade of Tram announce the birth of their son, Joseph Kade, on Sunday, January 23, 2000, at 12:14 a.m. He weighed six pounds, 10.3 ounces, and was 21-1/4 inches long. His grandparents are Edgar and Lorain Williams of Stanville, Duard Meade of Harold and the late Sue Meade.

Careful shopping may help reduce reader's 'pill bill'



Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Question: I don't have insurance to help pay for my medicines. I am currently spending about \$400 each month on them. Are there any ways for me to save money on my pills?

Answer: For many people, prescription medication accounts for one of their largest monthly expenses. Even if you have health insurance that pays part of the cost of your prescriptions, you can still face large bills. And many people, just like you, have to pay the entire cost of their medicines themselves.

While there's no way to completely avoid the high costs of medicines, there are some ways to reduce them. The simplest is to shop around the pharmacies in your area. Some stores buy drugs in volume and pass along the savings to you. Just by calling around for prices, you may be able to save 25 percent or more.

Another option is to use a mail-order pharmacy. As the name implies, these businesses mail your medication to you after you mail or fax the doctor's prescription to them. Prices may be lower than you can find at local drug stores, but when you're comparing prices, don't forget to figure in additional charges like shipping and handling.

Also, don't forget that it often takes two or three weeks to get your medication in the mail.

The nation's largest mail-order pharmacy — and it's a

very reputable one — is run by the American Association of Retired Persons. Also, a number of mail-order pharmacies are now "on the web." I'd recommend that if you decide to use an internet pharmacy, that you pick one that's been certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. You can obtain a list of these at www.nabp.net.

There are currently only a few certified online pharmacies, although there are more than 200 that do business using this new electronic method of communication.

If you have no insurance coverage and no ability to pay for a needed prescription drug, you may qualify for assistance from the pharmaceutical company that makes the product. About 45 drug companies have such assistance programs. Your doctor or pharmacist can help you find out if you qualify for one of them.

Further, don't be afraid to talk with your doctor about prescription prices, and to ask if there is a less expensive alternative. He or she may know of another drug that treats the same condition but costs less.

One of the most common ways to save money is by using generic drugs. Many name-brand drugs are more than twice as expensive as their equally effective generic counterparts. Using generics can save you a bundle! And, in some cases, there may be a reasonably priced non-prescription product that is virtually the same as the prescription drug your doctor has recommended.

For example, both generic ibuprofen, available over-the-counter, and prescription Motrin contain the same active ingredient.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Baby gift shopping goes online

(NUI) - Living far away from your friends and family is difficult. It is particularly hard during special occasions like birthdays, holidays and other family get-togethers.

The drill is pretty familiar now though — you send a card or a gift, not knowing if it's an item the person already has, would like or will fit. That's the plight of the out-of-town gift-giver.

The same is true when your friends or relatives are having a baby and you can't be there for the showers. You still want to let them know you care and that you are thinking of them. But without the convenience of stopping by to see what the expectant couples need, you are left to your own devices.

Lucky for you, baby registries can ease some of the stress that goes into buying gifts blindly. But when you live really far away, you may not have access to the same stores. That is where the Internet comes in — it has opened up a whole new world of gift-giving. It does not confine you by location or lack of imagination.

Even if the expectant parents aren't registered, these days you can't go wrong because online stores won't let you. They promote best selling items, offer advice and product descriptions. In fact, they sometimes offer more assistance than a salesperson would in a store.

If you still like the shopping mall experience, why not visit a virtual mall, such as Mall.com, the premiere online shopping mall. A virtual mall offers the variety of your local shopping center without the hassle of parking and crowds.

Now you can locate the leading name-brand online stores in one place, your virtual shopping mall on the Net. Mall.com serves as a hub to

the online counterparts of Toys R Us, The Right Stuff, Gymboree, Target, JC Penney, Healthtex and FAO Schwartz, among others. It also hosts an arcade, food court and cinema.

Mall.com makes shopping easier by housing the Internet's major stores in one easy-to-navigate Web site, designed solely to make your online shopping experience a pleasant one.

The layout of Mall.com looks

like one of those free-standing mall maps at your local mall that says, "You are here." Clicking on a category will pull up a mall layout featuring all the stores that sell related items. Just click on the store of your choice, and you are in.

Mall.com also offers free e-mail and customized service that allows you to create your own virtual mall online. For more information or to start shopping, visit Mall.com at www.mall.com.

New Arrivals Pikeville Methodist Hospital

February 1: A daughter, Sherry Josephine, to Sherry Ann and Stephen Howell; a daughter, Bryanna Marie, to Rowena and John Watring.

February 2: A son, Kamron Bruce, to Raquel and Bruce Anderson.

February 3: A daughter, Jessica Breanna Hall, to Tonya Jacobs and Joe Hall; a daughter, Rachel Faith Bartley, to Crystal Lynn Smith; a daughter, Allyson McKenzie, to Amy Thacker and William Stacy Hunt.

February 4: A daughter, Cierra Dashell, to Karrie Ann and Elmer Dale Harris; a daughter, Jennifer Nicole, to Maria Kathaleen and Timmy Gene Boyd.

February 5: A daughter, Joey Brooke Fern, to Taresa and Joey Fields.

February 7: A son, Joseph Tanner, to Doveda Ann Fleming; a daughter, Sasha Lace Peres, to Brenda Lynn Music.

February 8: A son, Brandon Scott, to Rita Ann and Ronnie Kevin Belcher; a daughter, Destiny Caroline, to Lewanna Kay and Paul Howell; a son, Landon Kyle, to Danita and John Rogers.

February 9: A daughter, Halea Michelle Paige Ferguson, to Misty and Bobby May; a son, Christopher Blake, to Jaime and Kevin Brown; a son, Justin Colby, to Lisa Ann Helton-Combs and Jesse Dean Combs.

February 10: A daughter, Rachel Ann, to Tangee and Mike Hall; a daughter, Grace Marie, to Kimberly Dawn and Carl Milton McKenzie Jr.; a daughter, Christy Lynn, to Kristy and Jerry Jacobs.

February 12: A daughter, Jasmine Lantia, to Amanda Kay May; a daughter, Chelsie Makensie, to Rhonda Michelle and Scott Alan Farley Merion; a son, Zade Douglas, to Amanda Kaya and Richard Ray Smith.

February 13: A daughter, Carly Shae, to Stephanie and Richard Keith Hall; a daughter, Megan Chivon, to Kelly and George Frazier.

February 14: A daughter, Natalie Nicole, to Jennifer Jane and Jerry Dell Reed.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates one year

Autumn Daniel of Paintsville, celebrated her first birthday on February 11, 2000, with a Winnie the Pooh party at her home. She is the daughter of Kamil Daniel of Paintsville and David Jason Stephens of Allen. David Stephens of Allen and Rita Daniel of Paintsville are her grandparents.

Youth News

Pikeville College now accepting applications for Alumni Scholarship

The Pikeville College Alumni Association is accepting applications for its alumni scholarship. This \$1,000 award was established to provide encouragement and financial support for students enrolled at Pikeville College, and is designated for children of Pikeville College alumni.

3.0 or above. If a 3.00 GPA is not maintained during the first semester following the award, the scholarship will not be renewed for a second semester.

■ The student must be a full-time student pursuing a four-year degree.

■ The student must be classified as a junior at Pikeville College.

■ The student must be a child of an alumnus/alumna.

■ The recipient will be required

to complete a work component of five hours a week for each semester in which an award is given.

■ A written performance evaluation will be provided by the recipient's supervisors to the student and the alumni office at the end of the award year.

A committee composed of the president of the Alumni Association and four committee members will select the recipient. Announcement of the recipient will be made at the

Alumni/Senior Banquet to be held in the spring.

For additional information, or to request an application, call 606/432-9326, or stop by the Pikeville College Office of Public Affairs.

Completed applications are to be returned to the Public Affairs Office or mailed to Alumni Scholarship, Pikeville College, Office of Public Affairs, 147 Sycamore St., Pikeville, KY 41501.



Student excels

Amanda McDonald of Prestonsburg, has been named to the President's List for the second quarter at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia. McDonald is the daughter of Jim and Donna Vanover of Prestonsburg, and the late J.D. McDonald.

Transylvania awarded \$1 million grant

Transylvania University has been awarded a \$1 million matching challenge grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust to help endow the Kenan Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment. This is the largest single grant of its kind that Transylvania has ever received.

The grant is being matched with \$2 million in gifts from other sources, which will create a \$3 million endowment for this comprehensive program. Income from the endowment will support faculty research and professional growth, faculty-directed student research and the appointment of distinguished visiting professors.

"This grant supports the very heart of the mission of Transylvania, which is to provide quality instruction and research opportunities for our students," said President Charles L. Shearer. "The endowment will enable our dedicated faculty to pursue continued professional growth and development, which in turn will expand and enrich the learning opportunities for our outstanding students."

Shearer also emphasized the permanent nature of the Kenan Fund. "Because this fund is an endowment, it will always be here. We will spend only the earnings from endowment on the various programs. The Kenan Fund will enrich the quality of learning at Transylvania for decades to come."

William T. Young, chairman of Transylvania's Board of Trustees, played a leading role in securing the Kenan grant. "As he has done on so many occasions, Chairman Young was a convincing spokesperson for Transylvania in relating our mission to the Kenan Trust," said Shearer.

James G. Moseley, vice president and dean of the college, said the Kenan Fund will be a great asset to the Transylvania faculty and student body. "When you add the Kenan grant to the resources we already have in place for faculty development and student research, we will have one of the most comprehensive programs of this kind at any school our size in the nation."

The Kenan Fund will support four programs, all of which are designed to foster excellence in classroom teaching and learning through the development and renewal of knowledge and skills. Here are brief descriptions of the programs:

■ **Kenan Faculty Research Grants**—These awards will enable faculty members to pursue independent research and professional development activities during the summer. Up to 20 grants will be awarded annually, with a maximum individual award of \$3,000.

■ **Kenan Student Summer Research Program**—The component will support students' summer research under the guidance of Transylvania faculty members. Up to 10 students will receive annual stipends of \$2,000, with faculty stipends amounting to \$1,000 for each student supervised.

There are also funds to cover up to \$10,000 annually for students' equipment and materials and up to \$10,000 for preparation and travel expenses related to the students' presentation of projects at academic meetings.

■ **Kenan Sabbatical Support Fund**—This fund will support projects and research that faculty members undertake during sabbatical leaves. On average, five faculty members take sabbatical leave each year, for which they receive full pay for one term or half pay for a full year.

The Kenan Fund will supplement that with up to \$50,000 in grants awarded annually to reimburse faculty members for travel and other costs related to their scholarly projects, with maximum individual awards of \$10,000.

■ **Kenan Distinguished Visiting Professorship**—This program will bring to campus nationally recognized teachers and scholars to invigorate current faculty and provide students access to a unique learning experience.

These visiting professors will replace Transylvania faculty members who are on sabbatical leave. Their selection will be rotated among the university's 21 academic programs and will be planned several years in advance in order to recruit truly outstanding visiting professors.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the country's top liberal arts colleges.



Duff primary blasts off

P-4 students at Duff Elementary blasted off into the school year with a Core Knowledge Unit on the solar system. Students did projects on the moon, sun, planets, asteroids, meteors, etc., using hands-on, research using technology, and writing pieces. A culminating activity was the creation of the solar system to display in the school's hallway. Students in the class are Josh Adams, Chris Brown, Dan Burchett, Steve Caudill, Brittany and Tiffany Clark, Chelsie Cordial, Michael Hill, Tara Huff, LaSha Meade, Matt Morgan, Brittany Owens, Jordan Perkins, Josh Prater, Madison Prater, Ben Shepherd, Chris Slone and Tara Watkins. Flight leader was Kitty H. Frazier, assisted by Stacy Nelson.



Students at Opportunities Unlimited enjoyed a dress-up day for Halloween last fall. The activity took place in conjunction with an open house by the Bridges Program and the help of Pam Johnson, intervention specialist.



No matter whether they wore the white hats or the black hats, students at Opportunities Unlimited made sure their toppers were big on Big Hat Day last fall, as they celebrated the end of an academic period.

Students Helping To Protect Our Environment



Over 200,000 people visit the Biosphere 2 Center, Columbia University's Arizona-based research and educational facility each year.

(NAPSA)—A unique partnership that links education and industry is helping some college students breathe easier about scholarships. Talented college students with an interest in learning more about the environment now have the opportunity to apply for a tuition-free semester at Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center campus in Tucson, Arizona, courtesy of Volvo.

The Volvo Environmental Scholars Program has been established as part of a recently formed partnership between Volvo and Columbia University. The program provides full scholarships for ten American and International students each semester.

The two partners share an interdisciplinary approach to all environmental efforts, as well as a belief that environmental sustainability will come about only through increased awareness and knowledge. The first ten Volvo Environmental Scholars, representing nine universities from throughout the U.S., began classes January 1999. The participating students to date illustrate a wide range of interests, as their majors include biology, economics, ecology, anthropology and chemistry. One remarked after the program, "Ideas and concepts cultivated during Earth semester will influence decisions I make throughout my career and personal life."

More information about the partnerships is available on the Internet at the web site www.bio2.edu or by calling 800-992-4603.

The Medical School That Changed Our Lives 150th Anniversary



The University of Michigan Medical School is celebrating 150 years of breakthrough advances in treatment, research and education.

(NAPSA)—In 1850 a five member faculty welcomed the first 90 students to a newly constructed medical building. A year later this fledgling medical school—the first professional school at this mid-western university—graduated its first six students and set out on a course that helped to shape American medicine.

Who could imagine that 150 years later this same institution would grow to have a staff of nearly 2,000 and alumni totaling over 18,000?

The University of Michigan

Medical School went on to establish a number of firsts and has been a leader in translating research discoveries to improvements in medical training and patient care:

- The first university medical school to administer a hospital.
- The first state medical school to accept women on an equal footing with men.
- Pioneered research in the testing of polio vaccine, and
- Treated non-Hodgkin's

lymphoma in an innovative way that attacked the tumor but not the healthy tissue.

Another way to measure the effect that the school has had on the field of medicine is to examine the people it has trained.

- William Mayo graduated in 1863 and returned home to Rochester, Minnesota where, with his brother William, he founded the Mayo Clinic.
- Alice Hamilton—the first woman on Harvard faculty—received her degree in 1893.

■ African-American student William Henry Fitzbutler was awarded his degree in 1872 and returned to Louisville, Kentucky where he eventually established the Louisville National Medical College.

■ The University of Michigan Medical School has the second largest number of Alumni serving as faculty at American medical schools.

■ Antonia Novello, M.D., the former U.S. Surgeon General, is the current health commissioner for the state of New

York—and did her pediatric residence in nephrology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

With a century and a half of breakthrough advances in education, research and treatment, the University of Michigan Medical School is forging ahead toward the next 150 years.

For more information, visit www.med.umich.edu/medschool and click on the sesquicentennial logo or call the Sesquicentennial offices toll free at (877) 392-7772.

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MAKE IT BETTER WITH MILK

If milk mustaches are tempting you to pour a glass for a refreshing snack or at meals, keep in mind milk is also a flavorful substitute for water and other liquids in your favorite foods. Substituting milk for water in everyday menu items helps improve both taste and nutrition, giving you appetizing alternatives throughout the day to help meet your daily requirement for calcium and the other important nutrients milk provides. Add more milk to your menu in a single step by using milk instead of water in prepackaged foods like hot chocolate, instant oatmeal and coffee drinks. The simple switch to milk also helps make canned or packaged soups creamier, and mashed potatoes from flakes more nutritious and delicious.

Milk makes the difference.

Milk contains calcium and eight other essential nutrients, including vitamins A, B-12 and D, as well as potassium, phosphorus, protein, niacin and riboflavin. Calcium is one of the nutrients that's most likely to be missing from many adult diets. The National Institutes of Health recommends 1,000 mg of calcium a day for most adults, which is the amount in about three 8-ounce glasses of milk. So, using milk in cooking helps you meet the three-a-day goal. And if you use 1% lowfat milk or fat free skim milk in place of water in recipes, you'll still get milk's total nutrient package with little or no fat.

From sunrise to sundown.

"Throughout the day, there are many quick and easy ways to incorporate milk into recipes," said Mary Abbott Hess, L.H.D., R.D., nutrition consultant and cookbook author. "In addition to the nutritional boost milk offers, it helps provide texture and a richness of taste that you just can't get with water." Check out these quick and easy recipes that Hess developed, which take the substitution concept one step further. All the recipes are made with fat free skim or 1% lowfat milk, which keeps fat low and nutrients high.

Another simple way to make substitution a daily habit is to stock your pantry with foods that are made better with milk, such as these pantry staples:

- Canned or packaged soups
- Hot breakfast cereals
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Dried salad dressing mixes
- Boxed rice dishes
- Quick bread mixes
- Stuffing mixes

Chicken Farfalle

Serves 6

- 6 ounces farfalle (tricolored or regular bow tie noodles)
- 2 teaspoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped sweet Spanish onion
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 cups fat free skim milk
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon instant chicken soup base or 2 cubes chicken bouillon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 cups cooked skinless chicken torn into bite-sized pieces (about 1/2 rotisserie or roasted chicken) or diced turkey
- 1/2 cup frozen tiny peas (or 2 tablespoons chopped red pepper)
- 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook farfalle for 12 minutes in large pot of boiling salted water, stirring occasionally. Drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat margarine in a large nonstick skillet. Add onions and mushrooms; stir-fry until vegetables are slightly browned. Remove vegetables from pan and reserve.
3. Put milk into the large skillet. Add cornstarch and chicken soup base; stir to mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring often until the sauce thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Add pasta, vegetable mixture, chicken and peas. Mix to combine ingredients.
4. Prepare a 2-quart casserole or 6 individual casseroles with nonstick cooking spray. Turn mixture into casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 25-30 minutes.

This casserole can be prepared ahead of time and is a good way to use leftover chicken or turkey.

Nutrition Information Per Serving (using fat free skim milk):
200 calories, 3.5g fat, 15% daily value calcium.

Cappuccino Sorbetto

Serves 5

- 2 envelopes MAXWELL HOUSE® Cappuccino™, any flavor
- 2 cups hot fat free skim milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar

1. Dissolve cappuccino in hot milk in large bowl. Stir in sugar until dissolved. Pour into 8-inch square pan.
2. Freeze about 1 1/2 hours or until almost firm. Break up mixture with fork. Spoon into dessert dishes.

Nutrition Information Per Serving (using fat free skim milk):
90 calories, 1.5g fat, 15% daily value calcium.

Roasted Red Pepper Bisque

Serves 6 (Yield 1 quart)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, or 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 1 (12 ounce) jar Italian-style roasted red peppers, drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup canned tomato soup
- 2 cups fat free skim or 1% lowfat milk
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil, snipped chives or croutons

1. Heat olive oil in a medium nonstick saucepan. Add onions and sauté over low heat until tender. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes more.
2. Put onion mixture, roasted peppers and tomato soup into food processor or blender. Process 1 minute.
3. Return mixture to saucepan. Stir in milk and heat until very hot. Season with salt, white pepper and red pepper flakes.
4. Serve soup in warmed bowls garnished with chopped fresh basil, chives or croutons.

Nutrition Information Per Serving (using fat free skim milk):
80 calories, 2.5g fat, 10% daily value calcium.

Horseradish Mashed Potatoes

Serves 6 (Yield 3 1/2 cups)

- 1 1/2 pounds Idaho® potatoes (4-5 potatoes), peeled and diced in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 1/4 cups fat free skim or 1% lowfat milk
- 3 tablespoons fat free or reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tablespoon prepared white horseradish
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper

1. Put potatoes in a medium nonstick saucepan. Add milk and simmer over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring often, until potatoes are tender.
2. Put potatoes with remaining milk from saucepan into mixer and mash potatoes. Add fat free sour cream, horseradish, salt and pepper. Whip on medium speed about 2 minutes. Adjust seasonings and add more milk if necessary.

Nutrition Information Per Serving (using fat free skim milk):
120 calories, 0g fat, 8% daily value calcium.



'ROUND THE CLOCK MILK BOOSTERS

MORNING

- Cook hot cereals with plain or flavored milk instead of water.
- Perk up with a packaged cappuccino mix made with fat free skim milk instead of water.

NOON

- Prepare canned soup with milk instead of water.
- Microwave processed cheese and fat free skim milk together for a quick cheese sauce for baked potatoes, broccoli or cauliflower.

AFTERNOON

- Grab a tall latte or café au lait made with plenty of fat free skim milk and coffee.
- Mix instant breakfast powder with fat free skim or lowfat milk for quick, on-the-go nourishment.

EVENING

- Give an extra nutrient boost to frozen vegetables by cooking them in milk—follow the package directions on how much liquid to use and substitute milk for the water. Then simmer the vegetables in the milk to desired tenderness.

BEDTIME

- Make a rich, warming cup of instant hot chocolate made with milk instead of water.
- Indulge in a delicious mug of hot milk mixed with honey and a sprinkling of cocoa powder or cinnamon.

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Milk's Nutrient Package (per 1 cup serving)

Vitamin/Mineral	Percent Daily Values
Calcium	30%
Vitamin D	25%
Riboflavin	24%
Phosphorus	20%
Protein	16%
Vitamin B-12	13%
Potassium	11%
Vitamin A	10%
Niacin	10%

The nutrients in milk help your body in many ways, including building and maintaining strong bones and teeth. Calcium is particularly important to help reduce the risk of osteoporosis. Many studies suggest a diet adequate in calcium may also help reduce the risk of high blood pressure, a leading cause of heart disease.

For a free copy of the "Make It Better With Milk" brochure complete with milk substitution tips and milk-packed recipes, call 1-800-WHY-MILK. Or order from the milk Web site at <http://www.whymilk.com/>

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