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Road to be closed for maintenance

BUFFALO — Route 3385 will be closed for two to three hours today starting at 9 a.m. Highway District 12 Superintendent Walter 'Bud' Akers said the purpose of the road closure is so that state highway maintenance workers can install a 40-foot drain pipe. 'We apologize for any inconvenience this causes motorists,' Akers said. 'Our goal is to make our roads as safe as possible, and in order to upgrade a drain which crosses the road, we have no other choice than to close the road for a few hours. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience.'

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2 DAY FORECAST

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UP IN SMOKE



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn added fuel to the fire, burning 197 marijuana plants that were removed from a hillside located at Toler Creek on Tuesday. The plants were found after the sheriff's department received a tip Monday telling the location of the marijuana. Anyone with any information on the plants should contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Minix reaches plea deal with feds

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — At a hearing Monday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, a Magoffin County man pleaded guilty to four charges against him, including using a person under the age of 18 to possess with the intent to distribute and distribution of OxyContin. Minix also pleaded guilty to the possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of approximately 1,400 grams of prescription medication. Joe Randall Minix, 46, pleaded guilty to the charges in a plea agreement with U.S. Attorney's Office one day before he was scheduled for a jury trial. Minix entered the plea with the advice of his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf. Pillersdorf is the third attorney to represent Minix in the case. Prosecutors recommended that Minix (See DEAL, page six)

Martin man leads police on chase across creek

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — After swimming a creek at Cracker Bottom in Martin on Monday afternoon, a Hueysville man, Phillip D. Jr. Hughes, 40, was arrested on several charges, including evading police and leaving the scene of an accident. According to court documents, Hughes was identified

as the driver of a van that hit a fence on Route 1428 on Main Street at Dr. Majmundar Gopal's complex on August 5. After allegedly tearing down "an entire section of fence and several trees", Hughes fled the scene on foot. The report says that Hughes was chased by Martin Police to a creek, where he swam to Cracker Bottom and was later apprehended. Hughes was charged with a fourth offense of driving while under the influence, driving on DUI-suspended

license, leaving the scene of an accident, no operator's license, attempting to elude an officer, operating on suspended, no insurance and criminal mischief. Hughes was also charged with disorderly conduct as a result of allegedly becoming disorderly at the jail when he found out he was spending the night. Hughes was arraigned on Tuesday in Floyd District Court, where he pleaded not guilty. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

Stumbo weighing statewide run

The Associated Press

FANCY FARM — Democratic House majority leader Greg Stumbo said he is on a "listening tour" at the opposite side of the state from his Floyd County district to visit the 122nd Fancy Farm picnic. And he said he likes what he's hearing. (See STUMBO, page six)

Partnership puts final touches on third house

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

MCDOWELL — A joint effort between the Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Floyd County Area Technology Center has given a McDowell man a new home. Melvin Hall of Spewing Camp received a house from the program, becoming the third one this year to be completed. The program receives grants for the material needed to build the homes from the Kentucky Housing Corporation. The house is placed on trailer frames and transported in two parts to the destination. Then it is put together with a block foundation underneath. After the house is complete, workers then finish the plumbing and the septic system. Students from the David School help out by building furniture for the homes. (See HOUSE, page six)



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Members of the Rotary Foundation and recipients of the Paul Harris Award gathered at May Lodge on Friday for the Prestonsburg Rotary Club banquet.

Rotary hands out awards at banquet

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Rotary Club held its Paul Harris Foundation Awards Banquet at May Lodge on Friday, and six members were recognized for their part in the \$60 million that is contributed to the Rotary Foundation each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world. The Paul Harris Award, named after the man whose idea led to the formal establishment of the Rotary Foundation in 1928, is given to individuals who have contributed \$1,000 to the foundation. The Rotary Foundation was tentatively founded in 1905 and is the world's first service organization. The organization, which has a motto of "Service above Self," concerns itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between people and world peace. With a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 29,000 clubs in 160 countries, Rotary members meet weekly to plan service activities which include community and international volunteerism through club activity and the promotion of ethics in all vocations. (See ROTARY, page six)

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# Odds and Ends

■ **SAN MATEO, Calif.** - Don't worry, Toledo. The guinea pigs are on the way. One hundred guinea pigs boarded the Peninsula Humane Society's Winnebago on Monday and set off for a cross-

country adoption trip to reduce the San Francisco Bay area's guinea pig glut. More than 20 children and volunteers waved goodbye Monday and held signs that said "Toledo or bust" as the

Winnebago broke through a crepe-paper ribbon across the parking lot, headed for its first stop, Salt Lake City. The bus will follow Interstate 80 to Toledo, Ohio, making several stops along the way.

"Rescue railroads are common for dogs, but not for guinea pigs," said Teresa Murphy, founder of a guinea pig rescue group. About 300 of the little critters were dropped off at the Society

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Monterey County after a couple who bred them for medical research was evicted from their home. Many of the females were pregnant, and the society soon

had 450 animals. Another 187 guinea pigs showed up after being confiscated by animal control officers in Hollister. The humane society came up with the idea to use Rover, its 33-foot mobile adoption van, to deliver the homeless rodents to people across the country who could promise them good homes.

■ **ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** - When a funeral home limo shows up at your house, it's usually not a happy time. A group of morticians want to change that.

In a nonpartisan, get-out-the-vote effort, the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association plans to drive up to 500,000 Americans to the polls this year using limousines normally for funeral processions.

"It's a way to use the limousine at a positive time, instead of a sad one," said Baltimore funeral director Hari P. Close II.

The program started six years ago in Maryland. It is a partnership between the association's 2,300 members, the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Last year, about 376,000 people in 45 states got rides to their polling places from participating funeral homes. This year, organizers will offer the service for primary elections in August and September and for the Nov. 5 general election.

Voters can arrange rides to the polls by calling their nearest Urban League or NAACP office or a participating funeral home.

■ **BURLINGTON, Iowa** - A farmer with an aversion to taxes wants the proceeds from the sale of his farm to help his neighbors handle their tax burdens.

Dewey Byar's 310 acres, grain bins and livestock equipment will be sold at auction on Aug. 17. The proceeds will be used to establish a trust, with the annual income used to reduce property taxes in Des Moines County, said Kent Gaudian, co-executor of the trust.

Byar, who died in April 2000 at age 68, spent most of his life on the farm his parents bought in 1951. He left only to serve in Korea.

"Dewey didn't like paying taxes," said Gaudian. "In fact, it was probably his least favorite thing to do. To him, this was a charitable way to make a difference."

Byar sold bales of hay and straw on the honor system. People could come into a building, pick up what they wanted, and place money in an envelope.

"It's just a theory of mine," said friend Ronald Stigge, "but the residents of Des Moines County helped him make his money, so he's just returning it."

■ **MARTIN, Tenn.** - Preacher Lindell Doty didn't know he was running for constable - until he had already won the election.

Doty won on a single write-in vote - the only vote cast.

Doty said Friday he didn't know who the voter was, "but it was either my worst enemy or my best friend."

No candidates were on Thursday's ballot for constable in two of Weakley County's nine precincts, including Doty's precinct in Martin. Constables are elected from each precinct.

The write-in voter took advantage of the ballot void to make Doty his or her choice.

Constables are elected law enforcement officers, generally in small, rural counties, who are paid fees for things like serving legal papers. They also can help local police agencies if called upon.

"I guess I need to find out what it is, what it involves and that kind of thing," said Doty, 62. "If it's something that would be good for the community, I might do it."

■ **PITTSBURGH** - Real estate agents say location is everything, but these tenants

(See ODDS, page seven)

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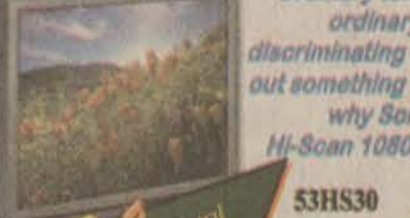
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Picking a running mate proving a difficult task for field

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FANCY FARM — It has been compared — not favorably — to sitting around waiting for someone to call offering a date for the prom.

little, perhaps. Make it known you're interested and available. But perhaps not too forward.

And all an invitation gets you is a couple of months of hard work and an uncertain future.

The invitation is to run as Sancho Panza to someone else's Don Quixote. Second fid-

dle. Lieutenant governor, the Kentucky equivalent to the job of vice president, once compared unfavorably to a warm bucket of spit.

"It needs to be somebody who does more than cut ribbons and dig holes in the ground," said Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson.

The notion of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running as a team is a relatively new phenomenon in Kentucky. Before 1995, they ran independently, which occasionally led to unusual circumstances, such as Republican Gov. Louie Nunn having Democrat Wendell Ford as his lieutenant governor.

The pack of gubernatorial candidates now in the field all have different perspectives on choosing a running mate. The bevy of hopefuls who are waiting for the call have their own views.

The considerations range from politics to policy to governance; geography and gender.

"It's potentially more of a negative than a positive," said Walter Baker, a Republican and former state senator and Supreme Court justice.

The heat of a campaign might turn up differences that cannot be resolved. Once in office, the honeymoon might be short-lived, with divorce impossible for four years.

There is no job description for lieutenant governor. While once they presided over the Senate, even that mostly ceremonial task is gone. There are a

few boards and commissions, but those memberships are empty. Despite what Jackson says, the only real job for a lieutenant governor is to become governor if something happens.

Beyond that, politics is the first consideration. Paul Patton picked Steve Henry in 1995 because of Henry's appeal in Louisville, where he had been county commissioner, and in western Kentucky, where he was born and went to school.

Charlie Owen said regional considerations are significant, but perhaps different for a primary than a general election.

Henry, the only person to serve as lieutenant governor

under the new arrangement, said he and his fellow candidates are waiting to see what the law will be on public financing of gubernatorial campaigns.

If public financing is in place, candidates will wait as long as possible to pick a running mate and begin formal candidacy so they can save the limited campaign dollars. If there is no public financing, candidate slates will announce sooner and begin the fund-raising races.

Republican Ernie Fletcher, now a congressman from the Sixth District, said he has given little thought to the choice of a running mate. Jackson said she has narrowed her choices to

two, one of whom might be viewed as helping her in a general election, the other in a primary. Owen said he has a complicated list of considerations.

And some gubernatorial candidates could become somebody else's running mate, though all deny it.

"I think everybody is looking at everybody right now," Henry said, who said his final three includes a woman.

The uncertainty hits the first and second spots.

Crit Luallen, Gov. Paul Patton's cabinet secretary, said she is reconsidering her earlier dismissal of a spot on someone else's ticket. While not ruling

(See IDEAS, page eight)

Kentucky bucks trend in spending study

Northup leads state; Rogers trails

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — U.S. Rep. Anne Northup has made a big deal of her ability to bring home some of the federal bacon for the 3rd District.

National Republicans eager to promote the political future of the former soccer mom, placed her on the influential Appropriations Committee shortly after her election in 1996. Announcements of federal grants and awards prominently feature her.

And it appears to be working, at least relatively.

From the 1995 federal fiscal year to 2001, all federal spending in the 3rd District in Jefferson County rose by 63.7 percent, the biggest percentage increase of any congressional district. Even so, federal spending in the 3rd District is still far less than any other part of Kentucky.

According to a computer analysis of federal spending by The Associated Press, Kentucky's largely GOP delegation generally lagged behind their counterparts in taking advantage of their congressional takeover to redirect federal spending. The exceptions were Northup and, ironically, 4th District Rep. Ken Lucas, the only Democrat among the six members of Congress from Kentucky.

Republican congressional districts went from getting an average of \$3.9 billion in 1995 to \$5.8 billion in 2001, a 52 percent increase, according to the AP study.

During the same time, Democratic districts received an increase of only 34 percent, from \$3.9 billion to \$5.2 billion. Lucas bucked that trend. Spending in the 4th District rose by 41.6 percent from 1995 to 2001. Lucas was elected in 1998.

"When I was elected, Jefferson County just didn't get its fair share," Northup said. "Far from it."

Northup said she has one staff member in her office whose job is to seek grants available to Louisville organizations and try to shake the federal tree to let loose of money for her district.

Federal spending in the 3rd District went from \$1.8 billion in fiscal 1995 to nearly \$3 billion in 2001. During that time, the 3rd District went from being ranked 419th in spending among the 435 congressional districts to 383rd.

In the 4th District, spending went from \$2.5 billion to \$3.6 billion, or from 333rd to 320th.

Lucas declined through a spokesman to discuss the findings.

The acknowledged master in the Kentucky congressional delegation of directing federal spending toward the home district had a surprising record during the study period.

Fifth District Rep. Hal

Rogers, the dean of the delegation, has been the influential chairman of two Appropriations subcommittees, most recently transportation.

But spending during the six-year period rose from \$3.4 billion to \$4.7 billion, the smallest percentage increase of any district in Kentucky.

Rogers declined to discuss the findings directly. A spokesman said Rogers also works to direct federal spending throughout Kentucky, not just in the mostly rural 5th District.

Northup said Rogers' influence is greater than can be measured over a few years.

"What he's done is build a base and build on that," Northup

(See STUDY, page nine)

Patton says gambling is 'probably preferable' to tax increase

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state's continuing budget problems will likely prompt a review of the revenue picture, and Gov. Paul Patton said Monday it will include a fresh look at expanded gambling.

Patton said expanded gambling is "probably preferable" to a tax increase as a revenue source or to cutting state services.

Patton, though, said he wants to look at the General Fund receipts through

September, the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, before making any decisions about how to proceed.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and a leading gambling opponent, said she has long suspected that the revenue shortfalls will be seized as a tool to promote casino-style gambling.

"It will not fix Kentucky's financial problems," Kemper said.

She pointed to the experience in Indiana, which has slowly expanded gambling

opportunities and still finds itself in financial difficulties.

Kentucky's revenue shortfall in the fiscal year that ended June 30 ran to nearly \$700 million and drained its rainy day fund. Even though there is no legislatively enacted budget, Patton's spending plan counts on revenue growth this year.

"The state may very well have to face some choices as to whether it wants revenue or it wants to cut services," Patton said.

His comments, coincidental-

(See INCREASE, page eight)

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

*"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true"*

— James Branch Cabell

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Guest View

## Convicted for speech

One could be forgiven for thinking that the day was long past when an American could be locked up for publishing an untruth about a public official. But recently, a jury in Kansas City, Kan., convicted a newspaper, its publisher and its editor for the crime of libeling the mayor. The publication's behavior appears to have been irresponsible, and a civil libel suit seeking damages might well have been appropriate. But the idea of criminally prosecuting speech that does not endanger anyone is a creature of an earlier time. Though prosecutions under criminal libel laws are exceedingly rare, several states have such laws on the books. It is past time for them to go.

The Kansas case began when a gadfly tabloid called the New Observer published a series of articles alleging that Carol Marinovich, mayor of the unified government of Kansas City and neighboring Wyandotte County, was violating the law's residency requirement by not living in town. This was false and verifiably so. And had Ms. Marinovich sued, she might well have won a judgment. Instead, however, a politically allied district attorney brought a criminal case under Kansas' rarely used criminal defamation law — and last month a jury convicted on several misdemeanor accounts.

Newspapers shouldn't knowingly publish harmful falsehoods; neither should anyone else. But the criminal law is the wrong vehicle to resolve even the worst abuses of this type. Criminal libel laws were designed originally as a way to prevent dueling; certain speech, even if true, was regarded as so inflammatory that men of honor would feel duty-bound to respond violently unless the state took action in their place. Preventing dueling is hardly a needed function these days, and in any event, the Supreme Court has insisted both that truth is an absolute defense against any libel charge and that good-faith errors may not constitute libel. Civil suits provide ample redress for those public figures who can show, within the exacting standards of the Supreme Court's case law, that they have been defamed. Additional criminal penalties can only serve as means for states to intimidate the press.

Prosecutions such as this are particularly anomalous given the fact that the court has broadly protected even categories of speech that may be truly dangerous. Urging violence can only be prosecuted if it is likely to produce lawless action imminently, for example, and threats in public discourse have to be clear before they are beyond protection under the First Amendment. It seems wrong, given this, to permit prosecutions for speech that does harm at worst to the reputation of individuals who have alternative remedies at their disposal.

— The Washington Post



Guest Column

## Ruling an attack on faith

by JOHNNY RAY TURNER  
29TH DISTRICT SENATOR

Like most of you, I am outraged at the recent federal appeals court ruling that tried to stop school children from saying the Pledge of Allegiance because it includes the phrase "under God." This ruling is just the latest volley in a long campaign waged by those who want to erase our country's historic identity as people of faith.

More disturbing is that this court ruling could not have come at a worse time. It is both shocking and shameful that the court would

attempt to subvert our pledge during a time of national crisis. Since Sept. 11, we Americans have sought to strengthen the common bonds between us, and the core strength of that historic American connection is spiritual. But the court saw fit to hand down yet another attack on our fundamental right to express our religious beliefs. The good news is, outrage at the ruling was near-universal, and I'm confident a higher court will soon reverse this grave injustice.

Sadly, the ruling reflects what I fear is a steady erosion of the standards that once defined Americans, American culture, and even American politics. We see evidence of that erosion on the news everyday. What a sorry spectacle it is to see our business executives scramble to

explain their irresponsibility and deception regarding the nation's scandal-ridden stock market. You would think that greed, finger-pointing and passing the buck are the new standards by which we must measure those in charge.

These scandals and the resulting Wall Street collapse have caused losses in public retirement systems nationwide to the tune of \$8 billion, and untold billions of losses in personal 401K plans. Average hardworking Americans will suffer while wealthy CEOs cart off millions from the ruins of their failed corporations. Understandably, these events have further eroded the public's trust in government and in America's financial institutions.

It is important for the people of my district to under-

stand that reverence and responsibility are central to the ethic I rely on to serve as your state senator. America will weather this storm, as it has weathered many others, but not without a renewed commitment to the basic principles of faith, honor, and integrity that we hold most dear. I hope you will continue to support my efforts to preserve — and revive — these traditional values.

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, a Drift Democrat, represents the state's 29th senatorial district comprised of Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties. Constituents with concerns or questions can call the senator toll-free at 1-800-372-7181. Letters for Turner can be addressed to his attention at the State Capitol, Frankfort, KY, 40601.

Letters

## More money-saving ideas

We keep hearing about the lack of jobs and the expense the states and federal government have to incur (meaning us, the working taxpayers) for housing, health care, transportation, etc. to keep up the ne'er-do-wells. There have been many stories, letters and news commentaries regarding illegal aliens and the jobs they take from citizens.

Rep. Mark Foley of Florida has a good bill coming up in Congress to address this. He proposes to close the borders completely to illegal immigration.

Does this mean that folks cannot come into this country? Of course not! The bill in simple terms will allow aliens to come into the country legally to work. They will get a green card, get a Social Security number, pay taxes and will be hired for specific job openings that industries will list. Folks will come in to work as long as the job

lasts. That is a fair way to solve many of the problems associated with hundreds of thousands of people putting a strain on our education and social welfare systems.

Next, I want to applaud West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise's recent statement of folks in the once rich coalfield areas across the border. They keep getting flooded out and the taxpayers have to keep rebuilding their homes so they can sit on the draw. He advised them to move to northeastern West Virginia so where there are factories, poultry plants and jobs. This area is also not prone to constant flooding. What a great idea! We need to incorporate that reasoning here in Eastern Kentucky, as well.

Throughout the history of our nation, when industry failed or left the area, people moved somewhere else to find work. Our leaders need to insist that this is done today, as well. The same goes for the bums hanging out on the street corners in the inner cities, as well. The light pole doesn't need help standing

up. Go find something useful to do besides gang banging, robbing or selling or using drugs!

I think a marriage of the two proposals would work just fine. Instead of first hiring illegals, any job openings at farms, restaurants, factories, etc. would be filled by our people who are the check. You say, that won't work, as these folks won't work these jobs. Well, I never said they should have a choice! If you are on the draw and there is a job available in your region, you will be given that job. If you fail to report for work, then all benefits will be cut off!

There is nothing in the Constitution or law that says anyone is entitled to make \$15 an hour or not have to work hard to support their families. I've washed dishes, cut lawns, painted, worked construction, cleaned and serviced equipment, etc. until I had enough education to get better work. It's time to call a bum a bum and white trash, white trash. It's also time to start forcing people to stand

on their own feet and take care of themselves. Is not that how America was built and remained great for so long? We sure did not get there sitting around and leeching off of others!

Working people are tired of going out to stores, restaurants and events and seeing healthy young people wandering around living the good life, doing nothing and being supported by our hard work, i.e., taxes. I feel if you don't work, you should not have a driver's license — you don't need to cruise on my dime. If you don't work, you should not be allowed to vote. Those who don't contribute to society have no right to determine its future and direction. Food stamp credit cards should be replaced with vouchers for simple foodstuffs, like potatoes, rice, chopped meat, plain cereal, milk, etc. If you don't work, you don't deserve to eat better than those who do.

Instead of coddling trash, we need to put them back on

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# Health Extra

## How to shake complacency so diabetics get better care?

by **LAURAN NEERGAARD**  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — "What's the hardest thing about living with your diabetes?" Richard R. Rubin asks each of his patients.

Seldom do they say cite fear of the amputations, kidney failure, blindness and heart attacks that years of uncontrolled diabetes will cause. But often they cite sleepiness from middle-of-the-night bathroom runs.

Let's fix that, Rubin says. And with a few treatment adjustments to stop excess urination from high blood sugar, a grateful patient may be more likely to heed Rubin's prescription for the long-term diabetes

control that so many diabetics shun.

Some 17 million Americans have diabetes, and experts estimate a third don't even know it. But at least half of those who are diagnosed don't control their blood sugar well enough to slow diabetes' constant erosion of their bodies. The most sophisticated measurement of diabetes control — the A1C test — shows the nation has made little progress in a decade.

Now a growing number of frustrated specialists say it's time to shake up diabetes care, telling patients in stark terms that early, aggressive treatment is all that stands in the way of a nasty death. They also want to persuade doctors to push

stronger therapies sooner.

"People are still in denial about diabetes," says Dr. Alan J. Garber of Baylor College of Medicine, who is gathering specialists to develop such a campaign.

Indeed, research suggests that

(See **CARE**, page seven)

## Study says being slightly overweight increases risk of heart failure

by **THOMAS H. MAUGH II**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Cardiologists have long known that obesity increases the risk of death from heart failure, but a new study shows that being even slightly overweight — as few as four pounds over — also increases the risk substantially.

That increased risk, furthermore, arises from being overweight itself rather than from fat's effect on hypertension and diabetes. A 15-year study on nearly 6,000 people shows that being overweight alone is responsible for 11 percent of cases of heart failure in men and 14 percent of cases in women, a team from the Boston University School of Medicine reports in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Most of the time, we think

of extreme obesity as a cause of heart failure," added Dr. Robert H. Eckel of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, a spokesman for the American Heart Association. "But these people were not extremely obese. This is another good reason to lose weight. And even if you can't lose weight, don't gain any more because that would put you in a higher risk group."

The new findings are alarming because obesity has reached what Dr. Claude Lenfant, director of the National Lung and Blood Institute, called "epidemic levels" in the United States and is still increasing.

The institute sponsored the study.

An estimated 61 percent of adults in this country are considered overweight, according to the study. In particular, 13 per-

cent of young children and 14 percent of adolescents are overweight.

"The results of this study are

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## Researcher hoping for big changes from study tying second-hand smoke to feline lymphoma

by **JUSTIN POPE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Dr. Antony Moore knows smokers often won't quit to protect themselves or their children. But he hopes his new study tying second-hand smoke exposure to the most common kind of feline cancer will persuade some people to kick the habit.

"I think there's a lot of people who might not quit smoking for themselves or their family," said Moore, a veterinarian at Tufts University. "But they might for their cats."

In the study, Moore and other researchers at Tufts and the University of Massachusetts say living in a household with smokers considerably increases a cat's risk of acquiring feline lymphoma, which kills three-quarters of its victims within a year.

The researchers, writing in Thursday's issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, studied 180 cats treated at a Tufts veterinary hospital between 1993 and 2000. They found that, adjusting for age and other factors, cats exposed to second-hand smoke had more than double the risk of acquiring the disease.

In households where they were exposed five years or more, cats had more than triple the risk. In a two-smoker household, the risk went up by a factor of four.

It's difficult to say how many cats get feline lymphoma, believed to be caused by a leukemia virus, scientists said. Lung cancer rarely strikes cats. Moore hopes the research will inspire others to take a closer look at the connection between smoking and lymphoma in humans. Some studies have suggested a higher lymphoma risk in children of smokers, but there has been no definitive work.

Bernadine Cruz, a veterinarian in Laguna Hills, Calif., isn't surprised by the study's results. She has warned people for years about respiratory damage smoke can cause in pets, and has no doubts the smoke has other effects as well.

"We do know that the environmental stresses put on our bodies, that often cats and dogs

will endure similar stresses, and they're almost magnified because their lifespans are so condensed," she said.

The same researchers plan a similar study on dogs. The source of canine lymphoma is also unclear, though it's possible cats may be more vulnerable.

"They accumulate a lot on their fur," Moore said. "In a veterinary clinic if a cat comes in, you can tell if it's in a smoking household because it smells of smoke." Dogs, he said, tend to go outside and are washed more.

### Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

#### LAWNMOWER TUNE-UP

An annual tune-up of your lawnmower can increase fuel economy by a third, reduce repair costs, and decrease emissions by up to 50%. All that is needed are the air filter, spark plug, and oil. Start by changing the oil after having run the mower for a few minutes to get the oil flowing freely. Stop the mower, remove the drain plug, and empty the old oil. Then, replace the drain plug and fill the mower with oil until it reaches the desired level on the dipstick. A clean air filter helps maintain the proper fuel/air ratio, allowing the mower to burn less gas. As for the spark plug, it should be factory gapped and ready to go.

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# Jackson clerk will remain free on bond

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

McKEE - A local politician charged with murdering a woman who accused him of sexual harassment will be allowed to remain free pending trial.

Circuit Judge Cletus Maricle refused Tuesday to send Jerry Dean back to jail as prosecutors had requested, but he did order that

Dean stay away from a community where a potential witness lives. "I can't find that Mr. Dean has violated his bond," Maricle said at the conclusion of a two-hour hearing in the Jackson County Courthouse.

Dean, who has served about 12 years as Jackson County clerk, is scheduled to stand trial on Oct. 22 for the murder of Audrey Marcum, a former deputy clerk who filed a \$30 million sexual harassment lawsuit against Dean.

Dean, 58, is charged with shooting Marcum to death with a high-powered rifle on Nov. 17. Marcum, 31, had worked in Dean's office from April 1995 to August 1999.

Dean was released from jail in February when family and friends pledged their property to cover his \$750,000 bond. He is supposed to remain at home except when attending church or working in his office at the courthouse in McKee.

On occasion, the judge has permitted Dean further trips, including one to Pineville to attend the graduation ceremony of one of his sons at Clear Creek Bible College, and the same son's ordination into the ministry at a church in Lawrenceburg.

Rick McQueen, a crewman for the Kentucky Department of Highways, testified Tuesday that he had seen Dean riding in a vehicle in the Letterbox community about five miles from his home. McQueen's wife, Beverly McQueen, is a potential witness in the murder case. She said she is afraid of Dean and was frightened when her husband told her about seeing him.

Defense attorney Doug Reece said Dean was on his way from McKee to London to meet with

him, and took a route through Letterbox to avoid road construction.

Reece said Dean didn't know Beverly McQueen was a potential witness. Under questioning by Reece, Beverly McQueen said she didn't know she might be called as a witness in the murder trial.

Maricle ordered Dean to take a more direct route from now on when he goes to London.

McQueen worked alongside Marcum in the clerk's office. She said she also accompanied Marcum to the state attorney general's office when she lodged a sexual harassment claim against Dean.

After quitting, Marcum filed the lawsuit, charging that Dean sexually harassed her and exposed himself to her. Dean denied the allegations.

One of Dean's sons, David Dean, testified that his father was angry over the lawsuit and asked him to kill Marcum. David Dean said he saw his father walk toward Marcum's house with a rifle the night of the murder and that later he saw his father throw the dis-

mantled gun into a lake. Jerry Dean has pleaded innocent to the murder. Maricle also denied a motion by Reece to throw out the indictment against Dean. Reece argued that David Dean had been permitted to testify by videotape before

the grand jury that issued the indictment. Maricle, after reading a transcript of testimony from the grand jury, said Kentucky State Police Detective Joie Peters was the only witness who testified before the grand jury.

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## Rotary

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Local current and past activities that the Prestonsburg Rotary Club has participated in include American Cancer Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy, Adopt-a-Highway and Hands Across America.

The first award to be addressed on Friday night was the formal presentation of the Senate Award, which was given to Dr. Gan Maddiwar by Mike Vance, who stood in for state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner.

Maddiwar, founder of the American Society of Surgeons with India Origin and member of several other organizations, graciously accepted the award that he received for his contributions.

Maddiwar said that he had seen firsthand the impact that the Rotary Club has had on the Third World countries he has visited.

After Maddiwar's acceptance speech, the room was entertained by W. Parker Tiller, who portrayed Winston Churchill. While the history was told by Glen Davis, of the Pikeville Rotary Club, Tiller gave several of Churchill's speeches, which portrayed the peace and freedom for which he fought. Churchill, who coined the peace sign from his V for victory sign, also knew that it took action to obtain that peace and freedom.

And action is what the six individuals who received the Paul Harris Award took, as they contributed \$1,000 each to the Rotary Foundation. Dr. K.S. Potnis, Surekha Maddiwar, Lowell Mitchell, David Kraus, Mike Vance and a surprised John Shiber were given the awards individually.

As the awards ceremony came to a close, Mike Vance informed those in attendance of the four-way test that Rotary members use when deciding if they will participate in a cause.

"Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

## Deal

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remain incarcerated for a period not to exceed 97 months after he entered the guilty plea.

U.S. District Judge David Bunning reminded Minix that the sentence could be less or more than the recommendation, but he would be unable to retract his guilty plea in any event.

The original list of charges against Minix included eight counts of possession and distribution of Schedule II controlled substances, one count of possession and distribution of Schedule III controlled substances, one count of using a person under 18 years of age to possess and distribute OxyContin, four counts of possession with intent to distribute Schedule II controlled substances, four counts of possession with intent to distribute Schedule III controlled substances, three counts of possession with intent to distribute Schedule IV controlled substances, two counts of possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, and one count of forfeiture of listed assets.

Judge Bunning recommended that Minix work closely with probation officers and give them any information into his background that he has.

"All I know about you is these charges, and that is bad," Bunning said.

A sentencing date for Joe Randall Minix has been set for November 4.

## Letters

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the right track. No one said life is easy. It sure isn't easy for me to take care of all my obligations and then keep able-bodied others up, too!

Charles E. Scoville  
Ivel

ers and to all of our golfing friends — those playing as well as those businesses sponsoring holes and donating prizes and gifts. We appreciate each and every one of you for helping us make a difference in the life of a child!

I would especially like to praise the sheriffs and their staffs who have hosted tournaments this year and to those who will be hosting tournaments later in the season — you make our camp possible! Those sheriffs are Wagner of Fleming County, Coyle of Woodford County, Wenz of Mason County, Kennedy of Breckinridge County, Hudson of Grayson County, Sparrow of Oldham County, Gaines of Warren County, Hammons of Scott County, Witten of Johnson County, Maiden of Carroll County, Hammond of Owen County, Lawson of Clark County, Sturgill of Boyd County, Shipp of Taylor County, Blackburn of Floyd County, Thomas of Hardin County, Walker of Jessamine County, Keesee of Pike County, Tingle of Shelby County and Anderson of Marshall County.

What a fine group of people working together for a common goal — serving Kentucky's needy youth.

Ray Stoess  
Ranch director  
Gilbertsville

## Stumbo

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there for me," Stumbo said Saturday with a barbecue sandwich in one hand and a soda in the other.

In the meantime, Stumbo said he is campaigning across the state for other Democratic candidates and trying to get an idea of what voters want.

"I am interested in beating the Republicans and I'll do whatever it takes to add to that cause," he said.

## House

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The family of John Allen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to all the family and friends who sent food, flowers, and helped comfort us in any way. A special thanks to Dr. Harold W. Dorsey and Dr. Floyd Price for their comforting words, the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

**THE FAMILY OF JOHN ALLEN**

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**From the Raymond Hamilton Family**

Following the passing away of our Dad, Raymond Hamilton, the family would like to extend their thanks to the nursing staff and physicians of Highlands Regional Medical Center; also to the nurses from Home Health Care who gave wonderful care in the home. In addition, special thanks to the ministers of the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church. Much appreciation to the staff of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and all family and friends who sent flowers, food, said a prayer, and a kind word.

**May God bless you all,  
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**Odds**

don't care about the neighborhood - the worse, the better.

Carnegie Mellon University is looking for property - two or more sites of 300 acres apiece - on which to test robots developed by its National Robotics Engineering Consortium. And when it comes to running robots through their paces, a house in the suburbs just won't do.

John Bares, director of the consortium, has been checking out old strip mines, quarries and waste dumps around the Pittsburgh region, hoping to come across suitably challenging terrain for the robots.

"Land that is pretty undesirable for others is perfect for us," he told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette last week.

One robot's wasteland is a developer's gold.

What forced Carnegie Mellon officials to hunt for new land was the loss of several robot testing sites in and around Pittsburgh, including a slag heap and a 14-acre industrial site near the consortium's headquarters.

Developers have snatched up the slag heap site for new housing; a parcel near the consortium's home, in the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh, is going to be used for a new warehouse.

Both sites had been perfect for testing CMU-designed combat vehicles and robots because of their wide variety of challenging terrain, from dirt roads and impassable slopes to vegetation, industrial waste, mud puddles and rubble.

**SAN MARINO, Calif.**

In this wealthy town of trim lawns and rose-filled gardens, the world's largest and stinkiest plant is ready to bloom.

The Amorphophallus titanum, known to Indonesians as the "corpse flower," exudes an odor that some have compared to garbage or rotting flesh.

The exotic, 4 1/2-foot-tall plant is expected to bloom by Tuesday at The Huntington

Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens.

Its unusual scent attracts pollinating, carrion-eating beetles in its native Sumatra.

The plant has been seen in bloom only about 15 times since its first U.S. display in New York in 1937. About 76,000 people flocked to the Huntington when the flower bloomed there in 1999.

While normally closed

Mondays, the museum will remain open in case the flower should bloom.

San Marino is 17 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

**MONTEREY, Calif.**

A blue shark tagged two years ago off the coast of Monterey is believed to have set a distance record for the species after being

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**Care**

patients should wait only three months to see if a prescribed treatment — first diet and exercise, then varying types and amounts of medication — controls their diabetes before changing or adding therapies. One recently published study found patients need a combination of diabetes pills plus insulin far sooner than many doctors advise.

"Patients don't want a second pill. They don't even always want the first pill," Garber said, and they really balk at insulin shots. "You have to twist their arm."

Why? Complacency plays a role. Type 2 diabetes, the main type, is so sneaky that people often don't realize they're getting worse and thus avoid stronger treatment until their bodies are badly damaged. In fact, in survey after survey, patients tell the American Diabetes Association they know diabetes can kill them —

it claims 180,000 U.S. lives a year — but admit they don't do enough to control it.

"For whatever reason, they forget it," sighed association medical director Dr. Richard Kahn, who says Garber's campaign to scare people into treatment just might work.

But there's a fine line between making people anxious enough to follow treatment and overwhelming them, cautions Rubin, a psychologist and certified diabetes educator at Johns Hopkins University.

Rubin isn't part of Garber's campaign but of another growing movement in diabetes: researching just what motivates patients to change behavior. Diet and exercise, for example, are more effective than drugs at lowering blood sugar during early diabetes — and the government just started a 5,000-patient study to prove whether it prevents diabetes-caused heart disease, too — but keeping the pounds off is difficult.

Hence Rubin's theory that tackling day-to-day diabetes concerns, like late-night bathroom visits, works better than big lectures about blood sugar or weight. "Unless I find something the person is really concerned about and really wants to change, it's all just talk."

While scientists debate improving care, how can patients tell if they're properly

treated today? Get those A1C tests. They measure glucose control over time, and patients are supposed to get the \$15 to \$30 tests every three months — yet hundreds of thousands skip them.

A normal A1C level is a score of 6; U.S. diabetics average a dangerous 9. Specialists recommend diabetics drop to 7 or below, because every point-drop lowers the risk of diabetes complications about 25 percent.

Typically A1C testing requires a laboratory blood sample; the doctor calls with results a few days later. Metrika Inc. recently began selling on-the-spot tests for use in doctors' offices or at home, contending that immediate results can spur diabetics to seek more aggressive treatment. Aventis Pharma, maker of a once-a-day insulin, is funding a 14,000-patient study that, among other things, seeks to prove if on-the-spot A1C testing helps.

Don't let your doctor shrug off a high A1C test, advises Norman Hente of Granite City, Ill. His was too high for years until Hente — scared he'd end up like a diabetic friend who lost both legs — left his regular doctor to enter a specialist's clinical trial of insulin, and dramatically improved.

"People have to take care of themselves," Hente says.

**Obituaries**

**Delcie Slone**

Delcie Slone, age 87, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Wayland, widow of William P. Slone, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Michigan.

She was born December 29, 1904, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Frank Vance and Haley McCurry Vance.

Survivors include one daughter, Marie Stout of Wheelwright, several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Delcie Slone were conducted Monday, August 5, at 10 a.m., at the Turner Cemetery, Dema, with Clergyman George Kestel officiating, and Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

**Nelma Martin Hall**

Nelma Martin Hall, of Mason, Ohio, died Sunday, August 4, at 5:20 p.m.

She was born August 20, 1920, in Drift, and was formerly a beautician in Lexington.

She was a faithful and true wife until her death.

She is survived by her husband, Willie Franklin Hall, whom she married, December 22, 1945, and this union was blessed with two children, Norma Bradford and Fred Hall, who survive.

Other survivors include one sister, Norma Bone; grandchildren, Nicole and Ashley Bradford and Tim and Rebecca Hall, and her son-in-law, Harold Bradford, and daughter-in-law, Eileen Hall.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, McClellan, Sherman, and Sheridan Martin; and one sister, Topsy Butler.

Nelma is praised by her husband as being a near perfect mother, wife and homemaker.

She was true to her church, The First Baptist Church of Mason, and has been a member for many, many years. She truly loved her family and her church.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 7, at 11 a.m., at Hodapp Funeral Home, 8815 Cincinnati-Columbus Rd. (Rt. 42), West Chester, Ohio.

Interment will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Mason, Ohio.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

**Jo Ann Theresa Alsop Gibson**

Jo Ann Theresa Alsop Gibson, age 66, of Louisville, wife of Warren Gibson, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2002, at her residence.

She was born January 15, 1936, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Jane Burnell Orme of Clearwater, Florida, and the late Joseph Alsop. She was a clerk-typist for the U.S. Government, and Sears Roebuck Company.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Warren Gibson Jr. of Louisville, Michael D. Gibson of Raywick, Christopher Gibson of Louisville, and William Otis "Billy" Gibson of Bardstown; two daughters, Theresa Ann Gibson and Sharon Lynn Hartledge both of Louisville; one brother, Joseph Alsop Jr., of Kalen, Texas, and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Timothy Alsop.

Funeral services for Jo Ann Gibson were conducted Monday, August 5, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Gibson Cemetery, at Raven, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Warren Gibson Jr., Mike Gibson, Christopher Gibson, Billy Gibson, Eugene James, Frank Hartledge, and Chris Gibson. (Paid obituary)

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**THE FAMILY OF ROSE M. OSBORNE**

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was organized on April 27, 1958, as a result of the tragic school bus disaster on February 28, 1958. Twenty-six children and the driver lost their lives.

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### Home-care program being expanded, despite absence of budget

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state expects to fund "home care" services for 1,300 more older Kentuckians despite the absence of an enacted budget, officials said Tuesday.  
The program, created 20 years ago, has been covering 10,400 people per year. That total will be

increased to 11,700, a report from the Cabinet for Health Services said.  
Under the program, people 60 and older get assistance at home with personal care or an array of daily activities including delivered meals, errands and home management and repairs. The

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### Ideas

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out a gubernatorial campaign of her own, Lualien said she has had discussions with gubernatorial candidates to run with them.

Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith, said he would have announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor in January under the old rules. Now, he said he has talked to three of the four Democratic candidates and expects to be on someone's ticket for May 2003.

Other Democrats on short or long lists as running mates also include Secretary of State John

Y. Brown III, state Rep. Brent Yonts of Greenville and House majority floor leader Greg Stumbo. Yonts and Stumbo could end up in other races if left out of the gubernatorial derby, Stumbo in the race for attorney general and Yonts perhaps for a spot in House leadership.

The Republican picture is even murkier.

Some in the GOP still want Jackson to run as Fletcher's second, an idea she has dismissed previously. Daviess County Rep. Brian Crall is shopping around, but may also run for a statewide office down the ballot. Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore is on some lists. Hilda Legg, now on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and a longtime associate of U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers is a possibility, as is Mike Duncan, an Inez banker and Republican National Committee member. Sen. Brett Guthrie of Bowling Green has been mentioned.

Whatever happens, it is likely to happen quickly once one candidate — from either party — makes a move.

"Nobody's going to let anybody get too far out in front," Henry said.

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### Increase

ly. came after a ceremony to mark efforts against problem and compulsive gambling. The ceremony drew representatives of Kentucky race tracks, which lost their bid earlier this year to have the General Assembly approve slot machines at tracks.  
The tracks have produced some studies that project annual income of \$300 million from slot machines at eight licensed facilities, though some have

questioned the figures.

Though the legislation that stalled earlier this year would have restricted the slot machines to race tracks, others argue that full-fledged casinos scattered strategically around the state would mean far more revenue and not give an exclusive franchise to the race tracks.  
Keeneland Association President Nick Nicholson said the racing industry has a "strong, strong, strong preference" to have casino-style gambling limited to race tracks.

Nicholson said the tracks could be up and running as slot palaces far more quickly than full-fledged casinos and could have tax money in state hands within "months, not years."

If there is a discussion about state revenues, it will likely include at least some overhaul of the tax code, which has been blamed for some of the flagging revenues.

Churchill Downs President Tom Meeker said he could not speculate on whether the racing industry would get into a debate beyond casino gambling.

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"It may mean tax reform. It may mean alternative gaming. It may mean a whole host of things," Meeker said.

Meeker said legislators need to open up to consideration of many alternatives and not reject ideas out of hand.

The casino gambling bill was approved by a House committee, but never came to a vote in the House, in part because the majority Republicans in the Senate never gave any indication whether the topic would get a hearing.

Senate President David Williams said in a written statement there is little support for expanded gambling in the Senate and less for increasing taxes.

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a wake-up call to a public health problem that we may be addressing 10 to 50 years from now when these obese youngsters become old enough to be at risk of heart failure," noted Dr. Daniel Levy of Boston University.

An estimated 2 million to 3 million Americans suffer from heart failure.

The new results were obtained from the participants of the Framingham Heart Study, a landmark epidemiological study that began in 1948.

Dr. Ramachandran S. Vasan of Boston University and his colleagues followed 5,881 men and women for 15 years, monitoring their weight and the development of heart failure. One-third of the women and half the men were overweight. About 16 percent of both sexes were considered obese.

"The debate has been whether it is obesity or other factors associated with it that is causing the risk," said Dr. Greg Fonarow of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine. "What this study is trying to get at is whether obesity in and of itself is a true risk and a true contributor to the devel-

opment of heart failure. According to them, it is."

A particular limitation of the study was that virtually all of the participants were Caucasian. Obesity is a major problem among other ethnic groups, but this study was not able to address those issues.

Overall, they concluded, the risk of heart failure was 34 percent higher in people who were overweight and doubled in those who were obese.

Eckel cautioned that other factors are even more important in raising the risk of heart failure, including age, a previous heart attack, valve disease and high blood pressure. This combination of factors can raise the risk much higher in the obese.

"But it is important for people to realize that you can't do anything about age, heart attack and valve disease, but you can do something about high blood pressure and you can do something about weight," he said.

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# Many schools using ineffective drug-prevention programs

by GREG TOPPO  
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON — The top three programs used by schools to keep students away from drugs are either ineffective or haven't

## Budget

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idea is to enable them to live at home instead of in a nursing home or other institution. Fees are based on ability to pay.

The General Assembly failed to agree on a budget this year, so Gov. Paul Patton has been running the state on his own spending plan since July 1.

The plan includes \$1.6 million for expansion of home care.

been sufficiently tested, new research suggests.

In a study being published Saturday in Health Education Research, a journal for educators, researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill say many schools are using popular programs such as D.A.R.E., Here's Looking at You 2000 and McGruff's Drug Prevention and Child Protection, which haven't shown the kind of results that schools should expect, despite years of use.

"It's not a very good use of taxpayer money," said Denise Hallfors, now a substance abuse prevention researcher at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, a nonprofit group. She was at the University of North Carolina when she con-

ducted the research.

The study found that, in spite of a decade of efforts from the federal government to promote proven programs, many schools still use "heavily marketed curricula that have not been evaluated, have been evaluated inadequately or have been shown to be ineffective in reducing substance abuse."

The most popular, D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, was created by police officers in Los Angeles in 1983 to teach children about the dangers of drugs. More than 50,000 officers have been trained nationwide and the program is being implemented in 80 percent of school districts. In response to

(See DRUG, page thirteen)

# Locals among newest state police troopers

FRANKFORT — Ten Big Sandy area residents are among the latest class of 51 graduates of the Kentucky State Police Academy.

Graduation ceremonies for the class were held Friday at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort. With the new graduates, KSP now has 958 sworn officers.

Big Sandy area graduates

included:

■ Steven Hamilton, Harold, who will serve at the Pikeville state police post.

■ Jeff Keener, Dana, who will serve at the Pikeville post.

■ James Catron, Hindman, who will serve at the Morehead post.

■ Jacqueline Caudill, Whitesburg, who will serve at Morehead.

■ Matthew Conley, Paintsville, who will serve at Henderson.

■ Jeffery Hamilton, Pikeville, who will serve at Pikeville.

■ Shane Jacobs, Hindman, who will serve at Harlan.

■ James Moore, Hindman, who will serve at Harlan.

■ Brinton Rollins, Hindman, who will serve at Morehead.

In addition, the Pikeville post will also see the addition of Perry County resident Oman Sandlin, of Viper.

In awarding the diplomas, Kentucky State Police Commissioner Patrick N. Simpson praised the dedication and perseverance of the cadets during their 22-week training period.

"By completing this program, these men and women have achieved an admirable goal," Simpson said. "They've made a conscious choice to serve the people of Kentucky. I welcome them to the department and look forward to their contributions to our mission of promoting public safety through service, integrity and professionalism."

## Study

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said.

Indeed, total spending in the 5th District ranks it 183rd in the country.

Spending is greatest in Kentucky in the 1st and 2nd Districts, largely attributable to the location of Army bases at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, respectively.

The \$6.3 billion in federal spending in the 1st District ranked it 100th among the 435 congressional districts around the country. The \$6 billion spent in the 2nd District ranked it 109th.

The relative rankings of Kentucky districts fell, though, perhaps indicating that the congressional delegation is not bringing home as much as some of their colleagues from other states. Only the rankings of the 3rd and 4th districts rose in comparison to the nation.



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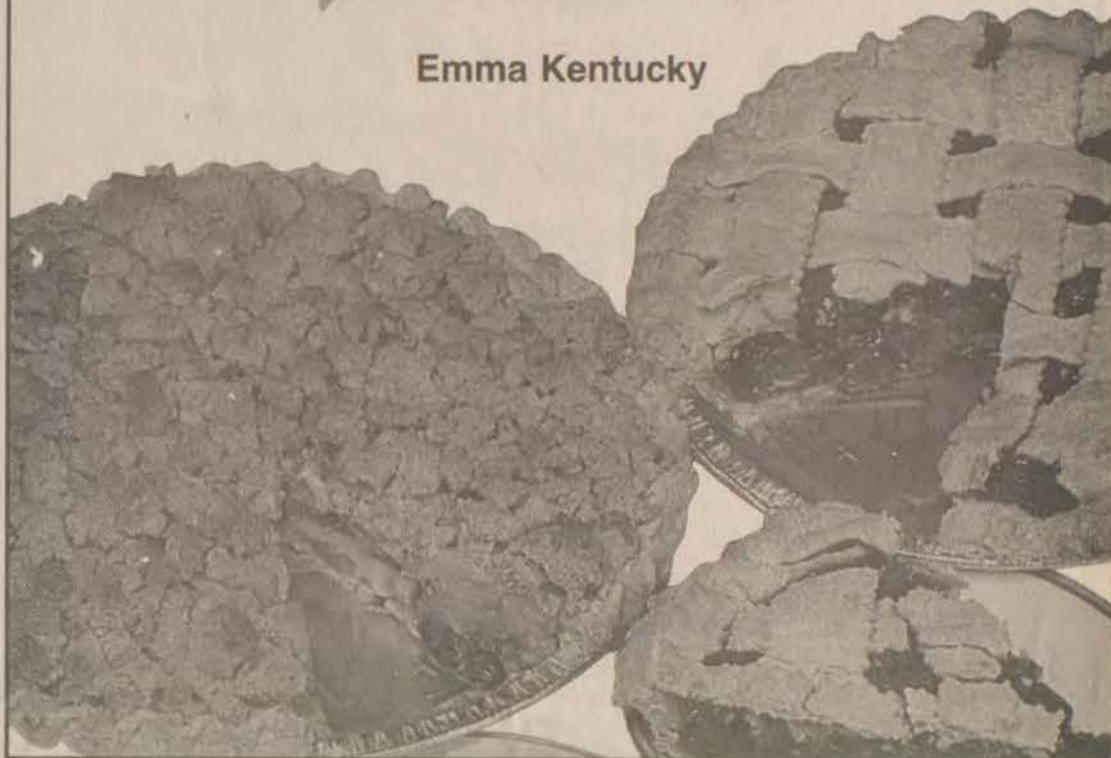
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I want to take the time to let you know what a wonderful employee that you have at the Floyd County Times Office. Her name is Jenny Ousley. During the month of May, I wanted to have a memorial put in your paper as a reminder to my Mother, Esta (Cooch) Crum, for Mother's Day. Jenny worked with me with so much kindness and consideration. During our discussions I found that Jenny also knew many of my family and had actually seen my Mother walking in her neighborhood, can you imagine how thrilled I was that she really

done so?

The memorial appeared in the paper the very day she said it would along with the picture I sent to Jenny. You certainly have an outstanding and caring employee, I will never forget how she worked so kindly with me to get this done. She went beyond her duties as an employee, she really cared.

Please give Jenny a copy of this letter. So many people pass our way and we do not take time to show them what they did made a lasting affect on others.

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# Governor candidates take the range at Fancy Farm

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FANCY FARM — The fact that the gubernatorial election is 15 months away did not keep the pack of candidates for the job from baying in nearly full throat at Fancy Farm on Saturday.

Ten of them got their three minutes of fame at the podium behind St. Jerome Catholic Church. Some railed against the status quo. Others proclaimed themselves the protectors of the weak and innocent. Some proudly displayed their partisanship. Others merely introduced themselves. Promises were made.

It was the first, and perhaps only time, anyone could see the entire group gathered before the May 2003 primary winnows the field to two.

In addition, there were many others milling around the Fancy Farm picnic grounds who would like to join tickets with the people on the podium and even one or two who might join the field.

It is an eclectic group. Numerous officeholders, local state and federal, who would like to grab the biggest plum on the Kentucky political tree. A wealthy businessman who has been searching for a political spot. A retired educator. And a

movie star who railed against a constitutional amendment to create family courts.

Sixth District U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, one of an unusually large field of Republicans now numbering six, complained about the promises made and broken by "Frankfort Democrats."

Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, a Democrat, invoked the words of GOP icon Ronald Reagan by asking the crowd if they are better off now than before the Republicans took control in Washington. "The Democrats made you rich; the Republicans are making you poor," Henry said.

Attorney General Ben Chandler said his nearly 12 years in public office demonstrated a "record of promises kept."

Virgil Moore, a state senator from Leitchfield, took credit for water lines being laid across the state.

House Speaker Jody Richards said he offered a vision of a Kentucky "that the nation looks up to and not down upon."

Rebecca Jackson, the GOP judge-executive of Jefferson County, took her few minutes as more of an introduction. "You hear a lot today about a lot of people who want to be something," Jackson said. "I want to do something."

State Rep. Steve Nunn, the

son of Kentucky's last Republican governor, promised tax cuts, the right to bear arms, a pro-life governorship and faith in God.

"I am the outsider," said Charlie Owen, the only Democrat in the field not now in office.

Retired Pulaski County school superintendent Bert Minton, making his first political campaign, seemed somewhat taken aback by the whole affair. "Only a moron is a nice politician," Minton recalled an old saying. "Boy, do I know what that means now."

Sonny Landham, who appeared in the movie "Predator," said the proposed constitutional amendment to approved family courts, promoted just a few minutes earlier, was designed to "make lawyers rich."

Not all the candidates were so easily identified.

Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, who promoted the family court amendment, is still harboring thoughts of a gubernatorial campaign.

Crit Luallen, secretary of Gov. Paul Patton's cabinet, said she is not ruling out a campaign for governor, but is also reconsidering her earlier comments all but ruling out a spot on someone else's ticket as a lieutenant governor candidate.

# One agency removes state from credit warning list

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - One of two major credit rating agencies removed Kentucky from its "watch list" for a potential downgrade on Tuesday, citing the relatively smooth operation of government without a budget.

Moody's Investor Service said, however, that Kentucky's overall credit is still in jeopardy.

"Given the budgetary stress the commonwealth faces due to continued weak revenue collections, and the uncertainty relative to the strength and timing of its economic rebound, the credit outlook for the commonwealth remains negative," Moody's said in its report.

Standard & Poors rating agency continues to have Kentucky on its watch list for possible downgrade and an overall negative outlook.

Credit ratings can materially increase the amount of interest the state has to pay on its debt, even though there have been no bonds sold since the fiscal year began July 1.

Finance Secretary Kevin Flanery said the few instances where state agencies refinanced outstanding debt did not seem to reflect any increased price because of the credit concerns. He said Kentucky's debt is also wrapped up in an uncertain credit market for everyone.

The General Assembly failed to pass a budget during its 60-day regular session or an eight-day special session, leaving the

state to open a fiscal year for the first time without a legislatively enacted spending plan.

Gov. Paul Patton stepped in and imposed a "spending plan" that closely follows budgets approved separately by the House and Senate. A lawsuit to settle the constitutionality of the arrangement is slowly making its way to court, with no decision expected until at least October.

The uncertainty surrounding that situation prompted the two rating agencies to warn investors about the state's ability to make regular debt service payments.

Moody's placed the warning on June 10. But since then, "all day-to-day operations of the commonwealth have proceeded as normal, including the pay-

ment of all debt service due in the current fiscal year," Moody's said in its report Tuesday.

Patton issued a statement that he was encouraged by Moody's removal of Kentucky from its watch list and said it showed confidence in the spending plan he imposed.

Even if the lawsuit produces a ruling against the Patton administration, Moody's had a more optimistic view of legislative intentions than many in the Capitol: "We expect the legislature will take action in a timely fashion to ensure state government operations are not interrupted," Moody's said.

Legislators and Patton are locked in a disagreement over whether the budget should include money for public financing of gubernatorial campaigns.

## Odds

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captured near Japan.

The 4 1/2-foot shark was recently caught 560 nautical miles east of Japan after being tagged by Santa Cruz-based Pelagic Shark Research Foundation in 2000.

"We've had five tags returned from (the mid-Pacific) since tagging started in the late 1980s," said Valerie Taylor, a California Department of Fish and Game biologist. "I don't know of any tagged fish that was caught farther west than this one."

Some researchers are using the distance traveled by the shark to call for more international protection of the animals from long-line and drift-net fisheries.

"We showed that some segments of the Northwest Atlantic population of blues declined 80 percent from the mid-1980s to mid-1990s," said Robert Hueter, director of the Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Laboratory at Sarasota, Fla. "These fish are relatively prolif-

ic as sharks go, but they are not immune to overfishing."

Other researchers say the sharks, which reach lengths of 13 feet and can weigh more than 500 pounds, may not be migratory and that a decline in numbers has not been detected in Pacific populations.

**■ MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, N.J.** - Work on a bridge will be delayed because it is not allowed during turtle mating season.

County officials planned to replace the Cherry Hill Bridge in the fall, but state law prevents them from disturbing the area during mating season. They have not decided when the work will begin at the Montgomery Township site.

While it was not immediately known what species was found in the area, environmentalists say they likely are wood turtles, which are protected by the state. They say the work could stir up silt, which could kill the turtles.

# Is Your Child Ready For School?

State law requires all students to have certain records on file at school.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

**Pre-School and Kindergarten** (3-year-old special needs, 4-year-old special needs and income eligible)

1. Children attending kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1, 2002
2. Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size)
3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE-dated December, 1999).
5. **REVISED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE:** All Children at least (19) months of age and less than seven (7) years of age who attend preschool programs and public schools, shall have one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, unless a parent, guardian, or physician states that the child has had chickenpox disease.

**YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENROLL INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FOR THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR, UNLESS THEY HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

## Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.

The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall, to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

## 6th Grade

1. Hepatitis B vaccines.
2. A second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization. (Immunization certificate must list all shot dates.)
3. A physical examination on KDE approved form-dated December, 1999.

## High School-Parents, check your child's immunization cert. (shot) record for expiration date.

TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

**Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.**

For further information, contact  
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# Community Calendar

**Calendar items will be printed as space permits**

*Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your*

*organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting community meeting dates and public service announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or*

*emailed : features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.*

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**FREE TRAINING OFFERED FOR PARENTS**  
A free training for parents of children with disabilities: roles, rights and resources, Saturday, August 10, 11 -1 at the West Van Lear Community Center. Training provided by the Kentucky Division of Protection & Advocacy. Call Genia Batson at 788-9972 for information

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO MEET**  
The Floyd County Conservator District will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20, at 10 a.m., at the District Office located on Mayo Branch of Brandykeg. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@eastky.net

**LODGE MEET**  
The East Point Lodge 657 F&AM will meet on August 10 at 7 p.m. Members are requested to attend as a prize drawing for a collection of Case knives will be held. All Master

Masons welcome.  
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Scrapbooking Class - Wednesday, August 7, 10 a.m. Class size limited to 12. Please bring: Sack lunch, metal-edged ruler, X-acto knife. Small fee. For more info., call 886-0709.  
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**FCHD MEETING**  
The Floyd County Board of Health will meet in regular session the second Tuesday of September and December 2002 and March and June 2003. All meetings are held at the Prestonsburg Health Department building and begin at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM**  
A Christian community prayer team meets each Sunday at 4 p.m. in the gazebo located in the MCCC parking lot, across from the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. This is a non-denominational group that meets to pray for loved ones, the community, and the lost. The group invites all to become

"prayer warriors" and to join them each Sunday in an effort to make a difference.

**KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
"Bring your own Team" golf tournee to be held on Saturday, August 10, at Jenny Wiley Golf Course. Must register by Friday, August 9, 6 p.m. Registration fee required. Prizes on every hole - food, beverages available. Call Ted Hall at 886-1510, or 886-9777, or JWSP Pro Shop at 886-2711.

**HICKS FAMILY REUNION**  
The descendants of William and Naomi Reffitt Hicks will host a family reunion on Friday and Saturday, August 16 & 17, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. A genealogy workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday. The family gathering will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Lunch will be served in the Lodge dining room. All family and friends are invited to attend. For more information, contact Delphia Hicks at 886-3108.

**PARSONS FAMILY REUNION**  
Will be held Sunday, September 1, from 12-4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch (off Rt. 979, Big Mud). Please bring a covered dish to share. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. For more information, contact

E.J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

**HUNTER SCHOOL REUNION**  
The Hunter School and Community Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizen Center. The days events will begin at 10 a.m. with old photos, special music, etc. A 12 noon meal will be served - please bring a covered dish to share; meats and drinks will be provided. At 1 a musical tribute to past memories will be held. Following, more activities will take place at the "Old Hunter" Schoolyard". More info., call 358-3006 or 285-3910.

**STUMBO FAMILY REUNION**  
The descendants of Greenville Stumbo and Bill Buck Stumbo are invited to attend a family reunion that will take place on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church Community Life Center in McDowell. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more info., call Helen Stumbo Hall at 377-6218; Nancy Stumbo Gibson at 377-6262; or Johnny G. Stumbo at 358-9380.

**PRATT FAMILY REUNION**  
To be held Saturday, August 24, at Jenny Wiley State Park; Dewey Dam, shelter #1. Please bring a covered dish for the pot luck dinner which will be served at 1 p.m. Come early - stay late and invite others to attend. Prizes will be given out throughout the day. For more info., contact: Loretta Pratt Hackworth at 606-886-3928; Larue Pratt Lafferty at 606-785-3045; or Julia Pratt Jones at 606-285-3179.

**PRATER FAMILY REUNION**  
To be held on Saturday, August 17, beginning at 12 p.m., at the Old Homeplace located on Prater Fork, Brush Creek. Please bring a covered dish to share, a lawn chair, and if possible, a gift. For more information, please call Clearnce Prater at 285-9833.

**GARRETT HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**  
Will be held August 31. Contact Sally Adkins at 606-358-9463 for more information.

**MCCOY FAMILY REUNION**  
To be held Sunday, August 11, at 11 a.m., at the Sardis Association Building, Brushy Creek (formerly the Brushy Elementary School). Please bring covered dish to be shared at 1 p.m. meal. For more information, contact: Betty Howard at 432-1601; Bertha Blackburn at 631-1005; Donna Taylor Morrison at 631-1763; or, Marquetta Deskins at 631-1811.

**BAILEY FAMILY REUNION**  
The Pete Bailey and Jane Arnett Bailey Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 31, at the Allen Convention Center, beginning at 12 noon. Please bring covered dish and cold drinks; plates and utensils will be provided. For more information, call 285-9641 or 285-3246 or 358-4269.

**CHILDERS FAMILY REUNION**  
Will be held Saturday, August 24, 2002, at Dewey Dam, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Picnic Shelter # 3. Registration to begin at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and cold drinks; other items will be provided. Program: Honoring our Family in the Military: Past and Present. Please bring copies of your family's military photos and/or military memora-

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bilia. Families of Abraham and Elizabeth Preston, as well as other Childers lines are all welcome to attend. More info., contact Donna Cox, 1720 Phillip St., Ironton, OH, or call 740-532-6301, or email to: coxd@zoomnet.net.

#### WAYLAND HIGH CLASS OF 1946

The Wayland High School Class of 1946 and 1947 will meet on Saturday, August 31, 2002, at the Wayland Historical Building, at 10 a.m. Contact Patty Shepherd DeCoursey, P.O. Box 485, Hindman, KY, 41822.

#### ACHS CLASS OF '82

The Allen Central High School Class of 1982 will hold a reunion on Sept. 7th and 8th. For more information about reunion plans, please contact the following: Tina at 285-0800; Lynn at 285-9813; Santa at 285-0668; or, Tommy at 886-9299.

#### BLHS CLASS OF '82

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982 will hold a reunion on August 17, 2002, at 6 p.m., at the Paintsville Ramada Inn. Anyone who graduated, or would have graduated, with this class is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Diana at 587-2404; Pam at 478-1980; or Rebecca at 478-1861. You may also email to: blhs82@hotmail.com. All money for reservations must be received by August 1, 2002.

#### WHEELWRIGHT CLASS OF '58 REUNION

Will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. For more information, contact Brenda Vance at (740) 642-2648, or email: bbvance@adelphia.net, or bbvance@msn.com, or contact Joann Little Martin at (606) 285-9387.

#### PHS CLASSES OF '35 TO '49 REUNION

A reunion of the Prestonsburg High School classes of 1935 to 1949 is being planned for Saturday, August 24, 2002. Anyone who graduated or would have graduated is

welcome to attend. All addresses are needed for each class. Send addresses to Dallas or Ruby Sammons, KY Rt. 321, Box 3461, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or call, 606-886-2684.

#### WHEELWRIGHT HIGH CLASS OF '57

The Wheelwright High School Class of 1957 will hold a reunion on Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A finger food luncheon will be served at noon followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more info., contact Gene Mosley at 859-744-8438, or fax to 859-737-4202, or email to: mosley@meginc.com.

#### CLASS OF '92 REUNION

All Betsy Layne High School class of 1992 that are interested in attending the ten-year class reunion, contact Patty Williams Meade at 606-478-5740 or Tracy Kidd Young at 606-587-1320. Phone numbers and addresses needed.

#### PHS CLASS OF '82

Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Prestonsburg High School Class of 1982? If so, please contact either Ronald Rowe, at (859) 608-0565 or (606) 886-2904 or e-mail to: dan.coolley@mail.state.ky.us Plans for the 20th year class reunion are being made now.

#### MCDOWELL HIGH CLASS OF '92

A reunion of the McDowell High School Class of 1992 is currently being planned. Anyone who graduated from, or would have graduated from, MHS in '92 is welcome to become a part of the planning forum. All addresses are needed for each classmate. Send addresses and any suggestions to: Debbie (Fannin) Crum, P.O. Box 506, McDowell, KY 41647 or Misty Little, Unit 2, Box 4, Martin Drive, Minnie, KY 41651.

#### CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Will be held at Maytown Methodist Church on Monday, August 5, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. for those students who participate in the "Back to School" Health Fair. For more information, call 285-3808.

#### "EARN WHILE YOU LEARN"

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. is taking applications for the Senior Training Program. You must be 55 or older to apply. Floyd County - 886-2929; Pike County - 432-2775; Martin County - 298-3217; Magoffin County - 349-2217; Lawrence County - 638-4067; Johnson County - 789-6515.

#### CITY OF MARTIN VETERANS

Anyone wishing to have a story about a veteran published in the Annual Red, White and Blue Festival book, please mail stories and pictures (if available) to Martin City Hall, P.O. Box 749, Martin, KY 41649, or call 606-285-9335 and ask for Pam Justice. Deadline is August 30, 2002.

#### HRMC AUGUST CALENDAR

■ August 13 - Sr. Advantage, Meeting Rooms A & B, 9a.m. - 12p.m.; Mended Hearts, Meeting Room B, 6p.m. - 7p.m.; Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7p.m. - 9p.m.  
■ August 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5p.m. - 7p.m.  
■ August 27 - Living Well With Diabetes, Floyd Room, 5p.m. - 6p.m.  
■ August 30 - Childbirth Class, Floyd Room, 8a.m. - 4:30p.m. Please call Vickie Harmon at 886-8511, ext. 7589 to reserve your space.

#### 4-H NEWS - SPRING 2002

Summer Camp - will be held Shooting Sports - The 2002 Shooting Sports Educational program has begun. If you are 9-18 and are interested in becoming involved, contact the extension office. Disciplines include: .22 rifles, archery, and trap (.20 and .12 gauge).  
The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office is located in Prestonsburg, on South Lake Drive, across from Brad Hughes Toyota. For questions about the 4-H program, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or e-mail to: cstamper@uky.edu.

#### "LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

■ **Fibromyalgia Support Group**—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group**—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ **The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group**—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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■ **Prostate Cancer Support Group**—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

## Weddings



### Bentley-Stratton

Polly and Travis Bentley of Beaver announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Ann, to Ricky Allen Stratton, son of Vertie and Ricky Stratton of Harold. The bride is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and attends Prestonsburg Community College, pursuing a career in education. Stratton is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is employed. The wedding will take place at eight o'clock in the evening, Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at the home of the bride's parents. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony. Following their marriage the couple will reside at Beaver.

### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

at Prestonsburg High School.

August 13,

1:00-3:30 p.m.

in school cafeteria.

# Teenager awaits liver transplant

by SAM ADAMS  
THE MOUNTAIN EAGLE

WHITESBURG — In February 2000, doctors told Miranda Lynn Bentley she had just six months to live.

Cancer had ravaged her liver. She was only 14 years old, but doctors at the University of Kentucky told her parents there was little hope.

When she was still alive at the end of that six months, they operated, then closed her back up and sent her home to die.

"They said there was so much cancer they couldn't do any-

thing," her mother, Marcia Hall, said.

But that was before an aunt told them about the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Center and Thomas E. Starzl Transplant Institute in Pittsburgh.

Two weeks after surgery, Bentley made her first trip to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

After two years of chemotherapy treatments, she is still alive. And with luck, she may live to old age.

Now 17 years old, Bentley went to Children's Hospital again on July 10 to be evaluated for a liver transplant. A week later she

went to No. 1 on the transplant list. She and her family are waiting by the telephone for a call that will tell them it's time to go to Pittsburgh for her new, disease-free liver.

Bentley was a freshman at Fleming-Neon High School when she first was diagnosed with liver cancer. She suffers from hepatoblastoma, a rare form of cancer that usually strikes children under 4 years old, and hepatocellular carcinoma fibrolamellar, a common form of cancer that usually strikes young women and girls in their teens.

Either type alone is usually treatable and survival rates are high, but Bentley has both.

Since she was diagnosed, she went from weighing about 150 pounds to less than 100. She lost the ability to walk for a while, and she lost her hair. She tried to go to school anyway, but couldn't.

"It seemed like every time we thought she would be able to go back, something else would happen," Hall said.

But now the cancer is in remission, and Bentley attended her junior prom this year.

Sitting in her living room at Dry Fork petting Spec, a cat given

to her by her boyfriend, Bentley doesn't look like someone with terminal cancer. She has regained the weight she lost from the cancer and from the chemotherapy and radiation used to slow down its spread.

She wears makeup to make her cheeks rosy, and a wig to cover her own hair, which is just now growing back. And she still wears a smile despite the poor prognosis and the weeks and months of recovery that will be required after a transplant.

"I'm not scared," she said, cuddling Spec. "I have a lot of hope for this."

Her family has a lot of hope, too. And a lot of work to do. Her mother had to get a pager and a cellular phone so the hospital can reach her anywhere, any time. The family is moving to a friend's house so they can save money they would have spent on rent. They have reserved three different charter air services to be sure they have a way to get to Pittsburgh in a hurry.

Their bags are packed and waiting.

"They told me if we miss this, she just doesn't get the opportunity again," Hall said.

## Drug

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criticism that its program is ineffective, D.A.R.E. America is conducting a five-year study to evaluate a new curriculum.

Hallfors' study, which polled 104 school districts in 11 states and the District of Columbia, showed that many schools are using research-based programs, but that they often don't train teachers adequately or don't use all the materials available. Only one in three school districts used the programs effectively, the study showed.

She also said federal funding for such programs — about \$5 per child annually — isn't enough, since school districts should hire a full-time coordinator.

"If you're getting \$4,000 a

year, you're not able to hire that person," Hallfors said.

The survey included school districts from Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Other researchers have found that illegal drug use among teenagers has remained level or decreased over the past several years.

A July survey showed that drug, alcohol and cigarette use among sixth- to 12th-graders dropped to the lowest level since 1994, partly because adults are warning students about drug use and encouraging kids to nurture other interests.

# Parks commissioner, ex-legislator, dies

The Associated Press

BARDSTOWN — Kenny Rapier, who took his concern for education from the school board to the General Assembly and became a close adviser to Gov. Paul Patton, died Monday after a battle against cancer.

Rapier, 65, died at his home, according to Patton's office and the Mann & Greenwell Funeral Home, where arrangements were incomplete.

State officials said Rapier will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

"The death of Kenny Rapier is a personal loss to me as well as a loss to our administration," Patton said in a statement. "His commitment to community, innate knowledge of the legislative process and his love of our Commonwealth will be sorely missed."

Rapier, a Democrat, entered the Kentucky House in 1980 and became the majority whip five years later. He left the House in 1996 and joined Patton's staff as a legislative liaison before taking over as commissioner of the Department of Parks.

Rapier ran a dry cleaning business in Bardstown, where he also served on the school board before his election to the House.

During his long legislative career, Rapier was a champion for education and was one of the architects of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act.

Rapier's amiability also made him widely trusted even among often distrustful legislative interests. He often served as an emissary between factions in the House and Senate, Democrat and Republican.

Tourism Secretary Ann Latta said Rapier helped upgrade facilities, maintenance and technology at the parks.

"Kenny Rapier loved Kentucky state parks and served them well," Latta said.

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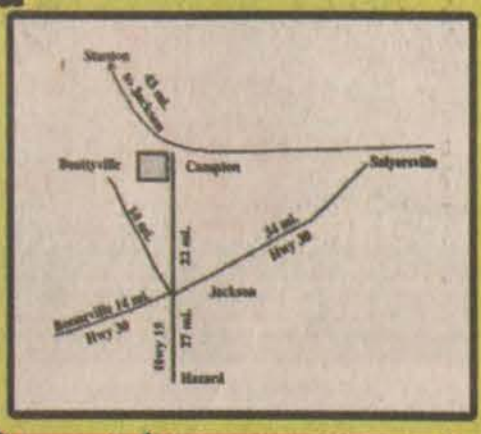
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## Remembering Mitty

by BILLY REED  
TIMES COLUMNIST

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — One of the best-known characters in American literature is Walter Mitty, an ordinary, downtrodden man so befuddled by reality that he escapes by daydreaming himself to be a pirate, a desperado, and a ship's captain. As author James Thurber realized, there's a little Mitty in each of us.

At this very moment, for example, I'm so deep into a Mitty fantasy that I hope nobody wakes me up until after the 129th Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Churchill Downs. I'm afraid that any moment now I'll hear the sound (ta-pocketa-pocketa-pocketa) that always snapped Mitty out of his reveries.

It began in May, 2001, when Ozzie, my handsome, mostly-Siamese cat, died a few days after being struck by a car. He was my special cat — my wife said she never saw a pet love somebody like that cat loved me — and I was so sad that, as a kind of

(See REED, page three)

## Sideline Shots

### Football Bobcats turn to star girls' hoops player

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Betsy Layne Bobcats have a new kicker. A female kicker. She is standout 15th Region girls' basketball player Natasha Stratton. Betsy Layne, coming off one of the worst Kentucky high school football seasons in history, will look to

improve on a season which included just two touchdowns. Enter Natasha Stratton. If the Bobcats put six on the board, the Ladycat will be there to try the point-after kick.

(See SIDELINE, page four)

## Soccer

### Soccer signups scheduled

TIMES STAFF  
REPORT

Floyd County Soccer will have registration on Saturday at McDonald's in Prestonsburg. Registration cost will be \$35 per player.

Registrations will be accepted from players ages 5-19.

The Floyd County Youth Soccer season will begin on September 7 and run until the first weekend in November. Floyd County Youth Soccer is a part of the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (EKYSA). Peggy Gawronski serves as the EKYSA President.

Johnson County Soccer will have an additional signup this afternoon. It had its first signups this past Saturday. Signups for Johnson County youth will be held this afternoon, 5-6 p.m., at the Paintsville Fire & Training Center.

Parents of registering players will need to complete a registration form, pay fees and leave a copy of the birth certificate for league files.

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## Morgan provides Raiders opposition Saturday

We want to use the Morgan County scrimmage to see where we are," said Daniels. "Our kids are ready to play, and I think Morgan will be a good scrimmage for us."

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd High School football team, under the direction of new head coach Donnie Daniels, will get their first contact of the newest pre-season with an opposing team on Saturday when they travel to Pike County Central High School

for a grid game with Morgan County. The Cougars, under head coach Larry Maggard, are looking to improve, after posting a 1-9 record last season. Morgan County's only win of the 2001 season came when it beat a struggling Betsy Layne squad 53-0 in

(See RAIDERS, page three)



photo by P.J. Cox

South Floyd High head football coach Donnie Daniels (middle) gave instructions during a practice last week.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

file photo by Steve LeMaster

The Allen Central High girls' volleyball team returns to the court this season as the defending 30th District champ.



## ACHS VOLLEYBALL LOOKING FOR REPEAT

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central High School volleyball coach Larry Maynard has his players believing they can compete, win and go deep into the post-season. And it's only August 7.

The ACHS volleyball team returns one of the top players in the region in Tiffany Turner. An All-District and All-Region performer, Turner isn't alone in her fight. All-District players Jackie

Martin and Shellie Hayes are back. Other returning seniors include Amanda Potter, Sarah Smith, Jeni Spurlock, Trista McKinney, Kristi Howard and Erin Majakey. Yet another key returning player is junior Tori Maynard.

"We want this season to be fun and a quality experience — the girls are a class act, which makes them winners," said Maynard, now set to enter his third season at the helm of the Allen Central program. Jeri Smith serves as an assistant coach to Maynard.

Strength for this year's edition of the Allen Central team include its returning seniors, excellent teamwork and player commitment. However, with all teams, weaknesses also contrast strengths. New setters and a different offense, as well as overconfidence, are some weak points for the Rebels.

Team members have collectively adopted the following goal for the 2002 season

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## ON TAP

### Media days scheduled for area grid teams

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Johnson Central High School football team and new head coach Bill Tom Ross will meet the media today at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Central football team. Ross, in his first season at the helm of the JCHS grid program, comes to coach the Golden Eagles after a stint at Boyd County. He also coached at Class -A Raceland High School before moving to the larger Boyd County program. Johnson Central's crosstown

(See GRID, page four)

## PRO WRESTLING

### Pike County native released from WWE developmental contract

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

World Wrestling Entertainment, formerly known as the World Wrestling Federation, recently cut some of its developmental talent. The cuts included a Pike County native, Jason Broyles. A wrestler who cut his teeth in the Eastern Kentucky independent wrestling ranks, Broyles wrestled in both WCW (World Championship

(See WWE, page four)

## Rebels take on McCreary Central Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Central High School football team, under second-year head coach Robert Mayton, will play its first scrimmage of the pre-season with outside competition when it takes

on the McCreary County Central Raiders Saturday at Josh Francis Field in Prestonsburg. Mayton took over last season for Kevin Spurlock.

McCreary Central went winless last season, losing all 10 of its regular-season games. The Raiders are coached by Justin

Bozeman. The Raiders, a Class AAA team, are slated for a 1 p.m. kickoff against the Rebels.

Despite winning just two games last season, the Rebels came away from the campaign with alot to build on. This season, a host of talented players return to the gridiron for Allen

Central, including junior quarterback Alex Patton. Seniors James Prater and Dustin Hammonds also return. Both seniors give Allen Central some much-needed speed for a Class A district schedule which

(See REBELS, page three)

## Paintsville-Lawrence scrimmage nixed

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville High School football team will have to wait at least one more week for the chance to go against its first and quite possibly its only preseason opponent of the year.

(See SCRIMMAGE, page three)



courtesy photo

The Floyd County Warriors, Bluegrass State Games U12 Open Soccer Silver Medalists — Pictured, in no particular order: Christian Smith, Josh Holbrook, Brittany Collins, Zach Hughes, Nick Banks, Jarred Murray, Luke Greene, Justin Riley, P.J. Collins, Seth Setser, Taylor Clark, Rob Allen and Jackson Osborne. Coaches are Danny Greene and Tim Banks.

Briefs

BASKETBALL

**LOS ANGELES** — Chick Hearn, who made phrases like "slam dunk" and "air ball" common basketball expressions during his 42-year broadcasting career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died. He was 85.

Hearn, the only play-by-play announcer the Los Angeles Lakers ever had, was taken to hospital Friday night after falling and striking his head in the back yard of his Encino home.

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — Portland and San Antonio made a five-player trade, with the Blazers acquiring Antonio Daniels, Charles Smith and Amal McCaskill in exchange for Enick Barkley, Steve Kerr and a 2003 second-round draft pick.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Prosecutors won't refile charges against NBA star Allen Iverson for allegedly threatening two men with a gun.

FOOTBALL

**CANTON, Ohio** — Houston safety Leonard Evans bruised his spinal cord during the first half of the Texans' NFL debut against the New York Giants.

Early in the second quarter of the Hall of Fame game, Evans was injured while rushing a punt from the right side when he lowered his head and drove into the chest of Giants running back Sean Bennett.

Late in the game, a team spokesman said Evans had regained some feeling in his upper body and both legs.

**FOXBORO, Mass.** — The New England Patriots' new \$325 million field will be called Gillette Stadium, ending the team's association with Internet holding company CMGI.

TENNIS

**MASON, Ohio** — Marat Safin kicked the court-side clock and repeatedly screamed in disgust, losing his composure and a 7-6 (7), 6-2 first-round match to Greg Rusedski in the Masters Series Cincinnati.

Andre Agassi was pushed to three sets in his first-round match before beating Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui in 90-degree heat.

Fifth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov and 10th-seeded Roger Federer also were knocked out in the first round. Germany's Rainer Schuettler beat Kafelnikov, and Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic edged Federer.

**MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.** — Italy's Rita Grande beat ninth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 in the JPMorgan Chase Open second round.

**ESPOO, Finland** — Third-seeded Patty Schnyder saved a match point and went on to beat Siljvia Talaja 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 in the Nordic Light Open first round.

**NEW YORK** — Her ankle healing faster

than expected after surgery, Martina Hingis asked for wild-card entry into the U.S. Open, where she's been seeded No. 1 every year since 1997.

GOLF

**ALOHA, Ore.** — Brian Henninger and Scott McCarron combined to shoot a 12-under-par 60 to take the first-round lead in the Fred Meyer Challenge best-ball event.

Eugene's Casey Martin and former Stanford teammate Notah Begay III were two strokes back, and four teams, including Jack Nicklaus and son Gary, were three shots behind in the two-day tournament at the Reserve and Vineyards Golf Club.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**SAN DIEGO** — San Diego State announced a series of self-imposed penalties for violating NCAA rules by holding summer football workouts at a local beach.

The school said it will eliminate 21 practice days through the 2004 season, cut six scholarships through 2005, and suspend assistant coach Damon Baldwin for six practice days, including five without pay, during the 2002 fall camp.

The infractions stem from summer conditioning sessions for offensive linemen coordinated by Baldwin from 1998-2001.

CYCLING

**PARIS** — Tour de France third-place finisher Raimondas Rumšas will not travel to France to face questioning about why his wife was caught with a stash of performance-enhancing drugs.

In a statement, Rumšas said he was very worried about his wife, whom he said had never supplied him with drugs. He also said he will speak to French investigators, but only at his home in Italy.

AUTO RACING

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Max Papis will replace injured driver Adrian Fernandez in Sunday's CART Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio.

The 32-year-old Papis, in his seventh season of Champ Car competition, last raced on June 9 in Monterey, Calif. He missed the last five events when Sigma Autosport's ran out of money and withdrew from the series.

HORSE RACING

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.** — Cigar, whose streak of 16 consecutive victories tied Citation's record, and champion filly Serena's Song entered the national racing hall of fame.

Jockey Jack Westrope, who was killed during a race in 1958, and trainer Bud Delp were also inducted. Noor entered in the horse of yesterday category.

four American cities, still hopeful of staging the 2012 Summer Olympics, in the manner of golf medal play. That is, each city has been marked against the par of specific criteria such as financial planning, government partnerships, venues, transportation and so on.

But when the 13 members of the USOC site evaluation task force met late this month, intent on paring the candidate list to two finalists, their scoring could come straight from a figure-skating model. Not something sinister or related to recent FBI doings; rather, a system with ample room for individual gut feelings and other reasonable intangibles.

With such a sliding scale of subjectivity, Olympic insiders have strongly dismissed as "just not right" a mid-July report in the Washington Post-citing an unnamed source—that Washington and San Francisco had replaced New York as the front-runner. Houston is the fourth city under consideration.

First of all, USOC officials say, the task force has not discussed the criteria-based grades yet; that would come when the panel convenes in Chicago on Aug. 27. Theoretically, all that any member officially knows about how each city currently ranks is based on that member's own scorecard, though two members reportedly have viewed scores of the entire team.

Furthermore, the cutoff decision will be "about more than scoring; it's a total evaluation model," task force chairman Charles Moore said.

The cities that survive the upcoming cut then will be selling their Olympic capabilities to an entirely different audience with yet more varying agendas: The USOC's full 123-member board of directors will designate America's 2012 candidate on Nov. 3.

"It'll come down to a slide show," one USOC scout predicted.

Then, in 2005, the International Olympic Committee will choose the 2012 host city. International competition is expected to come from London, Madrid, Moscow, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Toronto, among others. Even Havana and Tel Aviv recently have expressed interest in formal bids.

Last fall, in the first step of the winning process to put forward a U.S. contender, New York City was the task force's No. 1 choice ahead of Washington, San Francisco and Houston, while Cincinnati, Dallas, Los Angeles and Tampa were eliminated.

Since then, Washington and San Francisco have made major logistical adjustments, Washington now centering its bid on a central Olympic park around a remodeled RFK Stadium and San Francisco pulling sports from as far away as Sacramento into a "ring of gold" around San Francisco Bay.

In the past six weeks, a second round of site visits has fueled wildly diverse speculation on the chances of the final four. That has been based, in part, on Moore's politically correct remarks. He has found, in each city, some aspects worthy of his abundant praise. Moore pronounced himself "drooling" over Washington's proposed village and training facilities, called Houston's stadium project "mind-blowing," gushed over being "most impressed" with San Francisco's recently compacted plan and proclaimed that New York has "all the right ingredients."

But insiders indicate that Houston, no matter its technical strengths, won't be able to compete internationally. USOC officials are aware that to many IOC members, Houston is too reminiscent of similarly hot and humid and southern Atlanta, which inflamed anti-American feelings with its smug leadership and technical difficulties at the 1996 Games.

Moore repeatedly has said that the ultimate criteria is that a city can "attract the IOC votes.... There has to be an international strategy, an international appeal to the city we pick."

Some believe that Washington, as the seat of government for the world's only superpower and whose Congress called then-IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch on the carpet during hearings related to the Salt Lake City Games' bid scandal, will not resonate with IOC voters.

And San Francisco is causing some concern in the USOC over the lack of a solid financial guarantee from state and local

SPORTSBOARD

MLB Baseball Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	38	.658	—	New York	69	41	.627	—
Florida	55	56	.495	18	Boston	65	45	.591	4
Montreal	55	56	.495	18	Baltimore	52	57	.477	16 1/2
New York	55	56	.495	18	Toronto	49	61	.445	20
Philadelphia	53	58	.477	20	Tampa Bay	37	74	.333	32 1/2

Central Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	49	.546	—	Minnesota	69	44	.611	—
Cincinnati	58	52	.527	2	Chicago	53	60	.469	18
Houston	57	53	.518	3	Cleveland	48	62	.436	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	50	61	.450	10 1/2	Kansas City	45	67	.402	23 1/2
Chicago	47	62	.431	12 1/2	Detroit	41	70	.369	27
Milwaukee	39	72	.351	21 1/2					

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	69	43	.616	—
Los Angeles	62	50	.554	7
San Francisco	61	50	.550	7 1/2
Colorado	50	61	.450	18 1/2
San Diego	46	65	.414	22 1/2

**Sunday's Games**  
 Arizona 12, N.Y. Mets 7  
 Houston 5, Montreal 4  
 San Francisco 10, Pittsburgh 5  
 Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3  
 Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 1  
 Florida 7, Milwaukee 2  
 Cincinnati 15, San Diego 10  
 Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1

**Monday's Games**  
 Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 5

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Florida (Beckett 4-4)  
 at Houston (Micki 3-7), 8:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-4)  
 at Milwaukee (Sheets 5-13), 8:05 p.m.  
 Montreal (Yoshii 2-4)  
 at St. Louis (Finley 2-1), 8:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Moehtler 1-1)  
 at Colorado (Stark 8-2), 8:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Millwood 10-6)  
 at Arizona (Schilling 18-4), 10:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Wolf 7-7)  
 at San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3), 10:05 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
 N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 5-9)  
 at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-11), 8:05 p.m.  
 Florida (Burnett 11-7)  
 at Houston (Oswalt 12-6), 8:05 p.m.  
 Montreal (Ohka 6-6) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-3), 8:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Seattle (Pineiro 11-4)  
 at Toronto (Loaiza 4-6), 7:05 p.m.  
 Texas (Benoit 2-1)  
 at Detroit (Redman 7-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Harang 3-2)  
 at Boston (Burkert 10-4), 7:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Reed 9-5)  
 at Baltimore (Erickson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Sturtz 1-11)  
 at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Suppan 8-10) at N.Y.

**Thursday's Games**  
 New York Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 1  
 St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 7  
 Detroit 1, Chicago White Sox 3  
 Cleveland 10, Seattle 8  
 Boston 11, Texas 3

**Friday's Games**  
 Texas (Park 4-5)  
 at Detroit (Sparks 5-11), 7:05 p.m.  
 Seattle (Baldwin 7-7)  
 at Toronto (Halladay 13-4), 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Mulder 12-6)  
 at Boston (Wakefield 5-3), 7:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Milton 13-7)  
 at Baltimore (Ponson 5-6), 7:05 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
 Seattle (Pineiro 11-4)  
 at Toronto (Loaiza 4-6), 7:05 p.m.  
 Texas (Benoit 2-1)  
 at Detroit (Redman 7-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Harang 3-2)  
 at Boston (Burkert 10-4), 7:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Reed 9-5)  
 at Baltimore (Erickson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Sturtz 1-11)  
 at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-9), 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Suppan 8-10) at N.Y.

**Saturday's Game**  
 Washington 38, San Francisco 7

**Monday's Game**  
 New York Giants 34, Houston 17

**Thursday's Game**  
 New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

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College

First 24-hour college sports network Set to debut first quarter 2003

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**NEW YORK** — The co-founders of Classic Sports Network (now ESPN Classic), along with a former senior Nike Inc. executive, today announced plans for the nation's first 24-hour cable network devoted exclusively to the best in college sports. The network, named the National College Sports Network (NCSN), is expected to debut in the first quarter of 2003.

In making the announcement, Brian Bedol and Steven Greenberg, who co-founded Classic Sports Network and later sold it to ESPN, along with NCSN co-founder Chris Bevilacqua, confirmed that the venture plans to invest close to \$100 million. In addition, more than a dozen college conferences, representing some 150 colleges and universities, have committed to date to partnering with NCSN.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring to a devoted and passionate audience of tens of millions of college alumni and sports fans the very best in college sports that this country has to offer," said Mr. Bedol. "NCSN will be the first TV network to showcase marquee events, rivalries and tournaments across a broad spectrum of colleges and sports."

Mr. Bedol will lead a seasoned team of cable and sports industry professionals that includes Mr. Greenberg, a managing director with the New York investment firm Allen & Company, and Mr. Bevilacqua, who previously was Director of Global Negotiation and League Affairs at Nike, Inc., where he led the company's successful foray into the college sports market during the mid 1990's. In 1995, Mr. Bedol and Mr. Greenberg co-founded one of the most successful entrepreneurial ventures in the cable industry, Classic Sports Network. The network was later sold to ESPN, and is now available in more than 40 million homes.

"What's most significant about NCSN is its appeal not only to fans, but to colleges and universities who are seeking greater exposure for, and revenue from their sports programs," said Mr. Bevilacqua. "This is especially true today as colleges wrestle with Title IX regulations to try to maintain and build fledgling properties into long-term assets. NCSN will also assist colleges in alumni fundraising and athlete recruiting efforts, as well as provide a national platform for institutional messages at little or no incremental expense."

"The Big Ten Conference is pleased and honored to be included in the National College Sports Network," added Conference Commissioner James E. Delany. "The Big Ten-NCSN relationship will provide welcome television opportunities for Conference men's and women's championships and sports that generally do not benefit from television exposure, enhancing the overall experiences of all student-athletes."

As the first home on television dedicated solely to college sports, NCSN will feature thousands of hours of original and exclusive programming - from live games and record-breaking performances to classic rivalries and championship moments. Network programming will be anchored by noteworthy intercollegiate competition in those sports with large, loyal and passionate audiences such as football, basketball, hockey, wrestling, baseball, lacrosse, track and field, swimming and diving, and volleyball. It also will feature Olympic-style shoulder programming and storytelling, and a look at college sports history and context, through the lifestyles and personalities of the greatest college athletes and coaches of all time.

NCSN has been in discussions with the country's leading multiple system cable operators (MSOs) and satellite providers whose response to the network's programming plans and business model has been nothing short of enthusiastic. Besides offering programming through its 24-hour network, NCSN will provide extensive programming through broadband and video-on-demand distribution channels. Finally, for advertisers, NCSN offers a chance to reach an elusive audience of college alumni and college sports fans age 25-39 with a secondary focus on current students, college athletes and fans age 17-24.

In Depth

Smith doesn't want to waste time before breaking Payton's record

by BOB GLAUBER NEWSDAY

Ermitt Smith wants to get the record out of the way early. Like, really early.

"I'd like to set it the first game, just to get it over with," said the Dallas Cowboys running back, who needs only 540 yards to break Walter Payton's all-time rushing record.

"But that's a whole lot of running," Smith conceded. "I'd probably have to retire if I did that fast."

No, Smith won't break the record in the first game, even though the Cowboys are playing the expansion Houston Texans. But it won't be much longer before Smith surpasses Payton's record of 16,726 yards, a mark once thought virtually impossible to break.

What better player to break it than Smith, who used to have Payton's picture taped to his locker in high school.

"It shows the grace God has given me over a 13-year period to still stand and play a game that I love so much," Smith said. "I really believe this time and this moment were meant for me. To be able to break this record, because of who had it, it means so much to me, more than you can know."

Smith thus is ready to achieve two of the goals he wrote down before his rookie season in 1990: play 13 seasons and break Payton's record.

OK, but then what? Once he breaks the record, is that it? Does he call it a career?

"The record doesn't feel like the finish line, although some people would like it to be," he said. "My love for the game doesn't end with the record. I want to help (the Cowboys) win a championship so I can see the joy in their eyes when they get their first ring and see the joy in my eyes when I get another one."

In spite of Smith's optimism, it's uncertain how much longer he will be with the team. He is under contract through next season, but has a \$10-million salary-cap number that could make his return problematic. The Cowboys pushed Troy Aikman out the door because of salary-cap issues as well as concussion problems. Cowboys Owner and

General Manager Jerry Jones is reluctant to make any assurances.

Jones is smart not to get into it now. Let Smith break the record, let him enjoy the moment, and let the future take care of itself. If Emmitt still can play, then Jones owes it to his franchise running back to figure out a way to make his salary-cap number manageable and keep him on the team next year. But if Smith can't play at the level to which we've become accustomed, then he'll know it's time to walk away.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' newly acquired kicker Todd Peterson wants to avoid the fate of former Steelers kicker Kris Brown, who missed 10 field goals at the newly opened Heinz Field last year.

Peterson, signed as a free agent from Kansas City, already has driven three times from training camp to Heinz Field to test out the stadium. He thinks he might have figured out the problem.

"Kicking toward the river (side of the field), everything goes right," he said. "I haven't had a single ball kicking toward the river go left yet."

Brown disliked kicking at the new field so much he left as a restricted free agent to Houston. The Steelers actually matched the offer made by Houston, but Brown refused to stay because of all that bad karma at Heinz Field.

Tennessee Titans defensive end Kevin Carter was at the top of last year's list of bust free-agent acquisitions. But Carter, who had two sacks, guarantees a better season. He's even taking aim at Giants defensive end Michael Strahan's NFL record 22 1/2 sacks.

"I'm a big fan of a person and a player, but in my mind, I'm a better player," Carter said. "His (sack record) is definitely reachable. People said when I had 17 (in 1999) and other people had 18 sacks that they had great years but they'll never get to Gastineau's record (22 sacks in 1984). Well, someone did. Now that Strahan has set the record, someone is going to get to that, too. Why not me?"

Why not Carter? Because he's not good enough, that's why.

Get this one: Indianapolis Colts running back Edgerrin James recently had his license suspended after an accumulation of speeding tickets.

When he reported for training camp last week, he showed up in a taxicab, sharing the \$200 fare with Colts receiver Reggie Wayne. Turns out the driver was recognized a day later by a local television station as the cabbie with the most speeding tickets in Indianapolis.

"Well, that's right up my alley," James quipped. "That seems like a match made in heaven."

All kidding aside, the Colts were anxious about James, who remained in Miami for off-season workouts and hadn't trained with the team since suffering a knee injury last season. No problem. James looked terrific in early workouts.

Darren Woodson has changed from strong safety to free safety to accommodate Dallas Cowboys rookie Roy Williams, who is expected to start at strong safety. How good is Williams? "He's got a chance to be a lot better than me," said Woodson, a five-time Pro Bowl player.

Our best wishes to San Diego Chargers GM John Butler, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Butler is one of the league's top executives and has reshaped the Chargers into a team that isn't far from being a consistent winner. Butler plans to remain on the job as he gets chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The Baltimore Ravens are upset with running back Jamal Lewis, who showed up at camp 10 pounds overweight. This after Lewis had promised he'd reach his optimum weight of 235 pounds. Lewis missed last season with a knee injury and also was suspended for a third positive drug test.

Quirky item of the week: Minnesota Vikings center Matt Birk graduated from Harvard in 1998 with a degree in economics, but never got his diploma. He refused to pay the \$12 fee. ... The Redskins' signing this week of Darryl Gardner means the team will have a front four featuring four former first-round draft picks: Gardner, a first-rounder with Miami, joins Renaldo Wynn (Jacksonville), Bruce Smith (Buffalo) and Dan Wilkinson (Cincinnati). The Redskins are counting on the upgraded line to free up their linebacking corps of LaVar Arrington, Jeremiah Trotter and Jessie Armstead. ... Carolina Panthers first-round defensive end Julius Peppers has wowed coaches during his first few training camp practices.

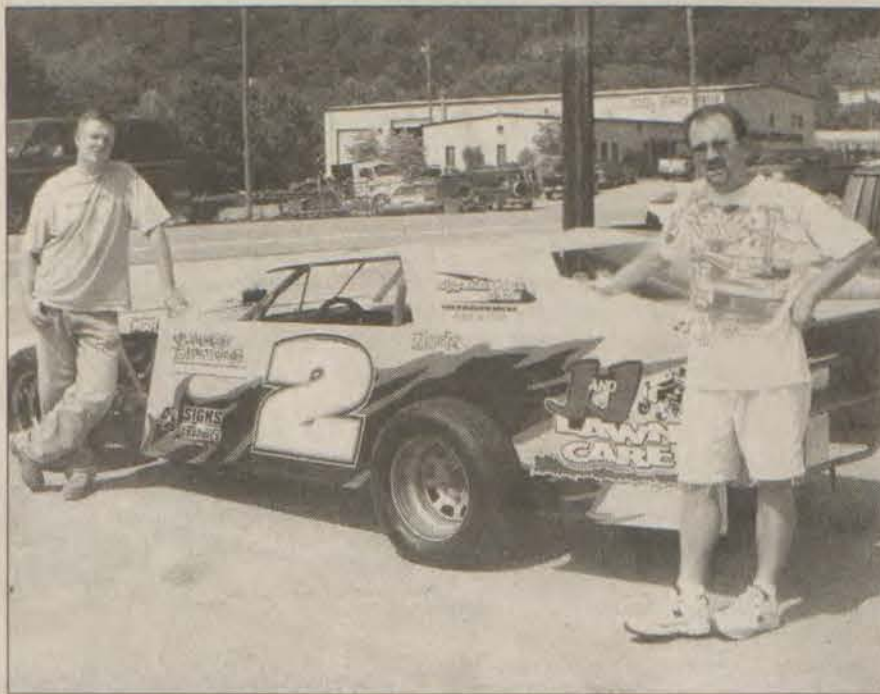
The other day, he put an inside-outside fake on right tackle Chris Terry that left offensive line coach Paul Boudreau astonished. "I was in Detroit, and Barry Sanders was the only guy I ever saw who could stop and start like that," said Boudreau, the former Lions offensive line coach.

"He is 284 pounds, but the way he moves, he looks like he's about 240." ... New Orleans Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks, who stayed out of training camp for three days in a contract dispute, is looking for a new contract that includes a signing bonus of at least \$10 million. ... The Saints are close to finalizing a four-year contract extension for Coach Jim Haslett. The deal runs through the 2006 season.



photo by Steve LeMaster

The No. 2 Modified of Vince Jarrell was recently signed and lettered by the staff at C&S Signs of Prestonsburg.



courtesy photo

Thalia Holland, a third-grader at Prestonsburg Elementary, jumped 6.8 feet in the long jump at this year's Bluegrass State Games. This was her first year competing.



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catharsis, I wrote a column about it for the Lexington newspaper.

The next day I received an e-mail from Lucy Young Boutin, daughter of William T. Young, the wealthy Lexington businessman and owner of Overbrook Farm. She told me she was so touched by my column that she already had reserved the name "Ozzie Cat" with the Jockey Club, and would give the name to the best Storm Cat yearling that the farm kept.

Understand, please, that Storm Cat, who stands at Overbrook, is the world's most popular breeding stallion. His progeny have enjoyed so much success that it now costs \$500,000 to breed a mare to him one time. The colt selected for the "Ozzie Cat" name was a beautiful chestnut whose dam, Hopespringsforever, is a daughter of the brilliant speedball, Mr. Prospector.

In other words, Ozzie Cat is no dog in the pedigree department. It's conceivable that he might have brought upwards of \$500,000 in the auction ring. I told the Youngs that I was touched and overwhelmed by their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Move now to this year's spring meeting at Keeneland. I was walking through the paddock when I bumped into trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who has won a ton of classic races for Overbrook, including the 1996

Kentucky Derby with Grindstone.

"I've been meaning to call you," Lukas said. "You know that colt they named after your cat? Well, he's the best-looking thing in my barn. By far. You won't believe how good he looks. And I think he's going to be a runner, too."

I met Ozzie Cat last spring at Churchill. As advertised by Lukas, he was a big, strong-looking colt who looked older than his years. He also had Secretariat's reddish color with a white blaze down the middle of his head.

Finally, he was so docile — unusual for a Storm Cat — that he let me pet him on the nose.

All spring, Lukas worked him at Churchill Downs, building him into race-worthy shape. His works ranged from steady to spectacular. The trainer thought about giving him his first start at Churchill, but eventually decided to wait for Saratoga, the place where many of the nation's leading stables first trot out their best 2-year-old colts and fillies.

When I learned that Ozzie would make his debut in the third race on Saturday, Aug. 3, I felt sorry that I wouldn't be there to root him on. On Friday evening, however, W.T. Young Sr. called to see if Jan and I wanted to ride up and back on his private jet. It took a nanosecond for me to accept.

Looking back today, the trip seems to be a sort of out-of-body experience. Everything was so perfect that "first class" doesn't begin to describe it. Mr. Young's large jet came equipped with leather swivel chairs, a TV and telephone, speakers and head phones for those who love real music and those who love hip-hop, and a padded seat in the lavatory.

A black limo that seemed long as the bar at your local American Legion hall met us on the tarmac and took us to Saratoga's lovely heirloom of a track. We arrived in time for the second race, watched it on TV from the air-conditioned directors' room, and then went to the tree-shaded saddling ring to wait for Lukas and Ozzie, who both arrived looking fit, fresh, and feisty.

Since I had brought along a photo of the real Ozzie, Mr. Young would introduce me by saying, "This horse was named for Billy's deceased cat...show 'em the picture, Billy." And everyone would appropriately bill and coo as they looked at the photo of Ozzie and his running buddy, Harriett.

Then it was race time. I had butterflies the size of eagles zooming around in my stomach. Breaking slowly, but uneventfully, from the No. 1 post position on the rail, Ozzie initially had trouble getting a firm grip on the track. He was floundering more than galloping. Turning for home, he had only horse beaten.

But when jockey Jorge Chavez swung him seven wide and clear of traffic at the top of the stretch, Ozzie got into the race and began galloping past horses.

He ran out of track before he did heart, finishing second with a bullet.

"We don't train horses like this to win at six furlongs," said Lukas with a smile. "We have bigger things in mind."

The game plan calls for giving Ozzie another race or two before Oct. 26, the day the Breeders Cup Juvenile will be run at Chicago's Arlington Park. We can only hope that he

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# Game times, television set for Marshall season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — In an effort to make Marshall University football games more available for families, Director of Athletics Bob Marcum announced today that game times for Herd home football games have been pushed back to 4:30 p.m.

"We understand that there is a large number of Marshall football fans who work on Saturday, but we also want to make our home games more easily accessible for families with children," Marcum said. "We think that the 4:30 kickoff time strikes a good balance for working fans as well as families."

The change affects only three games on the 2002 Herd schedule. The Buffalo game (Oct. 12) and Ball State game (Nov. 30) were both originally set for 7 p.m. The Troy State game (Oct. 19) which will be Homecoming was originally set for 4 p.m.

"This is going to be a very exciting season for Marshall football and we want to make the games available for as many Herd fans as possible," Coach Bob Pruett said. "We hope that the earlier start time will encourage more families to come out and participate in the excitement on game day at Marshall Stadium."

The other non-ESPN home game, against Appalachian State

on August 31, will remain a 7 p.m. start in order to avoid some of the early season heat. Home game times for Central Florida (Sept. 20, 7 p.m.) and Miami (Nov. 12, 8 p.m.), which will be televised by ESPN2 and ESPN respectively, are still tentative.

In addition to three appearances on ESPN/ESPN2, Marshall will have four games televised by WSAZ-TV in Huntington as a part of the ISP Sports TV package. As many as two other games may be selected to be televised as part of the Mid-American Conference TV package, but those games will not be selected until 21 days in

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## Raiders

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Week Two.

While the one win came in easy fashion, Morgan County also struggled last season en route to nine losses. The Cougars failed to score a district win and closed the season out with a 65-18 loss to district foe Madison Southern. Morgan nearly got its first district win of the season in Week Nine when it fell to Powell County, 14-8. The Cougs also dropped a district contest in the Sorghum Bowl, losing to Estill County, 57-42. The two Class AA,

District VII powers, Leslie County and Breathitt County, beat Morgan by a combined score of 110-0. In 10 games last season, the Cougars managed 163 total points, while giving up 452. Morgan will play the same opponents this season.

Daniels will use the scrimmage with Morgan, Saturday, and another, next week against Pike County Central, as key

## Rebels

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tune-ups for a season-opener against Harlan on Saturday, Aug. 24.

"We want to use the Morgan County scrimmage to see where we are," said Daniels. "Our kids are ready to play, and I think Morgan will be a good scrimmage for us."

The South Floyd-Morgan County scrimmage is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

## Scrimmage

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The Tigers were scheduled to host Lawrence County in a scrimmage game this week, but it seems the Bulldogs had other plans. The proposed scrimmage is now off the drawing board for both clubs.

Lawrence County, one of the areas top regular-season teams one year ago, posted a perfect regular season last campaign, but dropped out of the playoffs when Bell County came calling.

The Tigers are still scheduled to travel to Central Kentucky to meet up with an old friend in the form of PHS alumnus Chuke Williams. Paintsville is scheduled to hit the road and travel to Bourbon County to scrimmage the Colonels on Friday, Aug. 16. Bourbon County posted a 2-9 record last season, but did make the post-season in Williams' first season as head of the program.

The Tigers are back on the practice field this week for solo sessions after going through two-a-days last week.

includes the likes of Paintsville, Pikeville, Hazard and Fleming-Neon, not to mention county rival South Floyd.

A good group of younger players will also give the Rebels help in spots.

Allen Central will once again open the season against Betsy Layne. Last season's opener resulted in a 36-0 win for the Rebels.

Roy Harlow returns to assist with the ACHS grid program. Harlow was also an assistant with the Kentucky squad in this year's Hatfield-McCoy.

**Allen Central Rebels**  
Coach: Robert Mayton  
Class: A  
Region: 4  
District: 8

**AUGUST**  
Aug. 17 .....Betsy Layne 38-0 (W)  
Aug. 24 .....Paintsville 14-45 (L)  
Aug. 31 .....Jenkins 22-14 (W)

**SEPTEMBER**  
Sept. 7 .....Open  
Sept. 14 .....at Fleming-Neon 12-54 (L)  
Sept. 21 .....at Elkhorn City 8-26 (L)  
Sept. 28 .....Allen Central 6-46 (L)

**OCTOBER**  
Oct. 4 .....at Phelps 12-26 (L)  
Oct. 12 .....South Floyd 22-30 (L)  
Oct. 19 .....at Pikeville 0-62 (L)  
Oct. 27 .....at Kentucky Day 8-44 (L)

**McCreary Central Raiders**  
Coach: Justin Bozeman  
Class: AAA  
Region: 2  
District: 4

**AUGUST**  
Aug. 17 .....Open  
Aug. 24 .....at Onieda, Tenn. 0-41 (L)  
Aug. 31 .....Russell County 0-57 (L)

**SEPTEMBER**  
Sept. 7 .....at Williamsburg 7-34 (L)  
Sept. 15 .....East Jessamine 0-61 (L)  
Sept. 21 .....Casey County 12-33 (L)  
Sept. 28 .....at Pulaski County 6-62 (L)

**OCTOBER**  
Oct. 5 .....at West Jessamine 0-49 (L)  
Oct. 12 .....at Marion County 14-45 (L)  
Oct. 19 .....Boyle County 6-63 (L)  
Oct. 26 .....Lincoln County 12-56 (L)

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— Strive to be our best — to win the district title and a regional title; however, SUCCESS is not measured by awards and wins and losses; as important as these prizes are, just as important is the PROCESS we learn on the way.

Last year's Allen Central squad posted a 21-7 record en route to a 30th District championship and an 8th Region semi-finalist performance.

ACHS will host a pre-season tourney/referee clinic on Saturday, Aug. 17. Teams scheduled for the event include host

Allen Central, Breathitt County, Clay County, Hazard, Johnson Central, Letcher, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Perry County Central, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley and West Carter.

Allen Central opens the season on the road Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Hazard.

**ACHS VOLLEYBALL FIRST FIVE GAMES**  
Aug. 20 .....at Hazard  
Aug. 22 .....at Paintsville  
Aug. 27 .....Sheldon Clark  
Aug. 29 .....at Magoffin County  
Sept. 2 .....Letcher

**Pet Adoption Corner**

The puppies in the top image are six weeks old mixed breeds, ready to be adopted. The persian cat is a neutered male who has been declawed, and the two in the box on the bottom are females from the same litter who always sleep in that position.

These animals are all up for adoption at the Floyd County Animal Shelter, located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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# Bonds comes home in bid to join 600 club

by GREG BEACHAM  
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SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds has raced past so many baseball milestones in the past two seasons that it's difficult for anyone — even Bonds himself — to step back and truly appreciate his achievements.

There are certain numbers that everyone can understand, however. The first was 500. The second was 73.

The third, coming soon to Pacific Bell Park, is 600.

As the San Francisco Giants open a six-game homestand

against the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night, Bonds is on the verge of becoming baseball's fourth player with 600 career homers.

Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays — Bonds' godfather and hero — are the only other members of a fraternity that could be joined this week by Bonds, who hit his 598th Sunday in Pittsburgh.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a San Franciscan who isn't certain Bonds will accomplish his latest remarkable feat in front of his home fans. With a power surge of historic proportions in his late

30's, the slugger seems to do something incredible with every swing of his black Canadian maple bats these days.

"I don't have time to reflect on those things at this point," Bonds said Sunday in Pittsburgh. "I don't even know how I got here, anyway. You go out and play every day. If you look at some of the greatest players, you're going to put up numbers if you have the ability, and if you play long enough you're going to do some things, put up big numbers."

"I've been lucky. I've been able to stay healthy throughout my career, for the most part, and come from a family with good genes."

Bonds' achievement comes during an era of smaller ballparks, stronger players and ever-increasing offensive numbers. Still, his accomplishment is stunning.

In the months since he hit his 500th homer into the waters of McCovey Cove on April 17, 2001, Bonds has passed 13 baseball greats on the career list — a jaw-dropping feat that seems almost matter-of-fact for Bonds.

He was the 17th member of the 500 club, but he has since roared past everyone from Mel Ott to Frank Robinson, who was bumped to fifth on the career list on June 5 when Bonds hit a 482-foot grand slam at San Diego for his 587th homer.

Bonds says he uses the supplement creatine, but has repeatedly

denied taking steroids. Though he has added plenty of bulky muscle to his upper body over the past several seasons, he focuses his extensive workouts on flexibility designed to add years to his career.

He finished last season, his 16th, with 73 homers to break Mark McGwire's record, and he is second in the NL with 31 homers this season despite getting just 269 at-bats due to injuries, regular rest and 122 walks from frightened pitchers and managers.

Mays and Bobby Bonds are expected to be in attendance this week as Barry Bonds, still recovering from a strained hamstring, looks for the next two homers.

Aaron and Mays were vacationing on Monday and unavailable to talk about the new prospective member. Mays, a frequent visitor to the park with his statue in front of it, sometimes stops by to chat with his godson before games.

"He always goes about his business the same way," Mays said earlier this season. "I'm not surprised he's having the success he is, because he's got great talent. But he works hard to use it, too."

Mays sits third on the list with 660 homers. Given Bonds' current pace, that mark would be within reach next summer.

"It would be very difficult for me to pass Willie," Bonds said. "He's been my idol my whole life. How do you pass your idol? But if I don't (pass Mays), the Giants might release me."

Bobby Bonds' recovery from surgery last month to remove a cancerous tumor from his kidney is progressing slowly but steadily. Bonds missed his son's 500th homer because of a commitment to his own charity golf tournament.

Barry Bonds spent days and

nights by his father's bedside while he was in the hospital this summer. He didn't homer while his father was hospitalized, but the day his father was released, Bonds hit No. 595 against Arizona's Randy Johnson.

When he was on the verge of hitting his 500th, Bonds went through an 0-for-21 slump. He felt nervous and star-struck, he admit-

ted. A year later, with such a large portion of baseball history already bearing his name, he's ready for 600.

"As time goes by and you get older, you learn to deal with those situations," he said. "You know it's a long season and you've got a long time. Those situations are for young kids, not me."

■ AUTO RACING

## USAR set to return to Lonesome Pine Raceway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — As the 2002 season for the USAR Hooters ProCup Series Northern Division heads to the final third of the regular season, the division will visit Lonesome Pine Raceway for the first time. The short track has hosted the Hooters ProCup Series since 1999 but will host a new set of competitors on August 10th for the running of the Food City 250.

One competitor with a lot of experience at the track is Jeff Agnew. Agnew, the 1998 USAR Hooters ProCup Series champion and Rookie of the Year, finished second last season at the track and looks forward to competing for points this time around. The Virginia driver has also won one Buffalo Nickel Pole Award there. "We always like going back to Lonesome Pine," said Agnew. "The track is a tough place and you have to race the track as well as the other drivers. The track is small and has short straights and tight turns. You will have to qualify well and stay out of trouble."

Last season the track held a USAR Hooters ProCup Series Southern Division race and Shane Huffman collected his third of four wins on the season. This time around the track will host some of the best short track drivers from across the United States. Another driver with local ties to the area will be Lonnie Rush, Sr. Rush, whose family from the area, looks forward to racing at LPR. "I was going to try and run there last year but we couldn't work it out on our schedule," Rush said.

Brian Ross has enjoyed a very successful rookie campaign and has led the point standings since his stretch of four consecutive wins from April through June. Mardy Lindley and Jay Fogleman have remained in the top-five of the standings for most of the season and enter the race as two of the few Northern Division drivers with previous experience at the track.

The track also has new owners and management hosting the Series when they visit in early August. Veteran short track manager Larry Barbare and the Kinzer family will have the red carpet extended for America's Favorite Short Track Series.

Again this season the Series will team up with Food City to

have a night of fun activities at the nearby Food City location in Coeburn. Fans are welcome to visit the store and meet several USAR Hooters ProCup Series drivers, show cars and local drivers in an evening of fun, food and action courtesy of Food City.



courtesy photo

**Ariana Doderer, Oil Springs, captured two medals; one gold, one silver, in last month's Bluegrass State Games.**

■ CYCLING

## Fields duo cycles its way to wins

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Don Fields recently won the Bluegrass Games Cycling Category 4 Mens Division for the second year in a row. In two years prior, he won the Category 5 race, also two in a row.

Fields, an avid multi-sports performer, wasn't alone in his triumph. Fields' son, Stewart Fields, 10, won the boys 10-12 year old division at the Bluegrass Games cycling.

This past weekend, the father-son duo raced a regional race in Asheville, N.C., known as the French Broad Cycling Classic. The North Carolina event is a huge race with over 350 competitors total. The elder Fields had 100 competitors alone in his Cat 4 division. After

racing and braving the hot conditions, Don Fields was pleased not only his performance, but also his son's.

"I placed 22nd in the Time Trial event 12.4-miles with an average speed of 25.8 mph on Friday night," said Fields. "Saturday morning, I placed 31st in a field of 100 road racers in a 52 miles race over hilly country roads. Sunday Morning I place 7th in a race of 21 miles on a 1 mile track, in a field of 87."

And the younger Fields also did well.

"My son Stewart placed second in his age division in a sprint race on Sunday," added Fields. "I'm very proud of him."

In the French Broad race and the Bluegrass Games, Pro-Fitness Multisports was also represented by Doug Hyden in the Cat 4 race, Suzanne Hyden in the Time trial event only, and Jesse Rudd in the Cat 5 division of both weekends of racing.

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## Sideline

And what is a mother to do when her daughter wants to play football in a district which includes Prestonsburg, Belfry and Whitesburg.

"I'm nervous and worried she will be hurt," said Angela Stratton, Natasha Stratton's mother. "We really want her to get a scholarship for basketball and do not want her to jeopardize that in any way. Her coach insures that she will not get hurt, so I guess we are going to let her try it out on a trial basis. If it ever appears that there is a threat of her being tackled or injured she will have to quit. She has still been practicing her basketball at home with area players, as she is really wanting a scholarship for that as well."

The new coach at Betsy Layne High is Glenn Ripkoski. The former Marine takes over for Tim

## Grid

rival, Paintsville, will have its media day on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. at Memorial Field. The Tigers come into the 2002 season fresh off their best finish in over a decade. David LeMaster returns to coach the Tiger football program. Heading south from Paintsville, Pikeville College also has a media day scheduled. The Bears will meet the media on

## Reed

shows enough to merit running, in the \$1 million race that historically produces the favorite for the next year's Kentucky Derby. Because our fellow passengers, including both Mr. Young and his son, had decided to stay a few days in either Saratoga or on Cape Cod, my wife and I had the jet to ourselves on the way home. Like a couple of redneck rubes, we made phone calls to friends, giggling as we said,

## Marshall

advance. Marshall will also have a variety of special events in conjunction with home games this season. The Appalachian State game will be "Magnet Schedule Night" with the first 5,000 fans receiving 2002 magnet schedules.

The Buffalo game has been designated "NASCAR Day" with the cars of Bill Elliott (Dodge), Steve Park

■ BASKETBALL

## October rules clinic scheduled for ACHS

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball rules clinics in high schools and cities around the state fill the month of October. Locally, Allen Central High School will host a clinic on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. East Carter High School will host another, just four days later, on Monday, Oct. 21.

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). All track officials are required to attend a clinic every other year.

Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contests.

### For 2002-03, basketball rules interpretation clinic sites and dates are as follows:

(All start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- Oct. 5 .....Paris, Bourbon County High School, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 7 .....Eddyville, Lyon County High School
- Oct. 8 .....Hartford, Ohio County High School
- Oct. 9 .....Bowling Green High School
- Oct. 10 .....Newport High School
- Oct. 16 .....Bardstown, Nelson County High School
- Oct. 17 .....Eastern, Allen Central High School
- Oct. 20 .....Louisville, Southern High School, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 21 .....Grayson, East Carter High School
- Oct. 22 .....London, North Laurel High School
- Dec. 11 Make-up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

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McCoy, who is gone after just one season at the helm.

### Everage in attendance

Knott County Central head football coach J.J. Everage was in attendance at this past weekend's NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. The ceremonies were highlighted by a touching speech by former Buffalo Bills quarter-

back and inductee Jim Kelly.

### Camp in full swing

The Allen Central Lady Rebel Basketball Camp is now up and running. ACHS head girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert runs the camp with help from current and former players. Current college players, in addition to ACHS coaching staff members, also assist.

## WWE

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Wrestling) and ECW (Extreme Championship Wrestling), before being signed to a developmental deal with the then-WWF.

Broyles' developmental package meant that he would perform with the Heartland

Wrestling Association (HWA). Recently, WWE severed its ties with the Cincinnati, Ohio-based promotion.

The Pike Countian started wrestling at age 16, training himself. After paying his dues on the independent circuit, Broyles eventually made his way into ECW, where he feuded primarily with Kid Kash, and was known for his daring offense. He was then picked up by WCW shortly before its demise.

Following the let-go by the world's top wrestling promotion, Broyles could return to the independent ranks, or venture overseas. Despite many efforts to reach him, he was unavailable for comment.

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"Guess where we are?" The plane touched down at Blue Grass Field at precisely 7:30 p.m., and ata-pocket a-pocketa-pocketa sound from nearby immediately snapped us out of our Mitty fantasy world and back to reality.

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# Smith, Morriss talk up Louisville, Kentucky showdown

by STEVE BAILEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky football coach Guy Morriss knows exactly where his squad needs to improve the most to compete with archrival Louisville.

"On the scoreboard," Morriss deadpanned Friday during a news conference to promote the annual Governor's Cup showdown on Sept. 1.

The Wildcats took a 9-2 lead in the annual series, which was resumed in 1994

after a seven-decade hiatus, following a 68-34 thrashing of the Cardinals in the inaugural game at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in 1998.

Since that time, however, Louisville has won three straight by a combined score of 132-72, including last year's 36-10 victory in Lexington.

Louisville coach John L. Smith wouldn't take the bait when asked to predict a winner and a score in this year's game, to be played for the first time on a Sunday night for a national television audience.

He did, however, praise Morriss and his coaches for the work they have done to fortify the program following

the departure of former coach Hal Mumme and subsequent NCAA investigation into dozens of recruiting violations.

"They are coached extremely well," Smith said. "Take a look at them playing Tennessee last year. They beat Tennessee. If that's not enough to convince you they're a good football team ... I can tell you we're convinced."

Smith may have erred slightly in his facts — the Vols beat an inspired Kentucky squad 38-35 on a field goal in the game's waning moments — but was on the money in his evaluation of the Wildcats.

Kentucky will return much of its high-powered offense, led by junior quarterback Jared Lorenzen, senior running back Artose Pinner, several productive wideouts and an experienced offensive line.

During the second half of last year's 2-9 season, the Wildcats led the Southeastern

Conference in passing yards with 376 per game and were third in total offense with 456 yards per contest.

"If we can stay healthy up front and pick up where we left off in the Tennessee game, I think we've got a chance to move the ball and score some points," Morriss said.

Smith, on the other hand, will have to rely on his defense early in the season as the Conference USA-champion Cardinals prepare for a home showdown with perennial powerhouse Florida State on Sept. 26.

Ten of 11 starters will return to a defensive unit that ranked 10th nationally last season, allowing only 17.75 points per game.

Only five starters return on the offensive side of the ball, including rifle-armed quarterback Dave Ragone. Ragone, a two-time Conference USA offensive player of the year, is regarded as one of the nation's top NFL quarterback prospects.

"Our defense is going to have to keep us in games the first half of the season," Smith said. "But if we can weather the storm, the offense should progress to the point that by midseason, we should be a pretty good football team."

"It will be a test of, 'Are we going to be a fat, lazy group after winning a few championships or are we going to do what got us there — work hard and get better every day we hit the field.'"

Despite a chance for a third straight conference title and a nationally televised shot at the Seminoles, Smith knows how important the Governor's Cup game is to the players — and fans of both schools.

"For us, it's the game of the year," Smith said. "You have to get off on the right foot, hopefully."

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■ EQUESTRIAN

## PA Stables awaits Tennessee show

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

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## Sports Calendar

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**SOCCER**

*Youth Soccer League*

The Pikeville YMCA is accepting registration for its fall youth soccer league through August 10 for children ages 3-18. Registration costs \$30 for YMCA members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 606/433-9622.

**GOLF**

*Tournament*

South Williamson ARH

Hospital has scheduled its fifth annual charity golf tournament for 9 a.m., Aug. 30 at Mountain Pub-links. The tournament is a four-person scramble format event with one muligan per player per round; single players can also enter and will be placed into teams before the event. Registration costs \$50; there is a \$500 first prize. Free food and beverages will be supplied throughout the day. For more information contact Jimmy Williamson (606/237-1700, Ext. 1749), Bryan Ferrell (606/237-1700) or Cindy Crigger (606/237-1772).

**B'BALL/FOOTBALL**

The Times is in need of area elementary and middle school football and girls' basketball schedules for the upcoming seasons. Fax or email schedules to The Times.

■ BOWLING

## Floyd County Special Olympics to hold bowling signups

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Special Olympics will hold bowling signups on two different evenings this month. The first will be Tuesday, Aug. 20, 5-7 p.m., at the Weeksbury Community Center. The second signup will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22, 5-7 p.m., at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg. The signups are open to anyone who has an interest in Special Olympics Kentucky and its programs including current or potential athletes, current or potential volunteers, parents, and/or sponsors.

Anyone who has an interest in Special Olympics and would like to become involved is encouraged to attend.

Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and competition for children and adults with mental disabilities. Participation is open to all individuals eight years of age or older. Training and competition in local, area, state and national programs is offered year-round in 17 sports. For more information, call Ed Senig at 606/452-9564, or Mary Dee Boemker at the Special Olympics Kentucky Office at 1-800-633-7403.

## A special place for a kid

by Clyde Pack

The sudden wind storm that hit the area at about eight o'clock Monday morning has been attributed to collective sighs of relief, as hundreds of parents came to the realization that they did indeed survive their child's summer vacation.

I don't know about kids today, but when I was one, and despite the fun I had when school was out, the first day of school was an exciting event. Not that I was particularly eager to learn, or anything like that, but it was always interesting to see who my new



Clyde Pack

teacher was going to be, and who the new kids were who'd moved into Muddy Branch over the summer.

Of course, there were always a few familiar faces missing, too, as families were wont to leave the community, with about the same regularity as they moved in. Not so my family, however, as my first eight years of formal education occurred in the classrooms of the H.S. Howes Community School.

It's funny how you never forget your grade school teachers. It's like there's a tiny drawer in the back of your brain somewhere, labeled "teacher." When I open mine, there's a list which includes Garfield Chandler, Angie Ward, Maggie Daniels, Flora

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## Nominate your favorite Kentucky author now

The Southern Kentucky Festival of Books will present the Kentucky Literary Awards for excellence in non-fiction and fiction publications. The winners in each category will be announced at the book festival, April 12, 2003, and will be given a commemorative certificate and a cash prize of \$1,000.

Nominations are now being accepted. Books eligible for the Kentucky Literary Awards must have been written by a Kentucky author or have a Kentucky-related theme. Any individual, organization, or company may nominate books to be considered for these awards. The book must have been published and distributed between January 1, and December 31, 2002. Entries must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2003. No entry fee required. Specific guidelines and nomination forms are available upon request, or can be filed on-line through the book festival web site: [www.sokybookfest.org](http://www.sokybookfest.org).

For more information, about the Kentucky Literary Awards, contact Jonathan Jeffrey at (270) 745-5083, or email [Jonathan.Jeffrey@wku.edu](mailto:Jonathan.Jeffrey@wku.edu).

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## School HAPPENINGS

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Center is open during the summer each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center is open all summer long and offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

August 15 - "OPENING DAY WELCOME" 8-9:30 a.m., in the Family Resource Center. Meet the FRC staff and enjoy some refreshments.

Family Resource Center is now accepting applications for After-School Child Care. Program provides care for students from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on school days. Call the center at 886-0815 for more information.

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Photo by Kathy J. Prater

## FROM THE TOP RAIL OF THE FENCE

by IMOGENE CALDWELL

When the first rays of morning peep through the cracks of the window shades, I fall in love all over again. When my happiness begins to sing his love song to me from the branch of the pussy willow tree just outside my bedroom window, my heart fills to overflowing and I say, "Thank you," for where I've been and also for where I am going to go.

Sitting on the top rail of the fence, I watched Granddaddy plow up the ground down by the orchard. He had rustled up the old mule and hitched him to the turning plow at daylight. "Old Sam," as we called him, had been fed a ways before daylight and I listened to him crunch the corn between his big, strong teeth. Every now and then, he would swish his tail, Granddaddy said he did that because the corn tasted so good."

I went to bed last night with a head filled with memories. My friends down by the pond lulled me to sleep once more. At about four o'clock every spring morning, or maybe at the deep edge of night, the frogs gather around the pond of water that sits in the meadow back of the barn. Here they practice their morning chorus. I know all of their voices well. There's Millie, who sings soprano (higher than all the rest), and Lilly, who sings alto with her backup group. Paddy sings bass and Dad sings even deeper, louder than all

the baritones put together. What a choir they are! This morning they sang "The Little Church in the Wildwood." The song took my memory back to a morning in my childhood when things never changed and life began from the top rail of the fence.

From the top rail of the fence is where I learned how to listen. Granddaddy taught me how to listen from here. Granddaddy and I would walk out through the old paling fence gate, hand in hand, and walk down the path to the creek. He had earlier lain down big rocks across the creek for us to step on, gingerly, as we made our way to the watermelon patch on the other side. We would climb upon the top rail of the fence and sit there. Granddaddy instructed me to be still and to listen to the watermelons grow. While I was learning to listen, I also learned how to watch. I eventually learned how to blend all my senses together and to feel life and to

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## Kim's Korner: Keeping a low profile



Kim Little Frasure

Boy! Geez, oh Pete, insurance can sure give one a major headache. I'm talking auto insurance and the price of it, that is.

While going online over the weekend and searching for more information regarding "auto insurance" there was a wealth of information staring me in the face. The one piece of information I longed to find

was something somewhere out there in computerland telling me there was this new reform being established where insurance rates would soon be more affordable.

Back in the old days, the price of a vehicle, and monthly payments were a number-one factor in choosing an automobile. Not these days! Who can afford insurance

where premiums are rising one and a half times faster than inflation, therefore making some of us give up our choices in what we drive? Or better yet, work to drive! I don't think so!

Anyway, there were "Nine Ways to Lower Your Insurance Rates", that popped up on screen, one of which I found extremely bothersome.

It was number five of the nine ways to lower these rates, and goes as follows: "Buy A 'Low Profile' Car."

What? Yes, low profile, okay, but I want a BMW. Guess that ol' wives tale of being old enough to where my wants don't hurt me should apply here, but it does hurt! Hurts my feelings, hurts my head, and hurts the wallet.

Oh well, I suppose I shall just have to get over it, won't I?

Ya' know, if enough of us got up on our proverbial soapboxes and started shoutin' the roofs off, or penning a few thousand letters to our Congress, then maybe could we get some regulations on

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■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

**DUFF ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ The Floyd County Health Department is on site each TUESDAY of the week. The following services are provided: immunizations, TB skin test, school physicals for Head Start,

Kindergarten, Well-Child, and Sixth Grade. WIC services also provided. If you are in need of any of the above services, please call 358-9878 to schedule an appointment.

**JOHN M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ OPEN HOUSE - Grades 4-6, Wednesday, August 7, 5-7 p.m.; Grades 7 & 8, Thursday, August 8, 5-7 p.m.

■ All parents and students cordially invited to attend Open House event. Refreshments will be served and the Family Resource Center will be distributing school supplies to students. All area families are encouraged to attend and meet Stumbo Elementary's staff and teachers.

**MAY VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten,

6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

**MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ Parents with children to be enrolled in Head Start, Kindergarten, or sixth grade during the upcoming school year need to schedule physical examinations and vaccination update appointments now. If you have not scheduled your child's health care appointment, please call 377-2678 and do so now.

■ GED classes are taught each Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Classes are FREE. Mrs. Linda Bailey, of the David School, is the instructor.

**MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER / JOHN M. STUMBO ELEM.**

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4

p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

**PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

**SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER**

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith

Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

**THE DAVID SCHOOL**

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8 - 11 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5 - 8 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-

**W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks.

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

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# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

**Ten Years Ago (Aug. 5 and Aug. 7, 1992)**

A Floyd County man was charged, Saturday, with the armed robbery of a Paintsville business. Paintsville Chief of Police Tom Haney said Monday, that Charles D. Parsons, 38, of Betsy Layne, allegedly walked into the Broadway Pharmacy in Paintsville at approximately 11:37 a.m., and handed a clerk a note which demanded that the clerk give Parsons various Schedule II and Schedule III drugs, including Percocet, Percodan, Tylenol 3, and Tylenol 4...At least three Floyd Countians and one Pike County man are currently lodged in the Floyd County Jail as a result of the largest drug bust in Kentucky history. George E. Kidd, John D. Hall, Charles E. Hall and Arnold E. Tackett were arrested, Tuesday morning, by officers of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police as a part of Operation Round-Up, an annual sting operation conducted by the Kentucky State Police, local police and sheriff's departments, to wipe out street-level drug sale and abuse...The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, in association with County Court Clerk Carla Boyd and Prestonsburg Community College, is developing plans to conduct voter education forums, this fall, in each of Floyd County's four magisterial districts. The forums are expected to focus on four constitutional questions that voters will be asked to decide in the November 3 election...Floyd County sheriff's deputies discovered 238 marijuana plants in two days in an effort to destroy as much of the home grown weed as possible, before the fall harvest. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, chief Linzie Hunt, sergeant Lloyd Powers and deputy Ricky Newsome discovered 169 pot plants, Tuesday afternoon, at Big Branch in Little Mud Creek. The illegal crop was burned at the site...The Floyd County Landfill, which closed temporarily last week, may be ready to reopen within the next four to six weeks. The Floyd County Solid Waste division began storing all waste at a temporary site in June, following closure of its phase I landfill, due to tougher standards and restrictions imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Kentucky's Cabinet for Natural Resources Division of Waste Management...A Floyd County man narrowly escaped a fiery death, Wednesday evening, when his neighbors pulled him from his blazing home. The Prestonsburg Fire Department responded Wednesday to a 10:20 p.m., call from Kenny Marsillett of West Prestonsburg, who said that his brother Eugene, was trapped in a blaze at his mobile home at Corn Fork...Two Floyd County men died in separate traffic accidents on Route 80 this week, prompting investigations by the Kentucky State Police and the Floyd County Coroner's office. On Wednesday, Donald Martin Thompson, 38, of Rough and Tough Road on Middle Creek, was

killed instantly, as he was traveling east on Route 80 near Langley at around 1 a.m., when his car was struck by a vehicle driven by Edward P. Dobbins, of Wooten; Edward Patton, 73, of McDowell, was killed around 5:50 a.m., Thursday, while a passenger in a vehicle driven by his wife, Ola, which struck approximately four to five tons of coal that had been spilled in the east-bound lane of Rt. 80, by an unidentified coal truck. Ola Patton lost control of the vehicle and crossed into the west-bound lane, striking a vehicle driven by Bobby Stewart, 35, of Summersville, West Virginia...There died: Geraldine Nelson Hager, 66, of Auxier, Sunday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Stella Justice, 96, of Martin, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Douglas "Doug" Davidson Perry, 93, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Silas Jones Jr., 46, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at his residence; Edgar B. Newman, 41, of McDowell, Thursday, at The Sure Fire Coal Company, Robinson, from injuries suffered in a mining accident; Minnie Lee Sizemore DeRossett, 101, of East Point, a native of Bull Creek, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lizzie M. Keathley Frasure, 75, of Harold, Friday, at her residence; Goldie Johnson Burke, 83, of Halo, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Claude Joseph Hunter, 79, of Auxier, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Oval Clark Martin, 72, of Harold, Thursday, at her residence; Doris Blair, 83, of West Van Lear, Tuesday, in Springfield, Ohio; Orville Hamilton, 83, of Virgie, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jessie Mae McKenzie Case, 58, of Wittensville, Friday, at Tutor Key; Willard Ratliff, 77, of Lexington, formerly of Betsy Layne, Monday, at Humana Hospital, Lexington; Com Huff, 79, of Mousie, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Butler Owens, 96, of Blue River, Thursday, at Knott County Health Care Center, Hindman; Dellano O. Ritchie, 45, of Ligonier, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, Tuesday, at his home; Minnie Lee Sizemore DeRossett, 101, of East Point, a native of Bull Creek, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Minerva Owens Murphy, 67, of Granada Hill, California, May 19; Lonie McSurley, 66, of Warsaw, Indiana, native of Emma, Tuesday, at his residence; Florence Baldwin Vance, 90, of Langley, formerly of California, Tuesday, at The Buchanan Hospital, Grundy, Virginia.

**Twenty Years Ago (August 11, 1982)**

Prospects of an end to the long and bitter dispute over the future of the Martin water system brightened last week, with the signing by officials of Martin and Prestonsburg of a contract providing for use of Prestonsburg water as a backup

source of supply for Martin...The threat of a disastrous explosion faced the town of Martin for a time, early Saturday morning, after a fire was reported at the Solo Service Station on Main Street there...State police have been alerted by Mary Anderson, McDowell nurse, that her sister, Zelma Anderson, 53, has been missing since Monday afternoon, August 2, and that efforts of relatives and others to locate her have been fruitless...There died: Floyd Adkins, 73, of Betsy Layne, July 31, in Lexington; Alice M. Hornsby, 86, formerly of Garrett, last Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Wanda T. Hall, 70, of McDowell, last Saturday, at St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington; Alex J. Collins Sr., 43, of Endicott, July 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Manford Lee Boyd, 47, last Wednesday, at his home; Mintie Greer, 85, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Mary Richmond May, well-known Prestonsburg resident, last Friday, following an extended illness; Ishmael Price, 70, retired Harold miner, August 3 at UK Medical Center, Lexington.

**Thirty Years Ago (August 9, 1972)**

Four regions, composed mainly of eastern Kentucky counties, will see the first implementation of the new Regional Organization of Providing Educational Services (ROPES) in the state, and Region 11, one of these four, will have its headquarters in Prestonsburg...Charles Clark took the oath of office of superintendent of Floyd County Schools at Saturday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, for his fourth four-year-term and thus began his 13th year in the office...An attempt, last Wednesday, by a custodian at Prestonsburg Community College to sell to a faculty-member a laboratory item triggered an investigation which resulted in one arrest, the recovery of an estimated \$1,500 worth of college property and the issuance of a warrant for a second man...Broadway and Metropolitan Opera star Christine Johnson returns to the stage this week at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre to recreate her most memorable role as Nettie Fowler in the musical, "Carousel"...There died: Mrs. Claudia F. Leete, 74, formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland; Goldia Mae Fraley, 52, formerly of Floyd County, last Saturday, at Portland, Ind.; Wilson Crisp, 85, of Martin, Friday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Henry A. Robinson, 57, of Water Gap, last Wednesday, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

**Forty Years Ago (August 9, 1962)**

Beginning with this school year, Floyd

County elementary schoolchildren who are physically unable to attend school will receive teaching service at their homes or at hospitals, it was announced this week by Charles F. Clark, superintendent...Lowest of the bids on sanitary sewers and a sewage treatment plant and pumping stations for Prestonsburg are approximately \$270,000 higher than the entire project cost estimated by Howard K. Bell, Consulting Engineers, Lexington...The Proud Heritage, a historical drama scheduled for its second annual presentation here, August 19, is unique in regional outdoor plays, for it depicts history as it occurred, and on the very spot the events transpired...Squirrel hunters were turned loose in the eastern Kentucky hills, Tuesday morning, 19 days ahead of schedule, by Governor Bert T. Combs in the hope that one of them might find the plane which has been missing somewhere in the region, since July 29...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Todd, a daughter, August 8, at Methodist Hospital, Louisville...There died: Milburn Caudill, 59, of Melvin, July 28, at home; Mrs. Susie W. Hubbard, 75, of Water Gap, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

**Fifty Years Ago (August 7, 1952)**

Tuesday's primary election saw less than 4,000 votes cast in this county, and at Hen Hall precinct election officers were not interested enough to open the polling-place. Mayor Curtis Clark, of Prestonsburg, won the Republican nomination for the Seventh District Congressional seat to oppose incumbent Democrat, Carl D. Perkins, in November...The Sparks Brothers Bus Company has been granted a 10 percent rate increase on passenger fares, the Division of Motor Transportation announces...Two new polio cases—one at Drift, the other at Betsy Layne—brought the county total of sufferers, this season, to nine...Charles Edward Campbell, 17, native of Hippo, drowned last Thursday in a Burlington, New Jersey, swimming pool...Three Floyd Countians were among the 93 persons who passed the Kentucky bar examination in June, it was learned this week. They are: Miss Mary Louise Osborne, of Bypro, who was Miss Kentucky of 1950; Jarvis Allen, former Floyd County Court Clerk, and Charles M. Tackett, of Prestonsburg...Married: Miss Mary Jane Leake and Mr. Cleon Kilmer Combs, at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Cincinnati, August 2...There died: Mrs. Rufus Crisp, 73, at Allen, last Thursday; Mrs. Draxie Reynolds Goble, 32, at Ligon, Friday; John Lee Sanders, 55, of Betsy Layne, Monday at a Paintsville hospital; Patty Lou, 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eathel Hicks, of Wayland, July 30, at a Lackey hospital.

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## Wedding Engagements



### Akers-Stumbo wed

Lyla Akers and Steven R. Stumbo were united in marriage on June 21, 2002, in a ceremony that took place in Prestonsburg. The bride is the daughter of Verlene Collins, of McDowell, and George Akers, of Ivel. Steven is the son of Greg and Kathy Stumbo, of Drift. The newlyweds reside in Minnie.

## Happy Birthday



### First cousins celebrate birthdays

Katelyn Dawn Nelson will celebrate her fourth birthday on Saturday, August 10, 2002, with a "Glamour Girls" theme party that will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park. Katelyn is the daughter of Gregory Scott and Lisa Wallace Nelson, of Dwale. She is the maternal granddaughter of Paul Wallace, of Prestonsburg, and Scott and Charlene Goble Cook, of Hippo. Her paternal grandparents are Roger and Sandra DeRossett Nelson, of Dwale. Katelyn's first cousin, Chandler Ryan Nelson, will celebrate his third birthday on Saturday, August 17, 2002, with a "Construction" theme party that will be held at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church Playground. Chandler is the son of Roger II and Jessica Allen Nelson, of Dwale. He is the maternal grandson of Ted and Fayla Mullins Allen, of Pyramid. His paternal grandparents are Roger and Sandra DeRossett Nelson, of Dwale. The cousins look forward to celebrating their special days with family and friends.

## Yesterdays

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### Sixty Years Ago (August 6, 1942)

Senator A. B. Chandler led John Y. Brown, his opponent for the Democratic nomination, by 160 votes in the Floyd County primary, Tuesday...Ninety-one from this county are slated for induction, August 18, the Draft Board here, announced Monday...Five thousand persons attended the Floyd County Fish & Game Club's annual fish fry at Allen, Sunday...Raymond Huff, 45, Wayland miner, was instantly killed, and Sisco Hays, also of Wayland, was seriously hurt, Saturday, when their auto wrecked at Gearheart, on Left Beaver Creek...The WYA Shop here, last week, transferred 12 youths to active war production work in Connecticut and Maryland...Released from Japanese "protective custody," Miss Lydia Mae Francis, of the U.S. diplomatic service, has been sent to a Turkish post, and may not return here till the war is over, her mother, Mrs. H. C. Francis, of Prestonsburg, has learned...There died: Mrs. Willard Stephens, 34, Sunday, at her home on Middle Creek; Mrs. Theodore Slone, 35, formerly of Garrett, Friday, at Niagra Falls, New York.

### Seventy Years Ago (August 5, 1932)

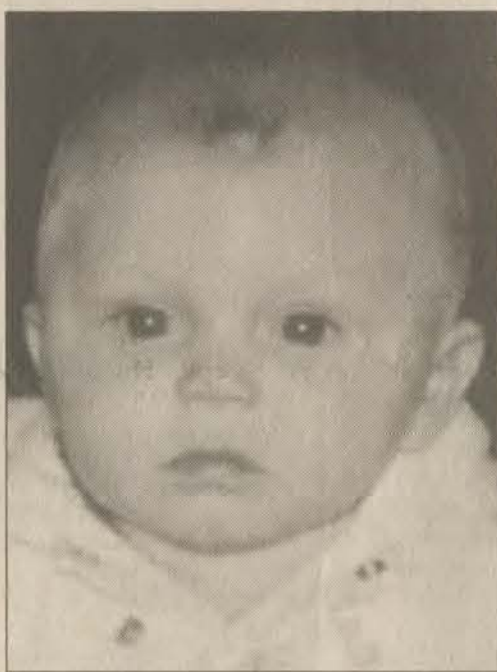
The Times apologized this week for its publication of a paper of only four pages. A belated ballot order had claimed the attention of the force, almost night and day...Contract on construction of the Allen-Hindman road, from Warco to the Knott County line, will be awarded August 10, County Judge W. L. Stumbo and County Attorney Joe P. Tackett were told, in Frankfort, this week...Charles Burnette, of Wayland, was shot and killed near Lackey, Saturday evening...Carl H. Corbin won the low-score tournament at the Beaver Valley Golf Club last week-end with 171 for 36 holes. Other scores: N. L. May, 174; E. R. Burke, 180; A. B. Combs, 182; E. E. Clark, 190; W. M. Hagans and F. L. Heinze, 192 each; E. P. Hill, Jr., 208...Beckham Combs, 28, recently became superintendent of Knott County schools...Bill Gibson, 50, was shot and killed Saturday on Rock Fork Creek, near Garrett...Tom Alley and Gilbert Crabtree, machine operators for the Prestonsburg Coal Company, barely escaped death beneath a huge slab of rock in the company's mine at Water Gap, Monday afternoon. Alley's right hand was crushed by the rock and his thumb severed...The Mayo Trail is being surfaced through Prestonsburg with gravel taken from the river nearby...Married: Miss Thelma Price, of West Prestonsburg, and Mr. Walter Salyer, of Flat Gap, on July 10; Miss Julia Harmon and Mr. Joe Hill, both of Prestonsburg, August 2, at the home here of the officiating minister, the Rev. Arnold T. Malmberg...There died: The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estill Hughes, at Martin, Sunday.



### Evans-Newsome to wed

Delmer and Lois Evans, of Grethel, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Bradley, to Susan Newsome, the daughter of Gary and Betty Newsome, of Pikeville. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Shelby Valley High School and is currently attending the Kentucky National College of Business and Technology. She is the granddaughter of Chester Newsome, of Caney Highway, and the late Doris Newsome, and Hoover Cable, also of Caney Highway, and the late Geneva Cable. The groom-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 1999 graduate of Morehead State University. He is the grandson of Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg, and the late William Hall, and the late Edd and Martha Evans, of Grethel. The couple are both currently employed by the Neurology and Spine Associates (NASA), of Pikeville. They will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2002, at half past six-thirty in the evening, at the Energyville Freewill Baptist Church, located on Caney Highway. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed. Following a honeymoon trip to the Great Smokey Mountains, the couple will return to reside in Grethel.

## New Arrivals



### Gabriel Lee Scott

Gabriel Lee Scott Spears was born on September 7, 2001 to Rhonda Spears, of Prestonsburg, and Charlie Craft, of Garrett. He is the grandson of Donnie Spears, of Auxier, and Rebecca Spears, of Prestonsburg and Ronney and Lora Craft, of Mealy.

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know all the good things that come with it. We watched the watermelons grow even when we didn't even know that we were.

Yesterdays blend in with today and tomorrows become yesterdays. That happens when your loves are always with you. From the top rail of the fence, the wind blows gently through my hair and Granddaddy's wisps of gray blow down into his eyes. We listen as the sound of the passenger trains come to us on the wind. We turn our heads to listen to the echo of the train's whistle, traveling up the valley in which we sit. Granddaddy tells me that he will take me to the tracks and show me the trains someday, but today, we hear the whistle and watch the smoke rise from the engine into the air.

Granddaddy says the roar of the engine can almost burst your ears and I could almost see the billowing smoke pouring from the engine's smokestack, up into the air and blending with the clouds overhead. Granddaddy painted pictures so real that I believed I could almost see that train from the top rail of the fence.

On days when the weather was a bit unkind, Granddaddy and I would sit on the long, front porch. He would sit on the end of the wooden bench and smoke his pipe and I would nestle in the crook of his arm. After a misty morning, the fog would gather around the mountaintops and some of it would slide right down into the head of the hollows. That's when Granddaddy would tell me about the hoot owls that lived in the old chimney rocks across from our house. He said the fog was only smoke coming from the fires the hoot owls had built to cook their breakfast.

To this day, I can still see the smoke and almost smell the hoot owl's breakfast of baby mice and honey - that's what Granddaddy said they ate. I still hear them hooting from the chimney rocks each evening, just at the edge of dark or just at the deep end of day.

In the evenings, Grandma would put her bonnet on her head, tying the strings neatly under her chin, just as she began to hear the cow bells jingling from the pathways along the hill. The cows traveled the paths each evening back down into the hollow from the hill-sides where they had spent their day grazing. Each evening, they came home to Grandma to be fed and milked. Grandma would carry her bucket and milking stool to the barn. I knew when she was at work because I could hear the plunk, plunk sound as each stream of milk hit the sides of the bucket. The sound of these cowbells ringing toward home at the deep end of the day still remains in my mind - one of the listening lessons learned from Granddaddy from the top rail of the fence.

By now, you must know that Granddaddy was one of my cherished loves. The little song bird, the choir of frogs, and my sweet Granddaddy all taught me how to fall in love. I'll tell you of other of my "lovers" as we go along.

Sitting on the top rail of the fence, I watched Granddaddy plow up the ground down by the orchard. He had rustled up the old mule and hitched him to the turning plow at daylight. "Old Sam," as we called him, had been fed a ways before daylight and I listened to him crunch the corn between his big, strong teeth. Every now and then, he would swish his tail.

Granddaddy said he did that because the corn tasted so good. On this particular day though, I followed behind him a little bit and picked up some big, fat, red worms that the plow turned up out of the ground. I fed the worms to Grandma's big, red rooster. Let me tell you about that rooster...

He was another of the loves

of my life. "Big Red" had an important job on Granddaddy's farm - he was the timekeeper. Every morning, come rain or come shine, Big Red would fly up to the very tip top of the old corn crib and begin his call to duty. His crowing was always loud and in perfect tune. He

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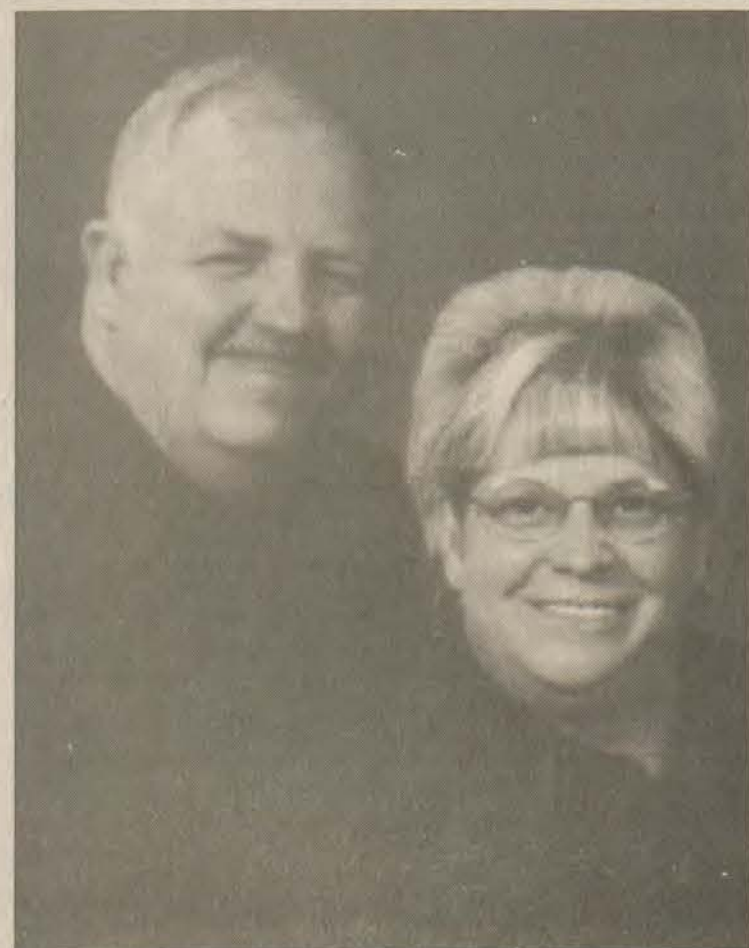
## Do you know the way to Betsy Layne?

photo by Kathy J. Prater

This little fella was found alone and near dead in the wild by a local forestry service employee. The tiny Bobcat, native to eastern Kentucky, was being transferred recently into the care of Robin Branham and Cora Coleman, two former nurses who now operate the RC Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, located at Endicott. "We don't know anything about his moth-

er or his family," Branham said, "we just know he was dehydrated and dangerously near death when he was found. We'll do everything we can to make him strong and, hopefully, be able to return him to the wild." If you know of a wild animal who may need the help of the non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center, you may contact Branham and Coleman at either 606-874-1950 or 606-874-3793.

## Anniversary



### Happy Anniversary!

Ballard "B.J." and Darlene Jones are happily celebrating their second wedding anniversary. The couple are wished many more happy years of wedded bliss by friends and family.

# Critter Corner: Labeling of dogs, part I



"Reba." Reba is a Schipperke (Skie). She belongs to the Akers family of Galveston, who say that "she is a great pet and we all love her very much."

I heard on the news recently that Rottweilers have officially been named "the most dangerous dogs in America". While I agree that Rotties are very large, powerful dogs, and certainly have the potential to do significant damage, I hate to hear superlatives, good or bad, used with any particular breed of dog. "Smartest", "meanest", "most popular", whatever-these are all labels that in my opinion handicap dogs from the start by encouraging unrealistic expectations in prospective owners.

While its probably obvious how "negative" labels saddle individual

two notable exceptions are the marks from the Coonhound that bit clear through my thumb and the cat attack that left me looking like I'd fought a Veg-a-matic and lost.) Am I discounting the potential for harm from the traditionally "dangerous" breeds? Not in the least. Had I been attacked by one of these dogs with the vengeance displayed by some of my smallest patients, I could have easily have received some life-threatening injuries.

My husband, Pat, was bitten severely by a Pit Bull type dog once, although the incident was entirely accidental. The dog was still groggy from anesthesia following surgery, and when she lost her balance as she stepped out of the kennel, Pat automatically reached out to steady her. She turned and bit his hand without thinking. I actually heard the "crunch" in the next room! It could have been much worse, since the dog let go as soon as she realized what she'd done, but it was still a very painful injury that left Pat without the use of his hand for several days.

My point in relating this is not to add to the list of bad dog horror stories. It's just something that happens in a Vet clinic occasionally, no matter how careful you are. What worries me are the people who acquire one of these breeds because they are supposedly the "best protection" dogs, or worse yet, because they may be perceived as a status symbols. These own-

ers often seem oblivious to the fact that they now have an animal capable of causing a great deal of harm but go to no effort to learn how to control the dog properly. This is not my imagination. An example is the phone call I received from the owner of a Rottweiler who wanted me to train it as a "guard dog". I don't do this anyway, but I'm not sure I ever got through to this person how serious the situation already was, and that protection training was the last thing this dog needed. This was a house dog, there were several young children in the household, the dog was more than eight months old, had absolutely no basic training in manners or obedience, and had, in fact, already started to growl at the owners! Discussing it with Pat later, he summarized the situation perfectly: "They already have a loaded gun in the house; now they want to take the safety off and leave it around for the kids to play with". I use this idea now whenever I try to dissuade someone from aggression training. People seem to want super-dog, without considering the attendant problems.

I also want to be clear that I'm not at all opposed to these breeds in general. We currently own two German Shepherds, a Doberman, two Chow mixes and an Akita mix. Our Pit Bull, Buster, died a few years ago of kidney failure. All these dogs coexist as peacefully as could be expected with

each other, us, and with the household cats. My cousin Greg has a wonderfully gentle Chow, even now that he is almost completely blind and would have every excuse in the book to snap at people. My friend Teresa's 90-lb Pit Bull, "Squat" is the dog that caused me to fall in love with that breed. His worst offense was almost giving the UPS driver a heart attack once by jumping in the truck with him. Then there is "Ben", the Rottie in one of our obedience classes, who could be the "poster child" for that breed.

My point is, THINK about the breed of dog you want before you get one; know what you are getting into. If you still want one of these dogs, go ahead, but be a prepared and knowledgeable owner. Your particular dog may be the only representative of his breed that some people ever see. Their entire opinion of a breed could be based on what they see in your dog.

You say you don't think you want a Pit Bull or a Rottweiler. You've read that Golden Retrievers are the most popular breed, but you've always admired the looks of Collies since watching "Lassie" as a child. Then again, Border Collies are supposed to be about the smartest dogs-maybe one of those is what you'd like. And those adorable Taco Bell Chihuahuas! Next time, we'll take a look at how even the most positive of labels can affect your expectations of your chosen breed, and not always for the better.

## Rail

would commence to crowing each day at the very edge of daylight or at the deep end of the night. He could be heard for miles up and down the valley. He would keep to his post until he saw smoke coming from our chimney and the chimneys of the other cabins all around us. As the smoke began to mingle with the fog and the clouds above him, he would fly happily back down and begin to call his hens out. As the hens awoke, they would get to work scratching for the bugs and worms that would make their breakfast. Big Red slept in the branches of the old Sycamore tree during these hours. He liked it there because, from there, he could keep watch over us all - his family and ours. Big Red always knew when the "pole cat" was sneakin' toward the hen house. I know this, because he would squall and scream even if it was in the middle of the night.

Many evenings after the daylight had gone and the night time was all around, Granddaddy and I would go to our seat on the top rail of the fence just to be alone and to listen to the sounds of night because with these sounds came peace and understanding. From our seats on the fence we heard the fox hounds turning their voices up and we could sometimes see the fox hunters lighting up their carbide lamps. We would know that soon a fox chase would be underway. Then the yelping voices would fill the valley and echo through the hills as the dogs chased their favorite fox up the slopes and down the ravines of the hills

around us. Granddaddy knew each dog by the sound of his yelps. He called their names out to me one by one and of the fox, he would refer to him as "Wise-Man." Granddaddy called him this because he said that Wise-Man always outwitted every dog and found his way back to his hole in the ground.

Have you ever seen a rainbow from the top rail of a fence? Granddaddy and I waited one day on the front porch for the May shower of rains to finish watering Grandma's zinnias and rosemary, and when it did, the sun came out and we went to our listening place on the top rail of the fence. It was here we were sitting when the rainbow came out. It came out over Chimney Rock and reached the ground just beyond the grist mill dam. From there, it disappeared into the water.

Granddaddy said God put the rainbow in the sky because he promised Noah no more big floods would destroy the Earth. We listened for a splash where the rainbow touched the water but we only heard the squeak, squeak of the big grist mill wheel as it turned, crushing the corn into ground meal. Granddaddy tied up a big swing for me in the old Maple tree beside the mill pond. When I took a big, long swing I would go sailing out over the pond and it felt like I was soaring away with the eagles. I would wave to my Granddaddy who was sitting on the top rail of the fence watching me soar on the wind. Granddaddy - my love...

Life was beautiful on the

days that Granddaddy and I checked on the sheep and watched the baby lambs run and play among the clover growing in the meadow. We listened to their bleats when they lost their mothers. We could hear the tender clover blooms snap and gently crush as the sheep ate their juicy stems. You could almost hear the new clover blossoms grow back. Granddaddy said if we listened and were very still, we could hear the peppermint growing out by Grandma's little spring where the milk jars sat, staying cool until supertime.

After a rain you could smell that peppermint all the way to our seat on the top rail of the fence. The water in that spring even tasted like peppermint and it was so sweet because Grandma had moss and sheep sorrel growing all around the rocks that lay among the waters. Violets were always found there, too. They seemed to love the company of the sweet-smelling peppermint.

If you sat on the top rail of the fence and called the cows home, your voice would carry all the way to the pasture in the head of the hollow. Then that call would echo from the hills around. To this day, when I look up the hollow, I swear, I can hear Granddaddy's "Sook! Sook! Come home, Sookie!" echoing back to me.

Most mornings I can hear the dawn breaking and most evenings I can hear twilight closing down for the night. Sometimes Granddaddy and I would go to our seat on the top rail of the fence and listen to twilight closing down. That's

where we were when we heard the best things of all. Things like the mailman's horse's hooves clop-clopping on the rocks as he carried his charge back home from a long day's ride delivering the mail.

We heard the wagon wheels on Old Man Tate's wagon - squeak, thump, squeak, thump - he'd been to the store over the river near the railroad tracks to purchase staples for his family. He made it home just at "closing time" and just as the twilight began to dim into darkness.

We heard the front porch swing creak as Grandma swung lazily back and forth as she knitted on a warm, winter scarf.

The jar flies and lightening bugs filled the air with their evening capers. Along with crickets, the night bugs joined in with the night owls and the wolves to make some of the prettiest music God ever made for man. Granddaddy and I would look at the stars and listen to our own private serenade. Once I saw a tear trickle down his cheek, but I know it was a happy tear because I had some too. He held me close and told me it was time to go inside. He lit his pipe as we went through the old gate. Grandma had lit the cabin's old oil lamp and Granddaddy sat down in his old squeaky rocking chair and I knew I would hear a story. He always told stories about old times long ago.

Early, Sunday mornings, when the grasshoppers and crickets were beginning to hop about in the tall, meadow grass. We listened as the church bell began to ring. We could hear wagons and buggies travel by our garden gate on their way to church. We went to church, too. I sat, proud in my new blue Sunday dress, on the front church pew between Granddaddy and Grandma.

Grandma had gotten up early that morning and made a fresh, apple pie that she set out to cool on the window sill before we left. We would be hungry upon returning home from our busy morning. The pie would be served as our Sunday dinner dessert, we always had company for Sunday dinner and the preacher always came.

As the day once again fell into night, Granddaddy and I went out to look once more into the sky for a hint of what tomorrow might bring. The stars were twinkling their very best - in fact, they were fairly dancing over the heavens. Granddaddy said the echo of the train whistle made him feel lonesome. He said that train whistles always set him to day-dreaming, but now, at the deep end of day and nearing bedtime, Granddaddy and I took a moment more to listen to the sounds around us.

Granddaddy and Grandma's bed gave a small sigh as the feather bed rolled around us as

## Poison

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I lay between them, safe, small, and warm. Soon, I heard a gentle snore which filled me with love and a restful peace. Granddaddy was probably dreaming of dancing feet on dancing stars or maybe he was dreaming of love as he said his good-night prayers. I know that tonight, I will dream of hoot owls and lightening bugs and how watermelons grow as visitors atop a rail fence sit nearby to listen.

I wish Granddaddy and I could be sitting in our listening place when Gabriel blows his trumpet. I think we would be the first people on Earth to hear him, and he would find us there, atop the rail fence, listening to the watermelons grow.

## "Smile, Muffin!"

We all love our pets and we love showing off the cute photos we take of them. If you would like to see your pet's photo displayed alongside Dr. Carol Combs-Morris' "Critter Corner" column, send it in to Kathy Prater at any of the following addresses: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or email to features@floydcounty-times.com. You're also welcome to drop it off anytime at our front desk. Don't delay, we're eager to share your pet's photos with our readers!

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Adams, Ernestine Ward, Foster Frazier, Hershel Pack and Walter Clay VanHoose. Even 50 years before someone dreamed up the silly little acronym KERA, these dedicated individuals, using whatever methods they felt best, did whatever it took to teach me the skills I'd need to move on to the next level, and beyond.

I don't know that I had a favorite subject. Of course, if art had been taught in those days, that's what it would have been. That's about the only thing I could do really well.

Consequently, I did a lot of bulletin boards for my teachers, as I moved from year to year, and room to room. I even won a blue ribbon at the country fair one year, which I thought was pretty special.

But I wasn't much good at anything else, especially math and science. And, I absolutely hated it when I had to memorize poetry.

Nevertheless, after all this time, I can still declare that, "I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree." Bet a nickel that every kid who went to seventh grade at Muddy Branch during the early 1950s, can make that same declaration.

The school room was a special place for a kid in those days. I sure hope it still is.

## Korner

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these outrageously HIGH insurance prices? Or do we sit back, with our headaches, empty wallets, and take it, and drive less than what we want because we're forced to? You'll have to excuse me now; it's time to take more Advil.

Til next week, think about it, and may God bless.

## Poetry Corner

# The Woodpocker

by STANLEY BURCHETT

The woodpocker poked out a little round hole in an old dead tree by the telephone pole.

She poked all day from morning till night - when the stars came out and she lost all light. She wanted badly for her home to be just right.

She called to her mate but he just sat around. He would fly from his perch down to the ground, catch a big fat worm and gobble it down.

Then, back to his perch where he would preen. But he would keep cheering her on ('cause he knew that there was work to be done).

But he wouldn't do it - he had an image to keep. He wasn't going to mess up his beautiful beak.

Her beak was all battered and her nerves were all shot. Her head hurt so badly from hitting a knot. Her eyes were all

red from the shock of the blows...will she ever finish? Well, God only knows!

But she just kept on pockin' the usual way, hoping that she would find a good mate someday. She could have done better and wishes she had 'cause she was involved with a dead-beat dad.

But she won't be getting any child support 'cause it's impossible to take a woodpocker to court. So she will raise her babies on fat worms and bugs 'cause food stamps for woodpockers...that's just unheard of.

But if there is a woodpocker Heaven, then surely she'll go - and leave that lazy rascal sitting far below.

When summer is over, she will fly south - and not have to put up with her lazy mate's mouth. But for the time being, her beak is so sore, and she wishes that her mate had helped

her out more.

Her feathers were ruffled, her pride so worn; she hated the day that her mate was born. But she kept on pockin' day after day, and the hole kept getting deeper, needless to say.

Soon all you could see was the woodpocker's tail. It sure seemed her home was shaping up well!

But her lazy old mate wouldn't help with the work, "I'm sure," she thought, "I have teamed with a jerk."

Now, the moral of this story, it's true and it's sad: "Don't ever mess around with a deadbeat dad!"

Mr. Burchett reports that he penned this little poem on June 4, 2002, inspired by his 3 year old great-granddaughter, Chrysta Allison Hall. Chrysta, he says, calls woodpeckers "woodpockers." Mr. Burchett resides on Cow Creek.



## Reading with Ronald

From left to right, Cassidy Marie Frasure, Haley Slone, and Andrea Akers all take a minute to pose with one of their favorite guys, "Ronald McDonald." Ronald paid a visit to the Floyd County Public Library's "Summer Reading" program, a program which, under the direction of Emma Shepherd, has brought summer reading pleasure to area children for the past several years. Cassidy, Haley and Andrea have each been enjoying the program since age 2.



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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for

Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0290, which was last issued on October 29, 2001. The application covers an area of approximately 5.47 acres, located 1.20 mile southwest of Amba in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile south from Frog Branch Road's junction with KY 2030, and located 0.45 mile east of Old Spruce Pine School. The latitude is 37° 31'13". The longitude is 82° 39'46".

The bonds now in effect for this permit are a letter of credit and the Kentucky Bond Pool in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$10,000 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, seeding, mulching, and trees planted in April 2002.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 13, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 13, 2002.

Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 13, 2002.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 01-CI-1002 CHARTER ONE CREDIT CORPORATION FKA EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORP. ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE BROKER SERVICES PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES E. CONN, JR., DEANNA CONN, COUNTY OF FLOYD, UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, AND PHAEDRA SPRADLIN DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th of June, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$75,960.87, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 8th day of August, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 2255 Mare Creek Road, Floyd County, Stanville, Kentucky 41659, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Charles E. Conn, Jr., and Deanna Conn, his wife, from Dean Tolzman and Sarah Tolzman, his wife, by deed dated December 23, 1993, of record in Deed Book 373, Page 348, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land situated on the south side of Mare Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is particularly described as follows:

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The City of Prestonsburg is accepting lump sum bids to construct a new bridge over Bull Creek, at Haywood Drive. Project specs can be picked up at City Hall, or mailed upon request. The deadline for bids will be 4:00 p.m., on August 16, 2002. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time

of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Phillip Q. Ratliff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA 525 Vine Street, Suite 1020 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Bidding Documents may be examined at the following place: Reed Engineering Co., Inc., 259 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Bidding Documents may be obtained upon a non-refundable deposit of \$70.00 per set, cash or check, made payable to REED Engineering Co., Inc. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. A one hundred (100) percent Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and /or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual. All prospective Bidders must attend a mandatory Pre-bid meeting scheduled for August 7, 2002, 10:00 a.m. local time, at the construction site. Failure to have a company representative at the Pre-bid meeting will result in rejection of bid. Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied themselves as to the extent of the work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding process. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the owner.

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requirements, and program description, may be obtained by calling the housing office at (606) 285-3833, and requesting the packet.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO PERMIT NUMBER 836-0257

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase II bond release on increments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, on Permit Number 836-0257, which was last issued on 4/26/99. The application covers an area of approximately 296.8 acres, located 1.5 mile east of Wayland, in Floyd and Knott counties.

(2) The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of KY 1086 and KY 7, at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37° 25' 50". The longitude is 82° 46' 00".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$40,900. Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$70,800 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in February 1998, for Increment 1; April 1997, for Increment 4; September 1997, for Increment 5; September 1997, for Increment 6; November 1997, for Increment 7; and February 1998, for Increment 8.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 23, 2002.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., September 23, 2002, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 20, 2002.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 880-5156, Major Revision No. 10

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Pontiki Coal, LLC, HC 67, Box 615, Pilgrim, Kentucky 41231, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 7.2 miles Southwest of Pilgrim, Kentucky in Martin, Pike, and Floyd Counties. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area. The major revision will underlie an additional 325.28 acres making a total area of 18,642.28 acres within the revised permit boundary.

(2) The proposed major revision area is approximately 4.0 miles Northwest from State Road 194 junction with State Road 2061 and located 2.5 miles Southwest of Heenon, Kentucky and located at McCoy and Still Branches of Brushy Fork.

(3) The proposed major revision is located on the Thomas USGS 7 - 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by Irene Blackburn, Floyd and Deborah Blackburn, Elster and Fay Blackburn, Billy Gene and Justine Maynard, and Diana Lowe.

The bond now in effect for Increment 6 is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 3 9 , 5 0 0 . Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$95,600 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 7 is a surety bond in the amount of \$17,600. Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$59,300 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 8 is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 2 , 6 0 0 . Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$22,400 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in February 1998, for Increment 1; April 1997, for Increment 4; September 1997, for Increment 5; September 1997, for Increment 6; November 1997, for Increment 7; and February 1998, for Increment 8.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 23, 2002.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., September 23, 2002, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 20, 2002.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5312, which was last issued on February 4, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 5.99 acres, located 2.66 miles northwest of Gethel in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.3 mile south from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located on Chazander Branch of Little Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 29'15". The longitude is 82° 41'00".

The bond now in effect for this permit is the Kentucky Bond Pool in the amount of fifteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$15,100.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$15,100 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, seeding, mulching, and trees planted in April 2002.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director,

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5423, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 3.1 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The amendment will add 50.15 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 20.05 acres making a total area of 3,299.19 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area begins at the intersection of KY Route 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road, and is located along Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Boone and Brenda Frasure Heirs, Levi Blankenship, Samuel Hamilton, Levisa Fork, LLC et al., Anthony Mullins, Della Vance Estate, and Willie & Opal Moore. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Boone and Brenda Frasure Heirs, Levi Blankenship, Samuel Hamilton, Levisa Fork, LLC et al., Anthony Mullins, Della Vance Estate, and Willie and Opal Moore.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00423 FAMILY BANK, FSB PLAINTIFF VS. MARGIE MAYNARD, MICHAEL VANASCO, AND BRENDA COLLINS VANASCO DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Partial Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 15th day of July, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above

styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,761.33, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the line of William McKenzie; thence in an easterly direction approximately 80 feet to a stake; thence in a southerly direction in a straight line approximately 160 feet to a stake and the property line of Sam George; thence in a westerly direction approximately 80 feet in a straight line to a stake at the line of William McKenzie; thence in a northerly direction with the line of William McKenzie approximately 160 feet to the stake at the beginning, being a lot approximately 80 x 100 feet.

Being the same property conveyed to Brenda Collins Vanasco by Margie Maynard, by deed dated February 14, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 444, Page 435, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its

first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 01-CI-00289 JUNIOR HACKWORTH AND MABLE HACKWORTH, ET AL PLAINTIFFS VS. AARON HACKWORTH, ET AL DEFENDANTS**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th of July, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, to determine the divisibility of said property, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following property lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on the \_\_\_\_\_ fork of Middle Creek in the County of Floyd and State of Kentucky, and bounded as follows, to wit: beginning on a cucumber tree standing on the bank of the school house branch about 60 yards from the creek thence running up the hill to the point and then running with the point to the top of the ridge thence with the ridge to Sam \_\_\_\_\_ line and with Same \_\_\_\_\_ line across the head of the branch to the top of the ridge to George Stone's line thence down the ridge with the said Stone's line to the beginning so as to include all the land owned by the parties of the first part on the school house branch.

Being the same property conveyed to Charley Hackworth from Anthony Hackworth and Rebecca Hackworth by deed dated March 26, 1913, and recorded in deed book 50, page 506, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Charley Hackworth, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 18, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Maxie Gullett, recorded in Deed Book 466, page 57, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Maxie Hackworth, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 20, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Herman Hackworth, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 28, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Rosie Hackworth, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 30, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Roxie Risner, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 32, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Further Reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Thurman Hackworth, recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 34, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further Reference is made to the Affidavit of Descent of Maxine Gullett, recorded in Deed Book 466, page 57, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the successful bidder is a current undivided property owner, the said party is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the said party, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-00088 CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC, F/K/A CENTEX HOME EQUITY CORPORATION PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**ROBERT HOOD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT HOOD; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON BEHALF OF F. MICHAEL HAYDEN, SECRETARY OF REVENUE DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF**

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 15th day of July, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$37,837.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2002, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more commonly known as 281 Shopfork Street, Wheelwright, Kentucky 41669, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract One  
Lot No. 239 as delineated on the subdivision plat or survey prepared by Richard E. Martin and filed in Map Drawer 348A in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk;

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Hood and Saralena Hood from Kentucky Housing Corporation, by deed dated May 13, 1989, and recorded in deed book 247, page 704, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Tract Two  
That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of Otter Creek, a tributary of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particular described as follows: Hall Hollow, Lot No. 281, as delineated on the Subdivision plat or survey of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as prepared by Richard E. Martin and filed in Map Drawer 348A in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Hood and Saralena Hood from First Guaranty National Bank by deed dated May 5, 1988, and recorded in deed book 319, page 138, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Hood, by Deed dated October 7, 1997, being of record in Deed book 411, page 570, in the

Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

**TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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