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briefs

Fiscal court discusses liquor tax money

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

At a special-called meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Monday, the first reading of an ordinance relating to the annual budget with the imposition of the regulatory license fee on the sale of alcoholic beverages was held.

The amendment stipulates that the expenditure accounts for the Alcohol Beverage Control Office be increased for governmental purposes.

The meeting also included cash transfers, the adoption of Cheyenne Road located at Bear Hollow into the county road system, and payment to aquaponics vendors for the county.

Correction

In the July 3 issue it was printed that the Floyd County Rescue Squad would ignite the fireworks as usual and that was incorrect. The fireworks will be set off by the Prestonsburg Fire Department, who have almost always done so.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



Sunny

High: 88 • Low: 61

Tomorrow



Mostly sunny

High: 96 • Low: 63

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Police seize thousands in illegal fireworks

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As a result of an incident involving the explosion of illegal fireworks at Archer Park on Monday, fireworks valuing approximately \$10,000 were confiscated from flea markets and vendors throughout the city of Prestonsburg.

According to Prestonsburg Fire Marshall Larry Adams, three young men had gone to a local flea market and pur-

chased illegal fireworks. He said that they deposited one in a plastic trashcan at Archer Park on Monday, and when it was set off the explosion shattered the bottom of the can, sending debris flying through the air.

Adams said he was shaken by the idea that the can could have had glass in the bottom and when he thought about the damage that could have occurred, he decided to take the illegal fireworks off the market before

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Prestonsburg Fire Marshall Larry Adams, left, Chuck Davis, of Kentucky Motor Vehicle Enforcement, and Lt. Gerald Clark, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, had confiscated nearly \$10,000 in illegal fireworks from flea markets and vendors in the city of Prestonsburg Wednesday afternoon.

photo by Loretta Blackburn



Will Burke, left, and Steve Parker, both of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, were wiring the grand finale for the fireworks display Wednesday.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Annual fireworks display a mixture of work and play for firefighters

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It took careful planning, over \$15,000, and five-to-six days of hard work for the Prestonsburg Fire Department to prepare the fireworks display that gave approximately 30 minutes of "oohs and ahhs" to the city of Prestonsburg last night.

Firefighter Tim Johnson said the department started preparing for the event on Monday, at which time they mowed the grass and measured for the set-up that would take place on the

mountain across from Archer Park. On Tuesday they dug 3-foot holes and set the steel mortars that would hold the fireworks.

Johnson said that this year Mike Taylor, of Taylor Metal Roofing and on Siding, donated the Bobcat that was used to dig the holes, after the department learned that their usual rented machine was unavailable.

On Wednesday the department was setting up for the grand finale and wiring for the larger holes, after the water, resulting from a thunderstorm on Tuesday, was pumped from the holes. After Wednesday, the area was

"off-limits", said Johnson, because keying up a radio could set the fireworks off.

According to Johnson, the shells were actually brought on the hill Thursday, at which time someone "babysat" them until they were ignited. He said they also set up the command center and planned who did what jobs during the event.

Johnson said that when shooting the smaller holes, 4-, 5- and 6-inch mortars, three men were required for each size. He said that a can man, who

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P'burg man arrested for sex abuse, sodomy

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man was arrested Monday and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual abuse along with two counts of sodomy.

Ronald T. Ratliff, 28, of Prestonsburg, allegedly committed sexual abuse when he subjected a juvenile to sexual contact.

The 6-foot, 300-pound Ratliff allegedly committed the acts with an 11-year-old female relative.

Ratliff is being held on a \$25,000 cash bond with the preliminary hearing for the case scheduled for July 8.



Ronald Ratliff

Floodwaters strike Eastern Kentucky again

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLEMING-NEON - Heavy rains sent flood waters raging through this Eastern Kentucky town and some outlying areas, damaging homes, closing businesses and coating city hall in mud.

"I don't have any accurate numbers on homes and businesses damaged," said Paul Miles, director of Letcher County Emergency Services. "It hit just about every building on Main Street."

The small town's only physician, Dr. Brenda Baker, spent Wednesday cleaning mud and water out of her office in hopes of reopening on Monday. Across the street, workers in the Family Drug Store planned to open Friday on an emergency basis.

Some residents blame the severe flooding that has

(See FLOOD, page six)

VA clinic marks year of improvements

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Primary Care Veterans Affairs Clinic is attempting to better serve the veterans of Eastern Kentucky by expanding education, channeling communication, and utilizing the newest technology, in an attempt to better serve those who have previously served America, according to officials at the clinic.

The Primary Care Clinic, located in Suite 8 of the Riverview Professional Suites on Route 321 in Floyd County, is an offshoot of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in

Huntington, W.Va., and has been here since 1991. However, Deborah L. Brammer, public affairs officer, says that the clinic has had many improvements since Dena Patton, Prestonsburg, took a position as clinic manager.

Patton was a clinic manager in the emergency department at Highlands Regional Medical Center for 21 years before going to the clinic on July 31, 2001.

Patton said she became a nurse in 1980 after graduating from Prestonsburg Community College and later went to Bellarmine, in Louisville, for her master's degree.

One of the most prized improvements

for the clinic is the telemedicine system, which clinic staff say is a technological plus for Eastern Kentucky as well as the clinic.

According to Dr. Baher Alhomsy, a native of Syria, the new digital imaging system allows him to see an x-ray taken in Huntington within 10 minutes after the x-ray is taken. Dr. Alhomsy said the VA clinic is the only health facility in the area with the advanced technology.

Patton noted that all patient records are also computerized, which makes them



Dena Patton

more accessible and readable.

Dr. Alhomsy was enthusiastic about the fact that the technological advancements made it possible for him to diagnose more quickly and accurately. Dr. Amjad Kaf-Alghazal, also a native of Syria, said that recently CT scans had become available for downloading.

Dr. Kaf-Alghazal expressed patriotism in reference to himself and Dr. Alhomsy by saying,

"We are Americans originally from Syria."

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Inez man sentenced for robbing W.Va. bank

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A Kentucky man who admitted taking more than \$13,000 from a Wayne County bank will spend more than eight years in prison.

Steven Ray Meeks, 46, of Inez, had pleaded guilty in April to robbing the Community Trust Bank in Fort Gay on Jan. 10.

U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin sentenced Meeks on Monday to eight years and nine months in a federal prison.

Meeks was arrested in Inez about a week after the robbery on public intoxication and disorderly conduct charges. Martin County sheriff deputies then contacted Wayne County officials saying Meeks matched the description of the bank robber.

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■ **LEXINGTON** - A Kentucky couple has decided to forgo the traditional walk down the aisle for a sprint down Main Street.

Tim Bailey and Wendy Cegielski planned to get married Thursday at a downtown park during a short ceremony about 45 minutes into a 10k race.

The newlyweds - clad in modified nuptial attire - will then finish the 26th Bluegrass 10,000 arm-in-arm before departing on their honeymoon - at a Costa Rican adventure camp.

"I always thought traditional weddings were stuffy and too expensive anyway," said Cegielski, 26, a high school teacher. "I wanted something I could remember."

Bailey, 44, is a teacher and cross-country coach who has run in every Bluegrass 10,000 - the last seven dressed as a superhero.

He competed as The Silver Surfer last year and has donned Captain America, Spider-Man and Space Ghost costumes in previous years. In fact, it's the costumes that led Cegielski to notice him.

"I saw this guy dressed up as Spider-Man, and I thought, 'Who is that crazy guy, and why is he dressed up?'" she said. "When I met him, I thought it was ironic that he was the guy I remembered."

"We started running together, and one thing led to another," Bailey said.

■ **SOUTH FORK, Pa.** - A 29-year-old man is accused of bringing his two young sons along while he tried to steal a cash box from a neighbor's house.

Shawn E. Popish was charged with burglary, criminal trespass and corruption of minors.

Popish was seen June 25 trying to pilfer the box from the house, about 65 miles east of Pittsburgh, authorities said.

The homeowner, Robert Fresch, told authorities he came home and found Popish's sons - ages 4 and 6 - waiting for their father, said borough police Officer Michael H. Popma.

Popish said he was stopping a burglary, not committing one.

"He said he observed an individual go into the house and he was trying to be a good neighbor," Popma told The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown. "It's very unlikely."

Popish was jailed on \$25,000 bond. The boys were turned over to their mother.

■ **DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.**

- A 4-month-old goat with a curious birthmark has fans of the late racing star Dale Earnhardt flocking to a north Florida farm.

The brown Nubian goat, named Lil' Dale, was born with a distinctive white three - Earnhardt's number - on her right side.

"It's weird," said her owner, Jerry Pierson. "I've seen people take pictures and get tears in their eyes."

"One woman said, 'Man, she gives me chills,'" Pierson said.

Although she was born on a meat and dairy farm in Interlachen, about 50 miles south of Jacksonville, Pierson says Lil' Dale likely has a career in advertising.

"How couldn't she be something to NASCAR or auto racing?" Pierson asked. "All you have to do is put an oilcan in

front of her and it'll sell."

■ **BREMEN, Ind.** - The T-shirt said: "Fugitive, You never saw me." The man wearing it wished police hadn't.

Christopher J. Antus was arrested Monday during a routine traffic stop while sporting the bright orange shirt.

"Well, I guess you are going to have to come with me," state police Trooper Jerrod Patty said.

Antus asked why.

Patty pointed to the T-shirt: "Well, your shirt says you're a fugitive."

The trooper learned that the shirt Antus was wearing was no joke.

Antus, 24, was wanted on an arrest warrant charging him with failure to appear in court, a felony in northern Indiana's Marshall County.

Antus was jailed without bond Tuesday.

After merger, Louisville becomes 16th largest city

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE - Louisville's expected growth spurt - courtesy of merger with Jefferson County - apparently will be even larger than predicted.

Come Jan. 6, Louisville should shoot up 51 spots to become the nation's 16th-largest city, leaving in its wake Baltimore (17th), Memphis (18th), Boston (20th), Seattle (23rd), Denver (24th) and Lexington (65th).

Local officials say they will

tell the U.S. Census Bureau they want to include the 142,556 residents in Jefferson County's 83 suburban cities in Louisville's population.

If that happens - and local officials are confident it will - Louisville will rocket to No. 16 among the nation's largest cities, with 693,604 people.

"We will be one community, and we ought to be counted that way," said County Attorney Irv Maze, who will make the official recommendation.

Local officials say the city's loftier status should improve outsiders' image of Louisville, or at least let them know that the city exists.

And that, they predict, should pay off economically.

The move from 67th to 16th "would certainly be a very important asset in any effort to attract new businesses," Mayor Dave Armstrong said.

Being one of the country's largest cities "puts us on more radar screens," said Mike Bosc, spokesman for Greater Louisville Inc., the local chamber of commerce, which has lobbied the Census Bureau to include the suburban cities in the population.

Even with its elevated standing, Louisville likely won't be mistaken for a metropolis. The Louisville metropolitan area - which includes Jefferson, Oldham and Bullitt counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Scott counties in Southern Indiana - consists of 1,025,598 people, according to

the latest census.

That places Louisville no higher than 50th among the nation's metro areas. Nashville, Tenn., with 1.2 million in its metro area, ranks 39th; and the St. Louis metro area, with 2.6 million, is 18th.

But Louisville-area leaders say the bigger, the better.

That's why they continued to lobby to include suburban-city residents even after the Census Bureau's regional office said they likely would be excluded.

The rationale, federal officials said, is that an incorporated city usually isn't counted as part of the population of a larger area.

But the Census Bureau in Washington never made that position official, said Bill Dakan, the University of Louisville geographer who mapped Louisville's new Metro Council districts.

On June 12, the Census Bureau sent Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler a letter asking him how Louisville-Jefferson County's population should be counted.

The bureau went to Chandler because it's up to a state's attorney general to decide how the state's residents will be counted by the census, said Dorothy Stroz, a supervisor in the Census Bureau's geography section in Washington.

Chandler deferred to Maze because he is Jefferson

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State property tax rate declines again

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - As it has annually since 1979, the state tax rate on real property will be lower this year.

The Revenue Cabinet said Monday that the rate will be 13.5 cents per \$100 assessed value, down from 13.6 cents last year.

The General Assembly in 1979 set a ceiling on property tax collections of no more than 4 percent annually. Because the value of property generally rises each year, the tax rate has declined to keep within the cap.

When the cap was established in 1979, the state tax rate

was 27.9 cents per \$100 assessment.

Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton said the total real property assessment this tax year was about \$151 billion, up from \$143 billion in 2001.

The rate is applied to assessments on real property effective Jan. 1. Real property is also subject to tax rates imposed by other taxing districts, which do not operate under the same ceiling.

Property taxes used to be the largest source of revenue for the state, but now amount to only about 6 percent of total receipts of more than \$7 billion.

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OLW, schools team up to provide 'Respect'

Our Lady of the Way Hospital and the following schools, Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary, Allen Central Middle School and McDowell Elementary, collaborated to provide the "Respect" program for 58 young ladies this past spring. The Respect program continues to grow and is one of the more celebrated programs conducted by the Community Health Education Department of Our Lady of the Way Hospital. The program is designed for sixth and seventh grade females and is conducted as a nine-week course with emphasis on abstinence, building and/or fostering self-confidence, self-esteem, motivation and setting/achieving goals. "Baby Think it Over" dolls are used to help provide a realistic situation in a simulated manner. Over 500 young ladies

have completed the Respect program since its inception. "The Respect program continues to be a highlight of our department. We continually look for ways to improve all of our programs to build a healthier community," said Neva Francis, Respect program facilitator. Each year, two seniors from each of the four Floyd County high schools, who are graduates of the Respect program, will be selected for a scholarship through the Varia Family Foundation, to be used for the purchase of books for their first year of college or technical school. Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a not-for-profit facility and a member of the Catholic Health Initiatives with headquarters in Denver, Colorado.



Adams Middle School



Allen Central Middle School



Allen Elementary School



McDowell Elementary School

Merger

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County's legal expert on merger, Maze decided that since suburban-city residents will vote for Metro mayor and council, pay Metro taxes and must obey Metro laws, they should be counted as Metro residents. And when Maze - and

Chandler - officially notify the Census Bureau to include the suburban cities in the merged count, the bureau will comply, Stroz said. "We do what the state attorney general tells us to do," she said.

Marriage Licenses

Ashley Nicole Walker, 23, to Douglas Scott Keathley, 23, both of Dana.
Amanda Lynn Craft, 18, to Adam Lee Bradford, 19, both of David.
Sabrina Marie Deboard, 30, to Scott Nicholas Bentley, 30, both of North Carolina.
Michelle Anne Kellogg, 26, of Louisiana, to Jackson Dudley Latta, 27, of Prestonsburg.
Tiffany Chere Conn, 21, to Shawn Edward Rose, 29, both of

Harold.
Amy Marie Hickman, 23, to Paul Edward Akers, 27, both of Indiana.
Marlena Crystal Hudson, 21, to James Nickolas Clay, 17, both of Prestonsburg.
Kimberly Renee Martin, 37, to Gerardo Ramos Castro, 30, both of Martin.
Marcia Hall, 25, to Robert Flannery, 43, both of Martin.
Angelia Calhoun, 34, of Prestonsburg to Wesley Brian Boyd, 30, of Dana.
Jennifer Lynn Collins, 27, of Prestonsburg to Craig Wells Tucker, 31, of East Point.

Frankie Lawson Case, 74, to Payton Akers, 78, both of Harold.
Civil Suits Filed
Remit Corporation vs. Carl Woods and Melissa Woods; debt collection.
Jessica Johnson vs. Jesse L. Greene; compensation for injuries.
Juanita Branham vs. Troy Lee Branham; divorce.
Ralph Bryant vs. Crystal Garrett; compensation for injuries.
Dennis W. Ousley vs. Kisha L. Collins; compensation for injuries.
David Hunt vs. Cathy Maye Hunt; divorce.
Barbara Ann Amburgey vs. Jerry Amburgey; divorce.
Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and Sally M. Slone vs. Chester E. Slone; petition for health care insurance.
The Bank of New York vs.

Marilyn Hall, Vernon Hall, unknown defendant, and Ford Motor Credit Company; debt collection.
Brian R. Johnson vs. Melissa R. Johnson; divorce.
Belinda Hall vs. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and the McGuire Insurance Agency; medical expenses and compensation.
Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Debra Niece; debt collection.
Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and Teresia Bentley vs. Ronnie V. Bentley; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Red's Furniture and Pawn Shop vs. Esta Donaldson; debt collection.
U.S. Bank vs. Michael D. Spradlin, Linda Spradlin and First Commonwealth Bank; property mortgage.
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Buckhorn Lake fouled by tons of garbage and debris

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCKHORN - With some apprehension, Claude Abner unhitched his jet ski on Buckhorn Lake and idled through a narrow corridor lined on both sides with floating oil drums, car tires, appliances, logs and tons of household litter. Abner, a local resident who grew up around the Eastern Kentucky lake, knows the danger involved. "The driftwood is the worst," he said. "You can rip the motor off your boat on that stuff, or knock a hole in your boat. You have to be careful because there's driftwood all over the lake."

Tourists are complaining that garbage and debris washed into Buckhorn Lake by flooding earlier in the year is not only unsightly, but also have made the remote reservoir unsafe for boating and swimming. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been unable to hire a contractor to remove the tons of trash that washed into the lake during two floods last spring, said lake manager Bernice Amburgey. The Corps of Engineers spends from \$20,000 to \$50,000 a year to remove trash that floats into Buckhorn from ditches and illegal dumps in Harlan, Leslie and Perry counties. Amburgey said the trash will likely remain on the 1,120-acre lake through the summer tourism season. Meanwhile, she said the agency will continue the search for a contractor willing to take on the job of removing the trash and debris from the lake that draws about 200,000 visitors a year.

Amburgey said trash removal companies haven't shown any interest in the contract because the lake is remote and because it is a relatively small reservoir. That has left a four-person maintenance crew busy keeping a lane clear for boats to get to and from the ramp at the lake's dam. David Gau of Jackson tugged on a rope to guide a Bayliner through the debris onto a docking ramp on Tuesday. "It's pretty bad all over the lake," he said. "You hit that stuff, you tear up your boat." Park Ranger Dewayne Shouse stood at the dam explaining to Jonathan and

Debbie Robinson of Winchester how the litter accumulated on the lake. "More than anything, we've had a lot of bad luck and a lot of bad weather this year," he said. "We've been without a contractor since December and have

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Our View

Editorial roundup

The News-Press, Fort Myers, Fla., on school vouchers:

Now the debate over school vouchers can move to where it belongs - in state elections, courts and legislatures.

Ruling on the constitutionality of a voucher program in Cleveland, the U.S. Supreme Court said that tax dollars can be used to pay tuition at religious schools when parents have a genuine and wide choice between public and private alternatives.

... Removing that fundamental constitutional impediment to school vouchers frees states to hash out vouchers without the threat - or hope - that the high court would suddenly terminate the whole issue.

We believe a modest voucher program, giving parents options when their public school has failed them, can improve public education.

... We like Florida's school voucher system precisely because it is a modest one, clearly designed to stimulate improvement in the public schools, not drain them of money or replace them. ...

So far, relatively few schools have failed badly enough to qualify their students for vouchers. Last month nearly 9,000 students at 10 Florida public schools ... became eligible.

... Religious schools are turned to in desperation by a small number of parents whose children have been failed by the public schools.

Supporting that move with tax dollars promotes religion only insignificantly and incidentally.

The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss., on WorldCom:

The news last week that WorldCom hid \$3.8 billion in expenses is prompting a "get tough" attitude by the government and companies are coming forward on their own.

Xerox Corp., for example, announced Friday that it improperly recorded billions of dollars more revenue in the past five years than the Securities and Exchange Commission had earlier estimated when the SEC took enforcement action against the company this spring. ...

President Bush now promises that the Justice Department will "hold people accountable" for mismanaging their companies and plans to address it in a speech July 9. ...

All this activity is encouraging, sending a message that corporate accountability is a top government priority.

But it also exposes what can be seen as a record of lax enforcement. The SEC has been sitting on an investigation of Halliburton Co. for its accounting practices in 1998, when Vice President Dick Cheney was its chief executive.

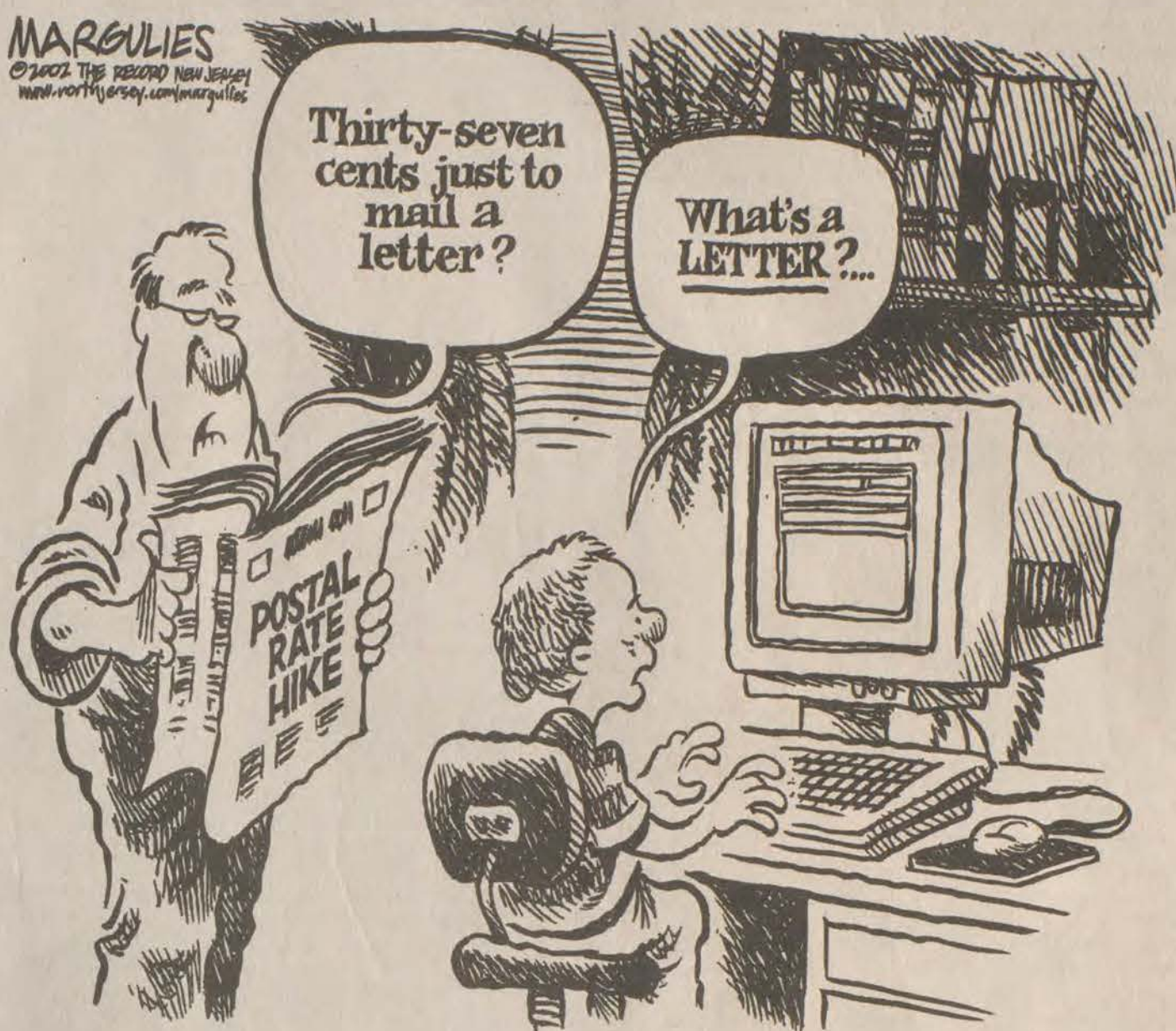
The Enron accounting debacle not only occurred under Bush's watch but while former Enron staff were (and are) serving in high Bush administration positions. ...

WorldCom must stand alone for its actions and must be held accountable for them. But investigation and enforcement should be broad based.

Rigorous enforcement of trading laws and accounting rules should deter wrongdoing, especially if those caught find swift, sure punishment.

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In the moment

You give what you can

A friend and I were discussing the theory that cats bring their owner the wildlife they catch as a token of their affection. Since my friend has three cats and lives on a mountain, he is always finding gifts of mice, birds, frogs, baby turkeys and even baby squirrels, displayed on his porch.

One day he was cleaning up one of these hard earned gifts, which I'm sure is an unpleasant task for him, when he referred to the theory that we had previously discussed and said, "I guess you give what you can."

That was a memorable moment of clarity for me. And after reflecting on the statement for some time, I thought about how people are always complaining about not getting enough or failing to get

what they need and blaming it on the person that they have designated as the one responsible for it. People get divorced all the time with the excuse that they were not getting what they wanted or needed. These same people go through long, nasty legal battles while they are seething with anger over the "wrong" that they have suffered.

Oftentimes the wrong was not really an intentional misdeed, but rather it was a failure to meet an expectation set by their partner.

A person has a set of ideas about how they should be treated, what they should give and get, and how they are to be related to. When someone fails to meet these standards, we get ticked off because "don't you know, they were supposed to," and then we blame the person who "didn't quite cut it." We forget that we can't always get what we want from an individual and all the trying in the

world will not change it.

After going through an experience similar to the one that I have described, I realized that people are not going to do what I want them to because I say so or even plead with them to do so. They are going to be who they are and give what they can, if they choose to do that.

I learned that it is unfair for me to ask anyone to give anymore than they are capable of giving, because if they can't give me what I am looking for, then all the trying in the world will not change that. If I don't think a person can give me what I need, then I need to not blame them, but look elsewhere for someone who can. After all, it is my responsibility to take care of me. Therefore, it is my responsibility to choose the people to help me do that.

If a person is giving all that they can, then regardless of the circumstances, that is enough.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

Church thanks those who helped

We, the Spurlock Old Regular Baptist Church, would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to everyone who has helped in any way toward our endeavor of purchasing new church furnishings.

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We would also like to thank each and everyone who bought a ticket or stopped by to buy a breakfast or to buy our baked goods or an item at our yard sale. We realize and understand that the kindness in your heart is of the Lord.

Once again, we say thanks. We invite everyone to come visit with us. May the Lord bless.

The Spurlock Old Regular Baptist Church
Johnny G. Stumbo, clerk
Prestonsburg

Credit reporting agencies unfair

I don't know about the rest of you, but I assume many of you have had the same experiences I have had with creditors and credit reporting agencies like Transunion, CBI, Equifax and others.

There's lots of rules and regulations on the books that allow creditors to hound, harass and hunt down those who owe, but what about the rights of the working man who has busted his butt to pay off his creditors?

I, like many others, was young and foolish once. I admit, I did not do a great job handling money. I also went through a divorce, which does wonders for anyone's finances. But, I repeat, but, I worked hard and paid off all my debts in full. I lived up to my agreements with creditors, who unfortunately did not live up to theirs.

After my divorce, I was stuck with many bills, including those run up by my ex-wife after the divorce. Like a man should, I wanted my ex and my kids to have a decent life, so I took on the family's debts by myself. I worked with Consumer Credit Counseling and in 1998 paid off every loan, credit card and debt that I owed or knew about to the

tune of over \$10,000. During this same time, I kept the payments up on the home I lived in, paid for her vehicle and provided \$1,000 a month in child support as well as health insurance.

I cut up my credit cards and they were paid off in full in August 1998, if memory serves me. Yet today, despite being paid off as agreed in full, my credit report shows many of these old debts as charge-offs and uncollected debts. You tell me how in the name of heaven can you pay a debt in full to a zero balance, including interest and penalties, and say that account is a charge-off or uncollected? The simple answer is you can't!

To report nationwide that I or any of you did not pay a debt when it was fully paid four years ago is not only unethical, unfair and dishonest, it is damaging to one's reputation. I have never in my life taken on a debt that I did not pay. Sure, like anyone else, I've had problems and have been late occasionally, but as a Christian, working man, I am honest enough to do my best and take care of all that I owe. I am certainly no deadbeat and do not deserve to be treated as such.

I've written letters to these credit card companies and gotten responses back

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At the Movies:

"Men in Black II"

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

With "Men in Black II," as with its predecessor, clothes make the movie.

Both films work passably well not so much for their overload of creature effects but for those dark suits and sunglasses, suitable uniforms for the cool comic charisma of Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.

The story is no great shakes, the jokes certainly aren't out of this world, and the visuals are nothing beyond what you'll find in umpteen other effects-driven flicks.

So it's got to be the duds and the dudes.

The aura of "Men in Black" is akin to that of "The Blues Brothers," which owed its success not to the world's biggest car crashes but the idea of John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd running around in black suits and glasses and copping an attitude.

The computer effects, alien puppets and other visual trappings are bigger and better in "Men in Black II" than in the original, but the film still lives and dies in the relationship between the wisecracking Agent Jay (Smith) and the surly Agent Kay (Jones).

Director Barry Sonnenfeld, returning for the sequel, does not mess with that winning combination, so count on an enjoyable dose of more of the same from Smith and Jones (with the added attraction of Jones going postal in a mailman's dorky shirt and shorts for his early scenes, an image almost worth the price of admission by itself).

The movie picks up five years after the original, with Jay now the hotshot agent in the secret government unit that polices alien life on Earth. Kay, his memory obliterated after his retirement in the first movie, grumpily supervises a rural postal facility, unaware of his past career as an alien buster.

But MIB boss Zed (Rip Torn), realizing one of Kay's past close encounters holds the key to a new alien menace, dispatches Jay to bring back his old

ie that comes to Earth disguised as a Victoria's Secret model (Lara Flynn Boyle) to hunt for an alien artifact she can use to destroy a rival planet.

loose narrative thread, so it doesn't really hurt that the plot is undercooked.

What fun there is to be had comes in watching Jay and Kay go through the old motions, zapping things with their elephantine ray guns, wiping memories with their little "neuralizers," and hamming it up with old associates. Tony Shalhoub returns as Jeebs, the pawnshop owner with the renewable head, while the filmmakers wisely expand the presence of the amusing alien Worm Guys and especially Frank the talking pug (voiced by Tim Blaney), who steals every scene he's in.

Newcomers are led by Rosario Dawson as Laura Vasquez, a witness to Serleena's shenanigans who proves so charming and attractive that the lovelorn Jay cannot bring himself to follow protocol and neuralize her memory.

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"Men in Black II," released by Sony's Columbia Pictures, is rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor. Running time: 88 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

partner and restore his memory. The danger comes from Serleena, a shape-shifting beast-

The story never gels much beyond that, but no matter. This is a film of gags hanging along a

Natural Bridge offers variety of activities

by DOROTHY ABERNATHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SLADE - An assortment of leaves was scattered on a picnic table at Natural Bridge State Park - oak, maple, elm, sycamore, sassafras, poplar and magnolia leaves, freshly picked by a park naturalist.

A small group of children drew forward expectantly, waiting for their cue.

"Red oak," said the naturalist. For a moment, there was hesitation. Then an arm shot forward, and a tow-headed 7-year-old (my son Glenn) slapped his

hand onto a leaf. "No," the naturalist said, "but you're thinking along the right lines. This is a red maple."

This variation of slapjack is the type of scene that repeats itself daily at state parks around the country. And for good reason. Federal and state governments own much of the most interesting and scenic land in the United States. Park officials, as the guardians of these lands, make a point of teaching visitors about the nation's treasures and how to preserve them.

My husband, Duncan, and I decided that a back-to-nature trip would be a relaxing vacation for city dwellers like ourselves, Glenn and our daughters, 10-year-old Maureen and 5-year-old Ellen.

We chose Kentucky's Natural Bridge State Park because it was more-or-less on our way to a family reunion in Ohio. Aside from the location, we knew little about this park. We found it on the Kentucky State Parks Web site and discovered that it had a lodge. That was important to us because we aren't campers, and we like a certain amount of comfort.

The park is about 50 miles

southeast of Lexington and just a few miles outside of Slade, a small town where you can buy groceries, gasoline and other basic items.

As we drove up to the lodge, we initially were underwhelmed. From our approach, Hemlock Lodge looked like any motel. Then it becomes apparent that this structure is built into a mountain, near the top. At the

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Hollywood's in a family way with wealth of kid-friendly films

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES - The family that pays together has really caught Hollywood's eye.

It's prime time for the family film, with studios putting more resources into wholesome fare, recognizing the value of movies that can take in four or five admissions at once when parents turn out with the entire brood.

Starting with "Scooby-Doo" in mid-June, Hollywood will have delivered at least one G- or PG-rated film for nine straight weekends through early August, an unusually long streak even in the family-minded summer season.

"I notice there's some really fun stuff coming out, and these family films seem to be doing well," said Geena Davis, who returns as the perky matriarch in "Stuart Little 2," with Michael J. Fox again providing the voice of the spunky rodent. "I think studios are getting it now. It seems they're developing more family films because they've realized families are always looking for movies they can go see together."

Joining "Stuart Little 2" and recent animated releases "Lilo & Stitch" and "Hey Arnold! The Movie" are "Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams," with the pint-size agents facing rival kid spies; "Like Mike," featuring teenage hip-hop star Bow Wow as an orphan who becomes a pro basketball sensation after he's given sneakers he believes are Michael Jordan's hand-me-downs; and "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course," a fictionalized big-screen adaptation of the Aussie wildlife TV show.

Also, "The Country Bears," with Christopher Walken and the voice of Haley Joel Osment in the reunion story of an "all-bear" rock band; Dana Carvey's "The Master

of Disguise," about a sweet-natured waiter who uses his mimicry skills to rescue his kidnapped dad; and "The Powerpuff Girls Movie," adapted from the TV car-

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Fireworks

opens the can for the loader, was chosen for each size and that is a favored job of the older men since they got to stand in one place.

The loader position, on the other hand, is usually given to

the rookies because it requires the person to continuously move from the can to the mortar where he deposits the next shell. The shooter lights the shell after it is deposited.

The larger holes, 8-, 10- and

12-inch, and the grand finale, are set off by a switchboard that is controlled by Johnson. He said that he would stand at a spot that would allow him to see everyone working in the area, as well as the mortars, which are

angled to avoid trees and give every area of Prestonsburg a view. Johnson said that each shell is wired to the board and after depositing each shell into the 5-and-a-half-foot mortar, Darrell Sparks, who is in charge

of the area, would attach a light to each mortar to show that he was a safe distance away.

Johnson said the Prestonsburg Fire Department has been igniting the city's Independence Day fireworks for

over 20 years, minus a couple of years when the city contracted the event in an attempt to cut costs. Johnson said that this year's fireworks doubled the

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Clinic

Patton said she worked with veterans and considered their requests when making changes within the clinic. One of the new services requested, tailored for the working veteran, was a late clinic that is available every other Thursday. Patton said the waiting time for regularly scheduled patients has decreased from 96 minutes to 43 minutes since October, and they still manage to see walk-ins, who are at an advantage when they call ahead before coming.

The clinic has also hired a third doctor, Dr. Zaher Iskandrami, which helps decrease the patients' wait time.

Patton said the clinic places a huge emphasis on prevention and

education. Each patient is screened upon arrival and given oral and written information pertaining to any diagnosis they receive. Patton said the clinic pharmacy could offer patients education on medicine that was previously unavailable when they were mailed to the veteran.

The clinic can deal with emergency situations with the same technology and training as any hospital emergency room. They have screening procedures for several diseases, including diabetes, of which Patton said Eastern Kentucky has a higher rate per capita than anywhere in the nation.

Brammer said the Department of Veterans Affairs is expert on

post-traumatic stress disorder since the ailment was first discovered in veterans. The clinic has a group that meets four times a week to deal with PTSD.

Another way that the clinic is encouraging communication is through the establishment of a Veterans Advocacy Council, in which members from veteran service groups, such as VFW, are invited to talk about the issues and concerns of local veterans. Brammer said the purpose of the council is to provide an open forum for communication.

Brammer said that according to the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Health Care Facilities, VA hospitals and clinics set the standards for everyone else. She said that an evaluation done in the Huntington hospital, the Floyd County clinic, and the Charleston clinic, and the commission found that the facilities were number one in timeliness, patient safety and quality. Brammer said the VA facilities received a high score of 98, which was unheard of.

According to Patton, the

Department of Veterans Affairs is dedicated to a united show of appreciation to American veterans by providing them with the best possible health care. She encourages all veterans to enroll into the system whether they come to the clinic or not.

Patton said that she had always wanted to be a nurse and since a lot of childhood illnesses brought her into contact with nurses, they were her role model. She says that she appreciates all patients, but she has found that veteran patients are special because they return appreciation and respect.

"I have comparative knowledge and they are special," says Patton.

A way that Patton is showing appreciation for veterans is through the "Wall of Honor" for which she is requesting photos. The wall is located in the clinic for all visitors to see.

In reference to her choice to take the clinic manager's position, Patton said, "I'm glad I came and I love it."

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As of May the clinic had 3,000 unique patients and Patton says they are "hoping to get the word out" that they can offer veterans expert care and will focus on what they need and try to do that for them.

To sum up the stated goal of

the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Primary Clinic in the words of General Omar N. Bradley, U.S. Army VA Administrator, 1945-1947, "We are dealing with veterans, not procedures, with their problems not ours."

Seized

something more serious happened.

"At least somebody in Prestonsburg did something before that happened," said Adams.

Adams, Lt. Gerald Clark and Mike Omerod, director of public safety, both of the Prestonsburg Police Department, Chuck Davis, of Kentucky Motor Vehicle Enforcement, and Stan Farler, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, had confiscated illegal fireworks with a street value of nearly \$10,000 as of Wednesday afternoon.

Adams said the vendors lacked valid permits and were cited for it, but a permit would not have allowed them to sell the confiscated class C fireworks anyway since they are illegal in Kentucky. He pointed out that a lot of people see fireworks sales as a way to "get rich quick" and they go to Ohio where it is legal to purchase these types of fireworks and they bring them to Kentucky.

"It is a big-money thing," said Adams.

Adams said he was motivated to do something before someone lost a hand, an eye or a life.

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Flood

plagued the region in recent years on surface mining operations to remove coal from the mountains. In some instances, companies have removed entire mountaintops, leaving a treeless landscape that speeds the runoff of rainwater into valleys below.

Geneva Bentley, owner of Bentley's Discount Store, said the bare mountains had to contribute to the severity of the flooding.

"It came so fast," she said. "I know it didn't rain enough to do this if the mountains hadn't been mined."

Three to 4 inches of rain fell along a 20-mile stretch along northern Letcher County and southern Pike County late Tuesday, temporarily closing roads and damaging many homes.

Laura Plumb, a spokeswoman for TECO Coal Co., said the flooding can't be blamed on mining. TECO operates a large surface mine near the community of McRoberts, which also was hard hit by the surging waters.

"The flooding was widespread, and covered land that was mined and land that was not mined," she said. "The reality is there is a huge elevation drop in that area, and these types of things do happen with a rain like

this."

Some residents worried that mountainside ponds mining companies use to catch silt from mining operations might have filled with water and ruptured, causing the flood, said Sletta Yonts of McRoberts. That didn't happen.

Yonts, the postmaster in McRoberts, delivered mail by handing it out the backdoor to patrons. Mud and water inside the small post office made it unsafe to walk inside.

"The mail must go through," Yonts said. "We're not going to let a flood stop us."

Mark York, a spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, said no silt ponds failed anywhere in eastern Kentucky during the storms.

"We've had people in the air and on the ground," he said. "So far, we haven't found any slides or breaches of ponds."

"A lot of people want to blame TECO, and obviously, they contributed to the flood," said Tootie Seals, owner of several Fleming-Neon businesses that were damaged. "As fast and hard as the rain came down, it would have flooded without TECO up there."

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Family

toon about three kindergarten superheroes.

The crowded market means more family films competing for the same audience, but one of Hollywood's guiding principles is that moviegoing begets more moviegoing.

"I don't think there's any competition whatsoever," said Steve Irwin, who essentially plays himself in the movie version of "Crocodile Hunter," with a make-believe spy caper built around him and a rogue reptile. "These movies are all very different, and I think the more choices people have, the more they will go to the movies."

"It might help everybody if the choices are there and people get in the habit of going to movies every Friday night with the whole family. Successful movies are never a bad thing, unless you have to open up against them," said "Like Mike" director John Schultz, whose movie squares off against the debut of "Men in Black II" over the Fourth of July.

"The nice thing is a lot of people are going to go for 'Men in Black,' and if theaters are sold out, they'll hopefully go see our movie."

The summer lineup follows a healthy roster of family fare over the last year, among them "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Shrek," "Monsters, Inc.," "Ice Age," "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "Dr. Dolittle 2," "The Princess Diaries," "The Rookie" and "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron."

This year brought the return of two family favorites, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and "Beauty and the Beast," in new versions with added scenes.

Even this year's biggest moneymakers, "Spider-Man" and "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones," have strong family appeal beyond their core audience of action fans.

"It's a great idea to think that

when families want to see things together now, there are films available that everyone can watch that don't have any controversial subject matter, so they can attend as a family unit," said Robert Holguin, acting president of the Academy of Family Films and Television.

The fall and holiday season brings "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," the first sequel to 2001's biggest hit, along with the animated "The Wild Thornberrys Movie," adapted from the TV cartoon.

Also, Disney and its Miramax subsidiary have a wealth of family offerings late this year: Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause 2"; the animated sci-fi adventure "Treasure Planet"; a live-action "Pinocchio" with Roberto Benigni; "Tuck Everlasting," with Sissy Spacek, Ben Kingsley and William Hurt in the tale of a girl who stumbles on a fountain of youth; "Pokemon 4Ever," the latest in the cartoon series; and the return of "The Lion King," coming to IMAX and other large-format theaters.

"The Lion King" and other successes during the animation revival of the 1990s helped invigorate family films, but there have been boom-and-bust cycles since then. The steady crop of family movies could evaporate as quickly as it appeared.

"I've been an animator for 15, 20 years now, and I've certainly seen the cycles. If we're seeing almost too many family films, it probably could mean in a couple of years that there are fewer," said Craig Bartlett, creator of the "Hey Arnold!" TV series and co-writer of the movie adaptation. "But if these films continue to do well and make lots of money, studios hopefully will continue to jump on the trend."

The success of some recent family films has hinged on studios' willingness to spare no expense on sets, cast, visual effects and story development. While

many family films still are made comparatively cheaply, top-of-the-line projects such as "Harry Potter," "Stuart Little" or "Monsters, Inc." can cost \$100 million or more, budgets in line with huge action thrillers.

"You can't just slap a family moniker on it and therefore people will come. Family audiences are even more discerning than the specialty audiences in terms of what is, in fact, good," said Richard Cook, Disney studio chairman. "If you do it correctly, if it's the right title and story, if it's good, then you really can hit a home run."

Hollywood tends toward movies with R and PG-13 ratings. Annual surveys by box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations found that R or PG-13 movies accounted for about 85 percent of rated movies released in the last four years.

In 2001, 29 G- or PG-rated films were released, combining to gross \$1.65 billion, according to Exhibitor Relations. This year, there will have been about 30 films rated G or PG released just by end of summer.

With only half the year gone, G- and PG-rated films already have rung up \$1.1 billion in ticket sales.

Assuming the "Stuart Little" and "Spy Kids" sequels match the revenue of their predecessors and that there's a breakout hit or two among the other films, this year's G- and PG-rated films could match or exceed last year's entire haul by summer's end, with "Harry Potter" and the rest of the holiday slate still to come.

"You cannot underestimate the power of that family audience. When the films are there, they really turn out," said Paul Dergarabedian, Exhibitor Relations president. "When the whole family goes to the theater together, that might be five tickets sold at one time. Plus all the popcorn."

Letters

that they would correct the matter. To date, nothing has changed. My wife and I make some \$75,000 a year together, yet we can't buy a car, get a decent mortgage or borrow money because our credit report is mostly incorrect and my efforts have done little to rectify the situation.

Should not banks, credit card companies and other institutions be held accountable and liable for correctly reporting a debt and its payment? White-trash pillheads on the check can buy a new car and get a loan, but I am quickly shown the door because institutions have not done their job. They got their money as promised, as I am a many of my word. Yet, they did not keep their word. Once again, the little man gets screwed!

I tried to borrow a small amount of money to help my

honor student son get a used car and was turned down four places due to a false credit report showing several thousand dollars owed or charged off that was fully paid four years ago!

Wouldn't it be fair and just if all of us in my predicament got together and filed a class-action lawsuit against the banks and credit reporting institutions for their unethical behavior? There's hundreds of folks in the hills who have stiffed every creditor they had for many times more than I ever owed, driving fancy cars, residing in fine homes and living the life of Riley. It's time our legislators force the banks and credit reporting agencies to do what is right and honest by correcting reporting debts and the payments thereof.

Charles Scoville
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Record

Small Claims

Filings

Triple M Credit vs. Kenny and Pamela Mullins; debt collection.

Direct Merchants Credit Card Bank vs. Perry Johnson; debt collection.

Appalachian Wireless vs. Jerry Jarvis; debt collection.

Appalachian Wireless vs. Tom Marsillett; debt collection.

Appalachian Wireless vs. Donald Quillen; debt collection.

Appalachian Wireless vs. James C. Ousley; debt collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Eddie Rose; debt collection.

Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Deborah S. McCoy; debt collection.

Community Trust Bank vs. Jeremy Johnson; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Rick Johnson, age unlisted, Betsy Layne, second-degree forgery.

John Murphy, age unlisted, Langley, theft by unlawful taking.

John D. Osborne, 33, Paintsville, theft by unlawful taking.

David Fitch, 54, Martin, no appropriate fire extinguisher.

Jim Webb, 37, Prestonsburg, failure to display current valid sticker.

Rodney Thompson, 18, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

John Vanderpool, age unlisted, Huesville, harboring a vicious animal.

Zelda Bentley, age unlisted, Wayland, harassment/no physical contact.

Jackie Lee Perry, 42, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful.

Jennifer Kirk, age unlisted, Allen, harassment/no physical contact.

Barbara Hancock, 51, Printer, menacing.

Bonnie T. Rose, 32, Wayland, theft by unlawful taking.

Ronnie Bentley, 36, Huesville, fourth-degree assault.

Joey Howell, 26, McDowell, third-degree criminal mischief.

Hank Johnson, 44, Weeksbury, terroristic threatening, menacing.

Dana Waddles, 45, Prestonsburg, theft by failure to make required disposition.

Glen D. Spears, 24, Harold, alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcohol beverage.

Danny Bentley, 20, Harold, alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcohol beverage.

Jessica S. Jervis, 27, Prestonsburg, conspiracy to commit second-degree escape.

Ralph Roop, 60, Grethel, theft by deception.

Melissa Ann Smith, 27, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Natasha L. Spencer, 21, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Thomas Lamb, 38, McDowell, failure to display registration number.

Phyllis A. Jarrell, 34, Langley, harassment.

Jim Webb, 37, Prestonsburg, failure to display current valid sticker.

Virgil Cross, 25, Prestonsburg, criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking.

Melissa Ann Smith, 28, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Billy J. Osborne, 36, Hi-Hat, fourth-degree assault.

Tommy Brown, 24, Langley, menacing.

Corry L. Jacobs, 28, Garrett, probation violation.

TY Jervis, 25, East Point, possession of marijuana and escape.

Elizabeth Hall, 34, Hi-Hat, wanton endangerment.

Lisa W. Vanover, 25, Printer, criminal trespassing.

David Wells, 27, Van Lear, failure to operate boat at idle

speed.

Cledus Ousley, 46, Printer, flagrant non-support.

Ronald T. Ratliff, 28, Prestonsburg, first-degree sex abuse, sodomy.

Toney Newsome, 26, Grethel, theft by deception.

Derek Hall, 22, Melvin, terroristic threatening.

Sayra Click, 23, Langley, fourth-degree assault, harassment.

Property

Transfers

Kevin Eugene Davis and Susan R. Davis to the Knott-Floyd Land Company, Inc., property located on the right fork of Beaver Creek.

Emma Wells, Larry Wells, Robert Jervis, Misty Jervis, and Mark Jervis to Earl Jervis, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

Don Pack and Angela Pack to Branch Banking and Trust Company, property location not listed.

Brinie Branham to Cleve Stephens and Joy Stephens, property location not listed.

James A. Morris, Mabel Morris, Vivian Ousley, Curtis Ousley, Patrick Morris, and Carol Morris to James Michael Griffith and Treva Griffith, property located on Bush Creek.

William Barry Click, Deborah Click, Clifford Keith Hicks, and Glema Hicks to Rodney Hicks and Jeanie Hicks, property location not listed.

Keith Campbell and Nancy Campbell to Lucreasie Reed, property located on Abbott Creek.

Jeff Howell and Phena Howell to Douglas Hunter and Rebecca Hunter, property located on Nick Branch of Branham Creek.

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Clois D. Hamilton and Judy Hamilton to Madgie Hamilton, property location not listed.

Goldie Adkins, Gerdell Hall, James Hall, Phillip Adkins, Earl Adkins, Sally Adkins, Greg Hall, Clara Hall, George Adkins, Wendell Newman, Mary Newman, Victor Thacker and Patty Thacker to Michael Adkins, property located on Branham Creek.

Beatrice Combs to Brenda Carol Horne, property location not listed.

Tara Lynn Hopson to William Hagans Jr. and Debra Hagans, property location not listed.

Darvin Scutchfield, Jr., Priscilla Scutchfield, Josephine Herald, Billie Herald, Julia Tussey, Frank Tussey, William Scutchfield, and Vivian Scutchfield to Grays Real Estate LLC, property located on Main Bull Creek.

Lois Howell to John Schmoltd and Susan Schmoltd, property located in Harold.

Flora Akers to the Department of Highways, property located on the west side of Big Mud Creek.

Steven G. Dawson and Alicia Dawson to Steven G. Dawson, property located on Frazier's Creek and main left Beaver Creek.

Jack Caldwell to Barbara Caldwell, property located on Rough and Tough Fork of Middle Creek.

Walker Hamilton to Andy Boyd and Ardena Boyd, property location not listed.

Board of Education of Floyd County to Marcus Tackett, property located on Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

Board of Education of Floyd County to Naelclam LLC, property located in Harold.

Hamey Hamilton to Teddy Stone and Diana Stone, property located on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

Bridge

swimming pool along the edge of a lake. Tree-covered mountains rise in the background. It's an impressive site.

Our double room overlooked that same scene. The lodge was solidly constructed in 1963 and has been maintained well. But it is spartan. Our room contained two double beds, a chest of drawers and a table with two chairs. There was no room for a cot for our third child, so the kids took turns sleeping on the floor in a sleeping bag. (They didn't mind that at all.) There was no shampoo and no hair dryer, fortunately we had packed both.

The best feature of the room undoubtedly was the balcony, which was about 20 feet from the middle of a large oak tree. We could see small, orange flowers on the hillside below, and of course, the pool and lake. The balcony was deeper than most hotel balconies I've seen (about 8 feet) and had two comfortable wrought iron chairs and a table. My husband and I enjoyed sitting here, reading, watching the birds and occasionally dozing. I couldn't

help but think how beautiful this must be in October.

We decided to sleep at night with the curtains wide open, thinking it would be a treat to awaken each morning to a great view. And so it was, although not in the way we expected. Each night a cloud would settle onto the hillside, and we would awaken at 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. with a misty, white glow outside the window. All we could see very well at this time of day was the oak tree. During the next hour or two the cloud would thin and ultimately lift.

The only advantage of staying at the lodge over staying in one of the park's cabins was the convenience of the dining room. We ate several meals there. The most popular offerings for lunch and dinner were on the buffet, which offers home cooking with a southern flair. We were able to introduce our kids to some excellent fried catfish and fried chicken livers and some fried okra that could have been crisper. Did I mention that the food was fried?

Well, for the health-conscious, the buffet also included a large salad bar and two homemade soups daily. There were also several desserts. The advantage of the buffet over the kids' menu (sandwiches and fries) was that we were able to entice our children into eating some fruits and vegetables.

Altogether, the lodge and three meals for five in the dining room cost about \$200 a day.

The best parts of this trip without a doubt were the programs. It started our first evening with a bluegrass concert at the park's Activities Center, about a three-minute, level walk from the lodge. The band, Brushfire, gave us a good dose of central Appalachian culture with quick picking on guitar, banjo, violin and base. It was a relaxed atmosphere. When our kids started to get restless, I took them to the back of the room to dance.

The next morning we joined other park visitors and naturalist Wilson Francis for a hike up to the namesake Natural Bridge. We only had to walk about half a mile, but a lot of it was uphill. Francis stopped frequently to identify trees, rocks and other features of the landscape. About midway up he noted that the strata was loaded with seashells, demonstrating that this area was once under sea.

The adults found Francis' comments interesting and were happy to have an opportunity to stop periodically to enjoy the scenery and recover from the uphill climb. Our 10-year-old initially listened but pretty quickly became bored. Maureen pushed forward with our other two kids, forcing me to speed up to keep up with them. Periodically I would manage to get them to wait long enough for the tour to catch up, and then the kids would hurry again.

About half way up, our 5-year-old started complaining about being thirsty, and we kicked ourselves for not bringing any water. Soon after, Ellen lamented that she was "out of walk."

Finally, about an hour after we started this journey, we could see Natural Bridge above us. The stone arch, which is 65 feet tall and 75 feet wide, was created during many thousands of years by the freezing and thawing of water absorbed into sandstone. It was impressive and beautiful. At this

point even the kids felt like their tortuously slow hike was worthwhile.

The tour ended at the bottom of the arch. A stair through an extremely narrow passageway led to the top. My husband's fear of heights wouldn't allow him to step onto the arch. I made the trip across three times, once with each of our kids. The view was fabulous.

We headed down on our own on the "Balanced Rock Trail," which was slightly longer than the "Original Trail" we took up. We were glad we chose this route because we were able to see the "balanced rock," which looks like a large boulder on a pedestal. We also entered the mouth of a wide cave. It was refreshing on this hot July day. The air was as cool as in a refrigerator.

The Balanced Rock Trail was a rougher walk than the original trail. Smooth rocks on the path often were wet and slippery. (My son fell twice and needed several Band Aids, which unfortunately we didn't have with us.) There also was poison ivy encroaching onto the path in many places.

Natural Bridge is among dozens of natural arches in this region. When we asked later about taking another marked trail to Henson Arch, a park employee advised against it. He told us that the path hasn't been maintained well and would have even more poison ivy. So we didn't venture out onto any other trails.

Our second evening we were back at the Activity Center for a live reptile show put on by an employee from the Kentucky Reptile Zoo, located a few miles from the park. All of us were excited to be 10 feet away from uncaged, poisonous snakes. We sat in the front row and were careful not to make any sudden, sharp movements that might attract a snake's attention. We felt very brave. The presenter was knowledgeable and answered dozens of questions from the audience.

Our trip also included the tree walk with its variation of slapjack and a craft called "Cherokee Leaf Printing." We had to drive to nearby Stanton (12 miles) to buy the kids some white, cotton shirts for this activity. A park naturalist explained that the pigment that colors leaves is a dye that can be used to color clothing. He noted that non-waxy leaves work best and pointed out some particular plants that readily give up their color.

We selected leaves and flowers and went to work. Our 5- and 7-year-old children needed a lot of assistance, but our 10-year-old daughter was able to handle this task on her own. The process involved putting waxed paper inside the shirt, a leaf (bottom side down) on top of the shirt and another piece of waxed paper on top of that. Then you pound the leaf (or flower) with a hammer until the pigment is transferred to the shirt. It was fun for all of us, and the kids thought it was simply magical. At the end, the naturalist soaked each shirt in a mixture of ashes and water to "fix" the dye. All the kids wore their shirts later in the week.

Although the park's programs and scenery were by far the best attractions of Natural Bridge State Park, the kids also enjoyed the very unusual pool there. To me it looked like a stretched amoeba. My husband thought it looked like a long, skinny number 3. The far end of the pool starts at ground

level and gently and gradually gets deeper. This part of the pool contains two geyser-like fountains that run all the time. There are also two fountains and a shower right in the baby pool. The swimming pool itself only reaches 4 feet deep. This makes the pool safer for non-swimmers, but it ultimately gets a little boring for good swimmers like ourselves and our two older kids. The pool has no slide or diving board.

One thing to note about the pool is the difference in elevation from the lodge. That occurred to us as we parked the car that first day.

"How in the world are we going to get down there?" my husband asked.

"How in the world are we going to get back up?" I thought.

There are 197 stair steps - that's 197 - from the ground floor of the lodge to the pool. The climb was so daunting that we made the trip just once each day. If we forgot something, we did without.

At the lake next to the pool are pedal boats that you can rent for \$8 for half an hour, \$11 for an hour. We found that half an hour was more than plenty. Glenn quickly became tired of pedaling. Maureen ultimately gave up and turned her pedals over to me. This was one activity all of us could have skipped.

An event we saved for our final day at the park was the sky ride back to Natural Bridge. The kids and I managed to squeeze into a single car for the 10-minute ride to a short path leading back to Natural Bridge.

This path was much more level than the ones we had hiked earlier. Unfortunately, we were unable to see the stone arch from the sky ride, itself. But the kids had a great time riding up and down the mountain slopes.

There were no events scheduled at the Activity Center our third night, so we took our kids to their first drive-in movie, in Stanton. It occurred to my husband and me that we hadn't been to a drive-in during the 17 years we've been together. The night was cool and clear, and the sky was full of stars. It was a trip back in time for us - back to days long before we met when we were living in different parts of the country. In the South and in the Midwest, the tradition was the same. Pop some corn, pack the kids into the station wagon and go to the drive-in. Our kids may not have appreciated the nostalgia, but they thought it was absolutely cool to sit outside and watch a movie.

We wouldn't have known about this drive-in if we hadn't driven to Stanton to buy the T-shirts and passed the place en route. The park didn't offer much information about events and activities in the region.

But the park itself seems to have events scheduled most days and evenings. Cave tours are offered for kids 6 and under. There are frequent concerts, and there's a traditional Appalachian square dance on Hoedown Island (near the pool and lake) on Friday nights.

We packed up early our final

morning and left the lodge, eager to make one more stop before leaving the region. We had decided to visit Fort Boonesborough, the fort that explorer Daniel Boone helped establish when Kentucky was a frontier. Duncan and I both remembered the old TV show about Daniel Boone and therefore were interested in making this stop. Of our three children, only Maureen had a vague notion of who Boone was.

The fort was about an hour's drive from Natural Bridge State Park, and it was well worth the trip. The fort today is set up along the lines of Colonial Williamsburg - a working fort with men and women demonstrating the labors and crafts of the time. There was a blacksmith, a candle maker, a soap maker and a weaver. A woman slow-cooked round steak outdoors to make beef jerky. We saw a rather elaborate indoor kitchen and heard how it operated.

We also learned about three young women kidnapped from the fort in the mid-1700s and how Boone and others in the fort saved them. The 15-minute film about Boone was exciting and held everyone's interest, but it was a one-sided story that seemed overly critical of the Indians.

All in all, our trip to Kentucky was a good one. The geography was as interesting as it was beautiful. The fort made us feel a bit like we were experiencing history.

Fouled

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been unable to get another."

The Corps of Engineers hires contractors to clean up the lakes it operates across eastern Kentucky. All were deluged with refuse in flooding during March and April.

Crews have cleaned up all other Corps lakes, including the one that's usually hardest hit - Fishtrap in Pike County. The federal agency spends about \$100,000 a year to remove trash that floats into that reservoir.

The Corps of Engineers uses a \$377,000 trash-collecting boat to skim floating garbage and debris off the surface of Fishtrap.

"If people wouldn't throw trash out, it wouldn't be here," said Shouse, standing on the banks of the lake in an area where trash is so thick that it actually hides the water's surface. "It's an eyesore to us, too. We don't like to see this either."

And we all got a taste of central Appalachia, a region known for its music, its food and its landscape.

Obituaries

Flem Wesley (Bud) Burchett



Flem Wesley (Bud) Burchett, 73, of Maple Heights, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died June 5 following a battle with lung cancer.

Born Oct. 16, 1928, to John S. and Virginia (Harvel) Burchett at Endicott, Bud grew up in the Cow Creek area. Bud married Joann Kendrick on January 2, 1948, and they had two children, Donald Ray and Norma Sue.

Bud began to work for Ford Motor Co. in 1956, and worked for 41 years, retiring in November of 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Virginia (Harvel) Burchett; son, Donald Ray; and sisters Pauline and Josephine.

Bud is survived by Joann, his wife of 54 years; daughter, Norma Sue (Bart) Adkins, of Ohio; grandchildren, Bart Jr. (Kathy), Amy (Jim) Matthews, and Debbie (Bob) Collins, all of Ohio. There are three great-grandchildren, Jacob, Damon, and Eric Adkins. He is also survived by siblings, Walter, Millard, Jack, and Lucille, of Indiana; and Pearl, of Ohio.

Services were held June 10, at Kindrich McHugh Funeral Home in Solon and Bud was laid to rest at Restland Cemetery in Bainbridge Twp., Ohio.

Fireworks

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amount from last year and the shells alone cost over \$15,000. He said the show was expected to last for approximately 32 minutes.

Though staff is limited due to layoffs, the 24 people it takes to pull off the event will be available, thanks to four volunteers from the Floyd County Rescue Squad, who Johnson said will be the rookies this year.

"We love doing this," said Johnson. "This is the most fun we have all year."

Nonetheless, Johnson said that on Thursday evening, plans called for all involved to meet together at 7 p.m. and for Lt. Ronnie Burke to lead them in prayer. After that, everything was serious business.

Johnson said that one misfire could kill someone and that Burke holds the record for getting blown over the hill by a misfire. He said that everyone wears hard hats, along with ear and eye protection.

"It is the most invigorating 30 minutes of your life," said Johnson.

He said that the high adrenaline level, the continuous running and the cheers from the city leaves him with a feeling that is indescribable.

Cleanup begins today, when mortars are uprooted, taken off the hill and cleaned before they are stored away for next year. Johnson said that misfired shells have to be disposed of properly for safety.

While the Prestonsburg Fire Department is going through this busy week, they are still required to respond to any call that the limited staff at the station can't handle.

He told of an amusing situation on Tuesday, when he was called to respond to a situation at Rite Aid just after coming off the hill. He said that he had to go dressed he was and told people, "Please don't be offended, this is not my normal attire."

Black

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Dawson, who has quietly built up a list of impressive credits in mediocre studio films ("Josie and the Pussycats") and little-seen independent projects ("Chelsea Walls"), holds her own against Smith and Jones in her first chance to shine in a really big film for a really big audience. With good dramatic credits behind her and an endearing comic touch here, Dawson is one to watch down the road.

Johnny Knoxville brings slapstick relief as Serleena's two-headed, half-witted henchman. Patrick Warburton adds mild humor in a brief scene as Jay's newest unfit partner.

A handful of cameos also provide some chuckles (be alert for a hilarious bit involving a certain "Agent M"). Unfortunately for Martha Stewart, her quick TV appearances throughout the movie will draw more laughs and snorts than intended considering her insider-trading dilemma.

"Men in Black II," released by Sony's Columbia Pictures, is rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor. Running time: 88 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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Fantasy vs. Reality

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

When is a fantasy not a fantasy? When it comes to sports.

Fantasy, or rotisserie, sports have become part of every sports fan's vocabulary.

In the last 10 years, these games surrounding the games have taken over, sometimes meaning more to sports fans

than the goings on in the clubhouse of their very favorite team.

If you don't own a fantasy team (or 12), you probably know someone who does.

When I first got involved with fantasy sports, it was a football league with a group of locals who enjoyed just competing with each other. In fact, that was the appeal: Get together with your buddies and compete. Yes, there's usually (minimal) money on the table, but ask anyone why they start involving themselves in fantasy land, and they'll tell you it's all about the bragging rights.

Our league, the Big Sandy Football League, is still going. I, however, left it last

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Auto racing

Half Mountain Speedway opening tonight.. with a bang

by JAMES TRIMBLE
HMS TRACK WRITER

After months of preparation Half Mountain Speedway is ready to throw the first green flag of the season. Half Mountain will host two exciting nights of racing tonight and Saturday at the 4/10th-mile 100-foot wide speed plant located in Royalton.

Tonight, Half Mountain Speedway will host the first annual Modified Shootout paying the winner of the feature \$3,000 and the top three position will all earn over \$1,000 and drivers that make it through the heats and consolation races and are lucky enough to make the feature are guaranteed \$100 for starting the feature, all totaled the payout for the Modified race alone is well over \$10,000.

According to many drivers and fans that follow Modified racing this is one of the best payouts they have seen in a long time and should draw several Modifieds from the surrounding area and the neighboring states, Half Mountain officials have been in contact with drivers as far away as Panama City, Fla. who is planning on making the trip for the weekend's action, then on Saturday night, the Modifieds will be back in action running for a regular purse that will see the feature winner walk away with \$1,000 bringing the total for

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LITTLE LEAGUE

HAP 9&10s fall to Martin Co.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The Harold-Allen-Prater Little League 9&10-year-old All-Stars struck first Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough as they dropped a 4-2 contest to the Martin County 9&10 All-Stars.

Jason Case put HAP and the game's first run on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the second inning when Jason Case, after reaching base on a walk, scored.

Martin County then avenged the HAP score quickly. In the next at-bat in the top of the third inning Martin County plated two runs to get a lead which it would gain and keep for good.

Tylor Todd singled and scored in the inning for Martin County. So did Tyler Lafferty. The fifth-place hitter in the Martin County batting order, Lafferty reached base on an error and scored for the second and

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Prestonsburg drops game to Martin County

TOP: Josh Rodebaugh (25) got out of the way of a high pitch thrown by Martin County hurler Brady Horn.

BOTTOM: A Martin County runner was called safe as Prestonsburg pitcher Chris Schoolcraft (11) covered the plate Tuesday night during a game. The game, which was delayed because of lightning in the area, was called after five innings with Martin County coming out on top. photos by Steve LeMaster

Travis Welch



photo by Steve LeMaster

Logan Crowder pitched Beaver Creek to a win over Prestonsburg on Tuesday night. Beaver Creek (1-1) moved on in the tournament, while Prestonsburg (0-2) was eliminated.



BASKETBALL

Hall heads 15th Region players chosen for All-Star contest



■ Hall

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - An All-Star basketball game consisting of

six seniors-to-be in the 15th Region and six in the 16th Region will combine forces to battle similar company in the 13th and 14th Regions on July 13 at Pikeville College.

Shelby Valley coach Rodney Rowe is one of the coaches for the boys' All-Star team. Included on the squad is South Floyd senior-to-be Mike Hall. Justin Woods of Johnson Central and Adam Rice of Paintsville made the team that was voted on by coaches. Other players from the 15th

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HORSE SHOW

Prestonsburg trainer conquers N.C. State Show

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - The Southeast Region Rocky Mountain Club held the North Carolina State Championship in the spacious Western North Carolina Agriculture Center located in Asheville, N.C.

The show provided over 40 individual classes offering a full lineup of juvenile, amateur and open as well as the five Championship classes. The

weather was hot and so was the competition.

The classes were full as expected and the many spectators participated in all the excitement.

Show management, ring officials and support personnel worked hard to provide the participants a quality show with great facilities and tough competition.

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■ Sue Wells

GOLF

Hayes wins division in AAU tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - The Kentucky AAU Golf Tournament, held in Prospect on June 17, proved to be very successful for one Floyd County golfer. Colby Hayes, Teaberry, captured first-place in the 12-and-under division. Marshall Leis and John Murphy, both of Louisville, placed second and third, respectively.

The trio of Kentucky golfers now qualify for the AAU National

(See HAYES, page six)



■ Hayes

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Caudill confident in Morriss, new staff

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Prestonsburg High School alumnus Jeremy Caudill feels current University of Kentucky head football coach Guy Morriss has the SEC grid program headed in the right direction. Caudill, who started

at defensive tackle as a true freshman before spending much of last season sidelined by nagging injuries, is expected to start again in the fall. The UK junior and many of his teammates have seen their share of trials and tribulations over the past two seasons.

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■ Caudill

SPORTSBOARD

Briefs

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — A record 62 home runs were hit in the major leagues, breaking the mark of 57 set April 7, 2000.

Raul Ibanez homered twice for Kansas City, making him the record ninth player to hit at least two in a game. The previous mark was eight, on May 19, 1999.

San Francisco's Damon Minor, Tsuyoshi Shinjo and Reggie Sanders each homered twice as the Giants became the 16th team to have three players with multiple homers in a game.

NEW YORK — Atlanta's Andruw Jones and Boston's Johnny Damon won an Internet runoff for the final two spots in next week's All-Star game.

NEW YORK — Mets reliever Mark Corey was awaiting assignment, cleared to resume pitching after completing a series of neurological tests following his seizure last week. Doctors said they thought the pitcher had experienced an anxiety attack.

BOSTON — About two dozen fans were treated for effects of the near-record heat during Boston's 2-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park.

Temperatures in the city reached the mid-90s and climbed to 104 degrees on the field, according to Dr. Michael Foley, who is in charge of first aid at the ballpark.

SOCCER

BRASILIA, Brazil — Nearly 500,000 cheering, flag-waving Brazilians packed the streets of the capital to welcome the national soccer team, which returned as heroes after winning the country's fifth World Cup.

After reaching the presidential palace, the players and coach Luis Felipe Scolari walked up a ceremonial ramp and were embraced, one by one, by President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, who presented them with the National Medal of Honor.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England — Venus Williams swept to another easy straight-set victory, beating Elena Likhovtseva as she moved into the semifinals and closer to her third straight Wimbledon title.

Justina Henin also reached the semis, beating Monica Seles in straight sets, and will face Williams in a rematch of last year's final. Jennifer Capriati made it to the quarterfinals completing a win over 36th-ranked Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

Capriati will face ninth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France for a place in the semifinals.

Xavier Malisse advanced to the quarterfinals by beating Greg Rusedski 6-4 in the final set of a match that had been suspended.

Monday evening at two sets apiece.

WIMBLEDON, England — The women's tennis tour will introduce out-of-competition testing this year for performance-enhancing substances.

WTA Tour spokesman Chris De Maria said the women's tour has not done out-of-competition testing until now because of "budgetary constraints." But he said the tour will conduct testing "the remainder of this year and definitely next year."

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani player has been asked by the country's tennis federation to explain why he teamed up with an Israeli in the men's doubles at Wimbledon.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, a Muslim, joined Amir Hadad, an Israeli Jew, in the Wimbledon qualifying tournament in doubles and won two rounds before getting into the main draw.

TRACK AND FIELD

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Marion Jones won the 100 meters for a fifth straight victory, and Gail Devers overcame a clumsy start to set a stadium record in the 100 hurdles at the Athletissima track meet.

The 35-year-old Devers, unbeaten this season in the event, crossed in 12.40 seconds, shaving off 0.11 from the season's previous best time she set June 23 in Stanford, Calif. She also bettered the Pontaise track record she set two years ago by .10 seconds.

HORSE RACING

BENSALEM, Pa. — Jockey Antonio Pena was hospitalized after he was thrown from his horse in a race at Philadelphia Park.

Pena was said to be semi-comatose immediately after the accident but was later listed in stable condition at Frankford-Torresdale Hospital.

BASKETBALL

SALT LAKE CITY — Margo Dydek of the Utah Starz was suspended without pay for one game by the WNBA for elbowing Ann Wauters of Cleveland in the head Sunday.

CYCLING

GENEVA — World cycling's governing body said it has seen a decrease in the use of the banned hormone EPO, but that new drugs that are harder to detect are replacing it.

The International Cycling Union said there had been a "change in the behavior" of professional riders since introducing blood tests aimed at detecting use of EPO.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 2B Carlos Baerga on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Wayne Gomes from Pawtucket of the International League. Waived LHP Darren Oliver.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated 2B Ricky Gutierrez from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Bill Selby to Buffalo of the International League.

DETROIT TIGERS — Activated RHP Brian Moebler from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Jamie Walker to Toledo of the International League.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated OF Karim Garcia for assignment.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS — Signed RHP Brian Bulger and assigned him to Hudson Valley of the New York-Penn League.

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated OF Carl Everett from the 15-day disabled list.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled C Josh Phelps and RHP Mike Smith from Syracuse of the International League. Optioned RHP Justin Miller to Syracuse. Optioned Smith back down to Syracuse.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Activated RHP Tom Gordon from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Francis Beltran to West Tenn. of the Southern League.

FLORIDA MARLINS — Activated RHP Brad Penny from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Kevin Olsen to Calgary of the PCL.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed LHP Carlos Hernandez on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Scott Linebrink from New Orleans of the PCL.

NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Steve Trachsel on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 1. Recalled RHP Tyler Walker from Norfolk of the International League.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled LHP Hector Marcado from Scranton of the International League. Optioned RHP Doug Niekro to Scranton. Signed RHP Zach Segovia and RHP Scott Mathison.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Purchased the contract of OF Adam Hyzdu from Nashville of the PCL. Assigned OF Adrian Brown outright to Nashville.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed C Ethemias Rentziis.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR Darrin Chiaverini.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Agreed to terms with WR Michael Westbrook on a three-year contract.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Agreed to terms with RB Lamar Gordon on a four-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived DB Otelei Jones and WR Brian Haugabrook.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS — Re-signed D Vitaly Vityayev.

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed LW Martin Gelinas.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Re-signed G Steve Passmore.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed RW Tim Jackman to a multi-year contract.

DALLAS STARS — Signed D Philippe Boucher to a four-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed G Curtis Joseph to a three-year contract.

MINNESOTA WILD — Named Carl Stewart assistant coach for Houston of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Signed D Darius Kasparaitis to a six-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Signed C Ian MacNeil.

PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed Dave Draper, vice president of scouting and player personnel, to a four-year contract extension.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Agreed to terms with G Ed Belfour on a two-year contract.

Soccer

The World Cup: Counting the pluses and minuses for co-hosts

by YURI KAGEYAMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — The World Cup brought good news to some. Digital TV sales, the thirst for beer and a craving for jerseys of blue and red, the team colors for co-hosts Japan and South Korea, all shot up during the monthlong tournament.

The tournament, which ended Sunday, also delivered a bit of economic blues. While sports pubs everywhere and boxed-lunch stores near stadiums were booming, restaurants and travel suffered as nearly everyone turned into a homebody to watch the games on TV.

And a big event comes with a big bill. Security and other World Cup-related expenses at team camp sites are expected to cost local communities millions of dollars. Although the tally is not yet final, the town of Tsuna, the camp site for the English team, is preparing to foot a bill of about \$750,000.

Maintaining Miyagi stadium, where three World Cup games were played, will cost the prefecture \$2.3 million a year. As with other stadiums, prospects for turning profits at Miyagi are slim. Only one professional soccer game is scheduled there this season.

It's too early for a precise count of how the pluses stack up against the minuses for both Japan and South Korea, where tough economic times had stirred hopes for a little help from the World Cup.

On the negative side, ticket distribution problems, which left thousands of empty seats at the games, are still under investigation and have left a sour aftertaste. Attendance at the games totaled 2.7 million, short of the 2.8 million tickets that went on sale.

On the plus side, the World Cup brought international attention to the two nations and delivered an outpouring of energy that could turn into economic growth.

"Hope is critical for demand," said Keiichi Matsumura, economist at Dai-ichi Life Research Institute, a Tokyo think-tank. "Everyone in Japan had been in a conservative mood, but the World Cup teams have taught us we need to take risks."

The World Cup has left both South Korea and Japan in an upbeat mood. No one had expected so much from either underdog. South Korea stunned the world by reaching the semifinals, while Japan made it to the second round in just its second World Cup.

A cautious mindset in Japan has been a major factor prolonging its decade-long slowdown. Consumption has faltered, and companies have been holding back on capital spending.

A psychological lift from the World Cup — the solitary bit of bright news to arrive in a long time — could help wipe out some of the worries and get companies to take up challenges and people to start spending again, Matsumura said.

South Korea found an excellent opportunity to show off its business prowess.

"The biggest impact is the upgrade in our national image and brand power of South Korean companies in the global market," Choi Woo-sook of Samsung Economic Research Institute in Seoul told the business daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun.

The World Cup brought its share of material perks.

In South Korea, sales of digital TVs totaled 28,000 in April, increased to 50,000 in May and are expected to total 80,000 in June. Digital TV sales in Japan quadrupled over the last month from a year ago to 40,000, according to an organization of electronics retailers.

People turning on their TVs surged more than 15 percent at one point to watch Japan's games,

adding 500,000 kilowatts of electricity use at Tokyo Electric Power Co.

In South Korea, sales of local beer jumped 50 percent in June from last year, as people celebrated the national team's success. In Japan, the demand for imported Guinness and Kilkenny beer tripled from last year as pubs got into the World Cup spirit.

Less measurable are the memories. "In these heavily pessimistic times, the World Cup pumped a kindness and vigor into people's hearts," the nationally circulated Asahi newspaper said.

Masaji Suzuki, who watched the games on TV, said he was looking forward to the next World Cup. "The Japanese team fought hard," the 48-year-old store owner recalled. "It was fun. I miss it."

On the Net:
www.worldcup.com
www.soccer.com

Horse racing

Spain retired to Three Chimneys Farm

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Spain, horse racing's all-time female money-winner, has been retired from racing and sent to Three Chimneys Farm to continue her career as a broodmare.

The 5-year-old daughter of 1995 Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch — who competed in her last two races while in foal to popular sire Storm Cat — arrived at the Midway farm Tuesday morning, farm manager Dan Rosenberg said.

"Everyone is excited and honored that she is here," Rosenberg said. "She's a winner. What more can you say about the leading female earner of all time?"

Spain, owned by Saudi Prince Ahmed bin Salman and The Thoroughbred Corp., was bred to Storm Cat a few weeks after her victory in the Grade II Louisville Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs on May 3.

That victory pushed her past Serena's two years ago to become racing's all-time leader in earnings by a female.

She then won the Grade II Fleur De Lis at Churchill Downs on June 15 and finished third Saturday in the Grade II Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup at Monmouth Park before the decision was made to end her racing career.

"I think they took the position that adding on to the (earnings) record is nice, but it really has no significance (on her breeding career) and, God forbid, something would happen to her," trainer D. Wayne Lukas said Tuesday. "There were no more worlds to conquer, it looked like. So they were just comfortable with sending her to the farm."

In 35 career starts, Spain had nine wins, nine seconds, seven thirds and earnings of \$3,540,542. The highlight of her career came two years ago, when she scored a 50-1 upset in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Distaff at Churchill Downs.

She appeared on her way to a second consecutive Distaff win last fall when she opened a two-length lead in the stretch at Belmont Park, but she lost by a head to the stretch-running Unbridled Elaine.

"She had a great career," said Lukas, who received Spain midway through her 3-year-old season. "We'll always think we should have won both Breeders' Cup races."

"It was terrible that we got beat that second time as well as she ran. It was probably one of the best races of her life and she was second."

College

Rigot resigns at Hawaii to accept Kentucky assistant coaching job

by JAYMES SONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — Hawaii assistant basketball coach Scott Rigot has accepted a similar position at Kentucky, reuniting him with coach Tubby Smith, officials announced Tuesday.

Rigot, an assistant at Hawaii since 1999, replaces Mike Sutton, who was hired as the Tennessee Tech coach.

"It was a difficult decision for me and my family because we love Hawaii dearly," he said.

Rigot, 39, resigned from his Hawaii post Tuesday and is expected to fly to Lexington today. Kentucky is scheduled to introduce him Saturday, Hawaii athletic officials said.

He began his coaching career at South Carolina where he was an assistant coach with Smith from 1986-89.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me because I get to work at one of the greatest basketball schools in the country," Rigot said. "I get to be with a good friend who is also a great coach."

Hawaii is coming off two of its most successful seasons in school history. The Rainbow Warriors had their best regular season in 30 years last year, won back-to-back Western Athletic Conference titles and earned consecutive berths in the NCAA Tournament.

Rigot was also praised for his recruiting of international players, including Canadians Carl English and Phil Martin.

"Scott is looking to be a head coach one day and he can advance from Kentucky a little quicker because they're a top five program," Hawaii coach Riley Wallace said. "He'll be missed and we wish him well in his endeavors to try and be a head coach."

Kentucky is one of the premier programs in college basketball with seven national championships, the last in 1998.

Before Hawaii, Rigot spent three years as an assistant at Alabama-Birmingham (1996-99) and six years as coach at Spartanburg Methodist College (1990-96).

Rigot, a native of Pittsburgh, played two seasons at Buffalo (1983-85).

Basketball

Top NBA pick Yao vows to best Shaq

by CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — The NBA's No. 1 draft pick said Thursday he's looking forward to battling with the best in the league — even if he has to adjust to American food along the way.

A day after making basketball history, 7-foot-5 Yao Ming worked out with the Chinese national team and pledged one day to best Shaquille O'Neal.

"He is a mountain in my way," Yao said, referring to the Los Angeles Lakers' own 7-foot star. "I will try to conquer it by all means."

"My first tries may turn out to be failures, but I will continue with others."

Yao was selected by the Houston Rockets as the league's top draft pick in New York on Wednesday night. He was the first foreign-born player who had not played American college ball to be picked No. 1.

"It's a big day. It's a new beginning for me," the 22-year-old Yao said following practice at the China Basketball Association's gym in southern Beijing. The team is preparing for a tournament later this month against Yugoslavia, Italy and Australia.

It was early Thursday morning in Beijing when Yao rose to watch the draft live with his family.

Later in the day he shot free throws and played in a brief scrimmage. Thursday Afternoon, surrounded by reporters, he looked a little abashed and unaccustomed to all the cameras. Admitting he didn't much like being photographed, he answered questions in terse bursts.

Does he like Western food? "So-so."

Is he worried about all the pressure? "I already feel it."

Yao's solid moves and shooting are a rare combination in a player so tall. However, he needs to bulk up and improve his upper body strength to gain advantage under the basket and avoid injuries.

He said he expects adjusting to the NBA will take some time — but that practice is the best form of preparation.

"American basketball has its own unique culture," he said. "I hope I can adapt quickly."

Chinese national coach Wang Fei said Yao will have no problems.

"I think Yao will be a quick learner," Wang told Xinhua, China's national news agency. "His attitude toward the sport is perfect and he is very smart."

Even as Yao hits the NBA, he remains little known at home in a land where soccer is king. In the midst of their obsession with the World Cup, Chinese hardly picked up on the news about Yao on Thursday.

"I've never heard of him," said Li Yulong, a Beijing hardware store clerk, turning quickly to Sunday's soccer championship. "So who do you think will win the final, Germany or Brazil?"

In Yao's native Shanghai, where he plays for the local team, the Sharks, residents were a bit more aware.

Fei Fusheng, 50, browsing in a sporting-goods store in a Shanghai shopping mall and wearing a red Sharks cap, said Yao's departure for the United States would be a loss for Chinese fans.

"But it is definitely good for Yao's personal future," Fei said. "In the long term, his going will also promote the development of basketball in China."

Liu Jianchao, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said Yao's shift to Houston — following moves by the NBA to China's Wang Zhizhi and Menk Bateer — could help smooth often-rocky relations between China and the United States.

"We hope that he will succeed," Liu said. "In my view, their performances can only help enhance mutual understanding between the two countries."

Yao's skills easily qualified him to play in the United States. Approval from the government's official China Basketball Association didn't come as easily, though.

The CBA demanded a guarantee that its star player would be available to play for China's national team when called upon. Word of a final agreement came through only hours before the draft. Days earlier, Yao had separately closed the other part of the deal by reaching a compensation agreement with the Sharks.

It's not clear when Yao will travel to the United States. Yao is training in Beijing with the national team, which will be going to the United States in August for a training camp to prepare for the world championships.

Yao will be only the third Chinese to play in the NBA after Wang, who played two seasons with the Dallas Mavericks, and Bateer, who plays for the Denver Nuggets. Chinese media have dubbed them the "walking Great Wall."

Bateer, also at Thursday's practice, said Yao might be overwhelmed at first by the foreign culture, language and food. But he said Yao would adapt to the game within a year or two.

"Play your hardest, that's the best advice I can give him," Bateer said.

Archery

East Kentucky Archery

WINNERS - IBO 3D Shoot on June 23
(300 Points Possible)

EKA Shoot Results

Open Class
1. Mike Collins
2. Jeff Preston
3. Eric Hall
4. Buzz Allen
5. Tony Hunt
6. Phillip Wells
7. Rick Picklesimer
8. Hiram Hamilton Jr.
9. Danny Akers
10. Bryant Lafferty

Youth Class
1. Chris Hamilton (Youth 13-17)
1. Lailish Potter (Cub 9-12)

Traditional
1. Chris Dale
2. Darrel Parks
3. Rory Patton
4. Chris Fitzpatrick

Super-Shoot
Rick Picklesimer - WINNER
\$26 Pay-Out

Unlimited Class
1. Tim Humble
2. Brian Lowe
3. Blaine Depoy
4. Josh Banks
5. Jerry Bishop

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	52	31	.627	—
Montreal	43	39	.524	8 1/2
Florida	43	40	.516	9
New York	41	41	.500	10 1/2
Philadelphia	37	44	.457	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	44	36	.550	—
Cincinnati	44	38	.537	1
Houston	37	44	.457	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	46	.439	9
Chicago	33	48	.407	11 1/2
Milwaukee	31	52	.373	14 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	31	.627	—
Arizona	48	34	.585	3 1/2
San Francisco	47	35	.573	4 1/2
Colorado	39	45	.464	13 1/2

Bentley

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fall. When Pikeville College added football to its growing roster of sports, I had my own team to concern myself with.

Football pretty well takes up as much time as any two or three other sports, so changes had to be made. Among those were me leaving, kicking and screaming, my friends in the league.

However, I didn't totally give up on fantasy sports or football, for that matter.

My buddy Brad Lockard got Bill Watson and I — for the last year, we have been a team in all of these fantasy adventures — involved in a "pick 'em" league last fall. It was organized through the Web site Yahoo! About a dozen or so of us, most of them in Lockard's family or close circle of friends, participated.

Basically it went like this. Each week you picked who you thought would win each game in the NFL. After that, you gave each game "confidence points."

For example, if 15 games were being played that week, and we were more sure that Cincinnati would beat Cleveland than any other game (ha), we'd put 15 points on it. If we were right, we'd score 15 points on that game.

You'd go on until you get to the game you're least sure of and give it one point. At the end of the week, the computer totals it up, and you have a score.

Of course, most fantasy leagues aren't like that. Most of them involve you having players from any number of teams, and a formula by which you total them and grade them. Lockard also ran one of those for the NBA, which we were involved in.

In it, you played weeklong games against another team in the league. There were nine statistical categories, so when I say we played games, we actually played nine of them per week. Each category was a different game, so if our team played Brad's and scored more points, grabbed more rebounds, had more blocked shots and more steals, but his shot a higher percentage from the field and line, had more assists, more three-pointers and fewer turnovers, he would be 5-4 for the week while we were 4-5.

It sounds more confusing than it is.

In the interim, we also played fantasy hockey. Now this was a hoot.

Absolutely none of us had a clue as to what was going on there. Very few of us knew who the top fantasy players were.

Yes, fantasy players. There is a difference.

You might think that a good player is a good player, but that isn't the case. And in all of fantasy sports, the most perfect example of this is clearly former Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman.

Very few people who know football will debate Aikman's place in history. He was a tremendous quarterback who led a group of thugs to three Super Bowl titles before the shenanigans totally took over.

But a good fantasy player he was not.

Why? Well, typically, Dallas was winning those games by scores like 17-9 or something. One of its two touchdowns was usually a rush by Emmitt Smith, which left Aikman only one scoring pass on the day.

Fantasy quarterbacks should give you more than one. In my opinion, the two top fantasy quarterbacks of the 1990s were Brett Favre and Steve Young. They

put up 35-40 touchdowns a year, and a boatload of yards to boot. That's what you need. Get one of them, a decent back and some nice receivers, you're playoff bound.

But not with ol' T-Roy. Sorry, Cowboy fans.

Now, we're playing fantasy baseball. I'd like to tell you the Diamond Cutters were cutting a path through the league, but they aren't. As recently as late May they were, but not lately. However, in the last couple of weeks we've made trades to pick up Barry Bonds, Andrew Jones and Trevor Hoffman.

Hopefully when business picks back up after the All-Star break, so will the Cutters.

Of course, the perfect league for fantasy sports is football. They play one time a week, you have time to think it over and adjust your team, and each game is critical.

There are fantasy leagues in nearly everything, or so Lockard tells me. In my estimation, he is the king of fanta-

sy sports. This week, and I hope he doesn't mind me sharing this, he told me that in the last year he's had 36 different fantasy teams.

You may think this is overkill, but truth be told, it is kind of addicting.

And it holds your interest in every sport. As one of our guys said during hockey season, it gives you a reason to pay attention to those highlights on

ESPN.

I fully recommend fantasy sports. And I highly suggest if you do it, start out with some of your best friends. There's nothing like some friendly competitions to spark a friendship. Very few things are better than having bragging rights over a cousin or workmate.

Then, if you're like us old BSFL guys, you can gather around a big-screen television,

watch the Super Bowl, brag and hold your lottery for next year's draft positions. The last five or six Super Bowls have been a blast, thanks to those guys.

Oh, one more thing about these parties: The food is sensational.

I can still taste those brats, the dogs, the chips and salsa — hey, how long is it until Super Bowl Sunday?

Flat track motorcycle racing series coming to Thunder Ridge

Event marks the return of Flat Track racing to Kentucky after more than a decade

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Blue Grass state and heart of the scenic Appalachian Mountains will once again feel the rumble of 750cc motorcycles when the AMA (American Motorcycle Association) Progressive Insurance U.S. Flat Track Championship comes to Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg on Saturday, July 13. Not since the late 1991, when the series last appeared at Louisville Downs, has Kentucky experienced the fast-paced thrills of professional flat track motorcycle racing. The event also marks the first time anything other than harness horses will race on the half-mile track at Prestonsburg's Thunder Ridge Raceway.

The race marks the ninth of 21 races in the national 2002

AMA Progressive Insurance Series. "A variety of racing lines will form on the limestone track, making for exciting wheel-to-wheel racing action and lots of passing all night long," said AMA U.S. Flat Track operations manager Steve Morehead, a former motorcycle racing great and two-time winner at Louisville Downs. "Racers can choose to ride on the hard, abrasive track bottom, or they can ride up on track's outside where there's a deep cushion. Motorcycle racing on this type of track is as good as racing gets. Fans will love the show."

The track's covered grandstand and general admission seating accommodates more than 6,000 fans and provides a variety of views to see the races. Additionally, the reserved grandstand seats, which are going fast, are limited to 1,700 people.

"We're thrilled that the best flat track motorcycle racers in the country will be coming to Thunder Ridge Raceway," said David Bokelman, the race-track's president. "This event will attract not only existing flat track fans, but should generate plenty of interest from our car and harness racing fans and the community as a whole. The entire family will have fun spending an evening at the motorcycle races, and afterwards, they can go down to the pits and meet the racers."

Admission gates open at 6 p.m., with the first race starting at 8:00 p.m. All riders will be competing for the \$40,000 purse and Chris Carr, the defending series champ, will be aiming for only his second victory during the 2002 season.

Progressive, the nation's largest motorcycle insurer, continues its unique program that adds money to the \$100,000 series point fund. Each time a flat-track fan gets an insurance quote on his or her motorcycle, auto, RV, or watercraft by calling 1-800-FLAT-TRACK or visiting 1800FlatTrack.com, Progressive will donate an additional \$1 to the point fund. The fund is awarded to riders at the end of the season.

"We're so happy to be a part of this exciting series, and to give the series' fans a chance to help build the point fund," said Miriam Deitcher, motorcycle marketing manager for Progressive.

The new Prestonsburg round will also include Round 7 of the 2002 Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance Series that will run on the same night.

Established in the early 1900's, flat track racing is one of the oldest forms of motorcycle racing and the AMA Progressive Insurance U.S. Flat Track Championship is the premier flat track motorcycle racing series in the U.S. The nation's best flat track motorcycle racers participate in the series, racing

GOLF

Halfway home in a season of (some) surprises

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first round of the season-opening Mercedes Championships at Kapalua was just getting started when Kultida Woods spotted a reporter and asked him what kind of year was in store for her son.

"I think Tiger will have another great season, win four or five times, maybe more," he replied. "But I don't think he'll win a major."

No majors? Why not? "Just a hunch," he said. "A lot has to go your way in a major. We forget how hard it is to win one."

Oops. Thankfully, the mother of the world's best player has a short memory. She didn't bring up that preseason prediction as Woods cruised to victory in the U.S. Open.

Given that Woods has won seven of the last 11 majors, perhaps it's not all that surprising he would win the first two of the year.

Still, not many could have guessed how the first half of the season would unfold.

Seven of the first 13 events on the PGA Tour were captured by first-time winners. One of

them was Kevin Sutherland, the No. 62 seed at the Match Play Championship. Another was unknown Craig Perks against the strongest field in golf at The Players Championship.

Arnold Palmer finally called it quits at the Masters. A month later, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus were told their days at Augusta National were numbered.

Sam Snead hit his last ceremonial drive at the Masters. He died six weeks later.

The Major Champions Tour never got past the drawing board, yet it still caused a bigger buzz than the reinvented Senior PGA Tour.

Only three players have won more than once — Woods, Phil Mickelson and Len Mattiace, whose two victories are the first of his career.

Only two PGA Tour events have been decided by a playoff. It rained only once during the West Coast Swing.

Here's a look at the highs and lows for the first half of the year as Woods gears up for the final two legs of the Grand Slam:

Player of the year: No one has won two majors in one season without winning PGA Tour

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DIRT TRACK THIS WEEKEND

What: Dirt track racing
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Five top NASCAR Winston Cup teams test Kentucky

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA – During a rare off week in the NASCAR Winston Cup schedule, Kentucky Speedway was a high priority on the minds of the series prominent drivers and NASCAR fans. Just as several of the series highest profile drivers began the first of a two-day test with the race machines of Dale Earnhardt, Inc. (DEI), Everham Motorsports, Chip Ganassi Racing and

Ultra Motorsports, the speedway's chances of landing a NASCAR Winston Cup date was the topic of a feature story on the sanctioning body's Internet site, www.nascar.com, as well as the topic of a fan pole about the "cup-less" tracks around the country that deserve to host a series event. Series points leader Sterling Marlin (No. 40 Coors Light Dodge) and Ganassi teammate Jimmy Spencer (No. 41 Target Dodge) were among

the test group and were focusing on adjusting to the new sets of Goodyear Eagle tires. "This is the same car we ran at Michigan, it's an intermediate car. This track kind of mirrors Michigan, Chicago and Kansas so there's a lot of stuff we carry to other tracks," Marlin said. He was upbeat about the track's ability to host a NASCAR Winston Cup event. "It's a lot better than some

of the others (tracks) we go to, but it's their (NASCAR's) call," he said. "Nashville wants one, Kentucky wants one and I think they deserve one. But, we've been going to some of those (Winston Cup) tracks for 100 years, so I guess we'll just keep going." His teammate Spencer makes his first visit to Kentucky and concentrated on changing the set-up of his car to best suit the tire package. "Right now we're struggling a little

bit and that's why we're here testing," Spencer said. "Sterling is still leading in the points, but we're struggling as a team. We're here to sort through some things and try to figure out what we're missing on these tires. These tires are very inconsistent to us and I think some of the other teams are testing tire situations. We have them (tires) for the rest of the year, so we just have to find

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THUNDER RIDGE 2002



photos by Jamie Howell

Right: Chris Combs (47) was a Limited Late Model division feature winner at Thunder Ridge's second session of races this season. Thunder Ridge was scheduled to host a \$3000-to-win Late Model race last night. Results were unavailable at presstime. For more information on Thunder Ridge Raceway, call 606/886-RACE (7223).

Above: Eddie Carrier Jr. (1), current point leader for the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series, was a Late Model feature winner at Thunder Ridge Raceway on Saturday.



Robinson, BAM get sponsor for Daytona

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. – Dakota Imaging, Inc., a leading provider of high-volume transaction processing systems and services, has signed on as primary sponsor

of BAM Motorsports' No. 49 Dodge for Saturday's Pepsi 400. "We were impressed with the ability to showcase our brand and drive sales through the unique business to business aspect of the BAM Racing opportunity,"

said Chuck Ramsburg, Dakota Imaging senior vice president of sales and marketing. "It should be a great night under the lights in Daytona."

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KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY

John Deere, KY. Speedway extend corporate partnership through 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA – Kentucky Speedway announces it has extended its corporate partnership with the John Deere Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division, making the world-renowned equipment manufacturer the "Official Tractor of Kentucky Speedway" through 2005. "Our operations department has counted on John Deere equipment since our initial opening. We have a great partnership, and to have them with

us through 2005 is an honor. We appreciate all they do for us in making Kentucky Speedway the best motorsports facility in America," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said.

The John Deere Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division manufactures and distributes a full line of lawn care products for residential, commercial, and golf and turf applications. One

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BRISTOL RACEWAY

BMS Half-Mile Club individual hospitality packages available for August race weekend

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. – Via Bristol Motor Speedway's Half-Mile Club, race fans may purchase individual hospitality packages for the upcoming Sharpie 500/Food City 250 race weekend (August 23-24).

Ticket holders, as well as those without event tickets may become members of the Half-Mile Club by purchasing available individual hospitality packages. Members of the Half-Mile Club will receive hospitality chalet admission, food and non-alcoholic beverages, cash bar, fan gift pack and souvenir program.

Individual hospitality packages are limited to 500 and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. For the NASCAR Winston

Cup Sharpie 500, Half-Mile Club membership is available only to those who currently hold race tickets as the event is sold out. The Saturday Sharpie 500 price for Half-Mile Club membership is \$100 (does not include race ticket).

To become a member of the Half-Mile Club or for more information, please call Kevin Watson at 423/764-6555, ext. 256, or send e-mail to kevinw@bristolmotorspeedway.com.

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Bigley Jr. wins inaugural Hills Bros. All Pro Series

by BILL DESMOND

COEBURN, Va. – David Reutimann and Billy Bigley Jr., took turns dominating the Hills Bros. All Pro Series, NASCAR Touring Kinzer Drilling 200 Saturday evening at beautiful Lonesome Pine International Raceway and in the end it was Bigley stopping in victory lane for the first time since 2000. Tires proved to the margin

of victory for Bigley's Peerless Woodworking Chevrolet when he changed four tires during the third of six race cautions on lap 161. Three cars, Reutimann, Bigley and series points leader Charlie Bradberry were all that remained on the lead lap on the tough 3/8-mile oval. "That was fun out there tonight," said Bigley before exiting his race car in victory lane. "That was nothing but great Saturday

night racing and just shows how good the competition is on this series. I am glad to be back with the series," said the 2000 series champion. "Our team has been so fortunate winning first time events at tracks we have run. We won over at Kingsport in 2000, we were the first winner at the new Kentucky Speedway, we won the first time at Coastal Plains and now Lonesome Pine."

Reutimann's Pennzoil Chevrolet was leading the field under the caution when Bigley and Bradberry decided to make their stop with Reutimann staying on the track. Bigley and Bradberry changed right side Hoosier Tires then went back on the track for position. They both came back the next lap but Bigley's pit was blocked and he had to go around again. When he stopped the next lap he

changed left side tires. "We goofed," said a dejected Reutimann after the event. "We had the field covered but Billy was just too strong with four fresh shoes. The track was slippery and his car had better grip. We probably should have pitted when the other two did but our car was running so good we decided to stay out. Obviously we made the wrong decision." "We toyed with the

idea of pitting during that last caution on lap 199 but then we got the one to go signal and knew that was not possible." Finishing behind Bigley, Reutimann and Bradberry's Bradberry Racing Chevrolet was Jeff Fultz, one lap off the pace with his C & C Boiler, Cleaver Brooks, Chevrolet and Benny Gordon, also one lap

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Trainer

The championship classes were filled up with quality horses from all over the mid Atlantic region as well as Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee.

The horses, riders and support-

ers of Prince Albert Stables traveled to North Carolina to compete in the prestigious show.

Pat and Robyn Brandenburg entry of Conyers, Ga., After The Storm started the show off in his

usual style by brining home the Blue in the Junior Conformation class for the fourth consecutive time this season.

Myranda Elliott of Prestonsburg on Fancy Pants claimed wins in the Youth and Youth Trail Pleasure Classes on Fancy Pants.

The Four Year Old Trail pleasure class was won by the Brandenburg's entry of Sweet Georgia Brown with Sue Wells in the irons.

Wins were claimed in the five-year-old class by Josh Murdock.

Hall

Region include Barry Sanders (Pike Central), Paul Terry Fleming (Shelby Valley) and Matt Belcher (Feds Creek).

HAP

final run of the third frame.

Leading 2-1, Martin County got two more runs in its half of the fifth inning. Bradley Stafford and Todd both scored in the fifth. The top half of the HAP order, led off by James Sturgill went down in order in the fifth inning.

After holding the Martin Co. Stars in their final at-bat in the sixth inning, HAP went back to work. Megan Hamilton led the inning off with a single. Hamilton wound up scoring, however three other HAP hitters were retired in order following her at-bat to end the game.

Riding Whitney's Lucky Buddy the Keith and Jody Coker entry from Watkinsville, Ga.

Josh continued with a win in the Two year old Trail Pleasure Class on Stroke-A-Magic owned by Prince Albert Stables.

Dr. Andy Elliott of Prestonsburg entry claimed the Trail Pleasure Championship with the old reliable Fancy Pants ridden to the Blue by Josh Murdock.

Sue Wells quickly follow up by taking the Blue Ribbon ride for the North Carolina State Stallion Championship on Dr. Elliott's four year old, Kentucky Traveler. Traveler is undefeated this year in

his age class.

The Juvenile Championship was claimed by Prince Albert Stables own Jacob Callis; Jacob was riding Ms. Scarlet Roland entry, Johnny Ringo from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jacob and Ringo have been tearing up the Juvenile classes since being paired in early June.

The Championship classes were cumulated by the win of the prestigious North Carolina State Grand Championship by Sue Wells aboard the Jean Stanley entry Ellie's Eli of Johnson City, Tenn. Eli turned in a breathtaking performance in his qualifying

class and finished up with the win in the Grand Championship Class.

Prince Albert Stables claimed victories in nine regular classes reserve in six additional classes and victories in three of the five Championship classes.

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Track

on outdoor oval dirt tracks that range from one-quarter mile to one mile in length. The highlight of the races is the 25-lap main event, with riders racing within inches of one another at speeds in excess of 100 mph., often ending in a photo finish.

For immediate post-race results, points, in-depth series and rider information, regular columnists and much more, log onto www.1800FlatTrack.com, the official Web site of the AMA Progressive Insurance U.S. Flat Track Championships.

Thunder Ridge Raceway was established in 1994 as the first national harness racing track to open in more than 20 years. The track along with satellite off track betting located in Hazard,

Daytona

The race will mark the return of Shawna Robinson to the seat of the No. 49 Dodge.

"This is a great opportunity for BAM Racing and Dakota Imaging," she said. "We hope to give them a good showing at the Pepsi 400 under the lights at Daytona."



photo by Steve LeMaster

Brian Bledsoe came away with a Road Hog feature win Friday night at Willard Speedway in Carter County.

Home

player of the year. That means Mickelson probably has to win the British Open and PGA Championship to keep Woods from a record fourth straight award.

Biggest disappointment: David Duval has missed three straight cuts for the first time in his career, has only one top-10 finish (Memorial), and the only time he has played on the weekend at a major was the Masters — but only because the second round wasn't completed until Saturday.

Best finish: Perks chipped in for eagle on No. 16, holed a 30-footer for birdie on the island-green 17th, then chipped in for par on the 18th to win The Players Championship.

Ugliest finish: Justin Leonard closed with a 73 to win at Hilton Head and became the first player since 1987 to win without making a birdie on the final day.

Best shot: From an awkward stance, barely able to see his ball

in the thick rough behind the 17th green at the U.S. Open, Woods saved par with a chip that nearly went in.

Best clutch shot: Woods made a downhill, 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole Friday at Torrey Pines to keep alive his streak of consecutive cuts — now at 89.

Biggest meltdown: Pat Perez buried his 3-wood into the turf at Pebble Beach after hitting out-of-bounds on No. 14 and into the ocean on No. 18.

Least surprising meltdown: Perez. A week earlier at the Phoenix Open, he screamed an expletive that was heard 100 yards down the fairway after missing a 4-foot par putt. It was his fourth hole of the tournament.

Best fashion statement: Annika Sorenstam, wearing red slip-ons in the final round of the Nabisco Championship and winning the LPGA Tour's first major of the year. She might

consider wearing them in Kansas this week for the U.S. Women's Open.

Worst fashion statement: Any tournament for Charles Howell III.

Sign of the times: Jack Nicklaus, 62, has played only three tournaments this year because of a bad back. Ty Tryon, 18, has played only four tournaments this year because of mono and tonsillitis.

Oddest trend: For the first time in history, an American failed to win any of the three PGA Tour stops on the early Texas swing. Their last chance will be the Texas Open in September.

Best Lou Holtz impersonation: "It's too hard for me," Scott Hoch said of Bethpage Black. He wound up in a tie for fifth, matching his best finish ever in a U.S. Open.

Ryder Cup preview: Woods, Mickelson and Jim Furyk are the only U.S. Ryder Cup members who have won on the PGA Tour this year.

Most unusual threesome: Woods, Mickelson, Mattiace — the only multiple winners on tour through 27 events. They have combined for 55 career victories and eight majors.

Best prediction: "It's anyone's tournament to win," Woods said on the eve of the Match Play Championship. The top three seeds were eliminated in the first round. The finals featured Sutherland (No. 62) against Scott McCarron (No. 45).

Worst prediction: Tiger won't win a major.

Break

down in his Johnny's Haulmark Trailers Chevrolet. Gordon turned in a strong run after starting scotch on the field due to missing the driver's meeting.

Reutimann earned his third Bud Pole start of 2002 breaking an existing track record of 16,000 secs set by the late Alan Kulwicki twenty years ago. Reutimann's time of 15.830 secs (85.281 mph) led four other drivers also breaking the old mark. Bigley started outside front row. Reutimann and Bigley were door handle to door handle on the tight oval on lap one with Bigley inching ahead at the stripe for the lead which he held for the first 92 laps before Reutimann finally got around him. From that point on it was Reutimann who was dominate as he picked off one car after another with only himself, Bigley and Bradberry remaining on the lead lap until Bigley finally got around Reutimann's car on lap 188. Then on lap 194, Bradberry's car tapped Reutimann's car in turn four racing for position with Bradberry going to second.

The final caution on lap 200 once again set up a green-white-checked finish for the series. When the field took the green again on lap 205, Reutimann went low in turns one and two and regained the runner-up spot. Rounding out the top ten finishers was Chad Bland, Shane Sieg, and Jason Hogan, one lap down with Ken Weaver and Johnny Brazier, two laps down in ninth and tenth respectively.

Bigley earned the Gatorade "Front Runner" Award of \$500 for leading the most laps with Jason Hogan the top finishing rookie contender to maintain that point lead.

The next event for the Hills Bros. All Pro Series will be July 13 at Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Speedway.

HILLS BROS. ALL PRO SERIES, NASCAR TOURING KINZER DRILLING 200

COEBURN, VA. - Race results for the Hills Bros. All Pro Series, NASCAR Touring Kinzer Drilling 200 at Lonesome Pine International Raceway with finishing position, starting position (in parentheses), driver, type of car, laps completed, reason out (if any) and money won:

- (2) Billy Bigley Jr., Chevrolet, 207, \$ 8,975
- (1) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 207, \$ 4,630
- (9) Charlie Bradberry, Chevrolet, 207, \$ 2,995
- (14) Jeff Fultz, Chevrolet, 206, \$ 2,100
- (6) Benny Gordon, Pontiac, 206, \$1,800
- (7) Chad Bland, Chevrolet, 206, \$ 1,475
- (13) Shane Sieg, Chevrolet, 206, \$ 1,500

Speedway

a way to adjust our cars to them."

As for the track's NASCAR Winston Cup potential, the circuit veteran gave the facility a positive review.

"I can't believe this place. You drive in and you ask why aren't we (the NASCAR Winston Cup Series) here?" Spencer said. "It's incredible, the race track is smooth and wide with a lot of room to race. Without question this track warrants a date, it's a gorgeous facility from the grandstand to the pit area, everything about it."

Waltrip (No. 15 NAPA Chevrolet) represented DEI during the test and looked to continue his recent hot streak that began with a test at Kentucky last month. Prior to racing at Pocono, Waltrip tested at Kentucky with Dale Jarrett and both drivers went on successful finishes days later. Jarrett took his first win of the season and Waltrip finished eighth. He has since driven to one top-five and two additional top-10 finishes.

"We brought a brand new race car here. We haven't had a chance to run this type of car before, it has a little bit different chassis, so we just wanted to come and sort it out," Waltrip said. "We were here a couple of weeks ago with a car we had a great test with. Things couldn't have gone much better here at Kentucky. We left here, went to Michigan, sat on the outside pole and ran in the top-five with the same car."

"We have plans to take this car to Chicago, but wanted to learn about it first. We're glad we did because so far we're struggling with it a little bit.

We're off a little bit, but that's why they call it testing. The set-up here will work in eight to 10 other races so it's valuable time to spend," Waltrip said.

Asked about a possible NASCAR Winston Cup date at Kentucky, Waltrip, who grew up in Owensboro, said he'd like to race The Winston, the series all-star event, in his home state.

"That's really a question for someone else," Waltrip said. "NASCAR has been carefully guiding this ship down the sea for 50 years now, and along the way has made very few tactical errors. It'd be difficult to argue with them if that's your agenda because this sport has grown so wonderfully."

"I know what you're saying, you want a race," he continued. "My only suggestion is that maybe they can move The Winston here. That's something I'd like to see. I'd love to race it here in my home state, but that would upset a bunch of people in Charlotte. I from here and I live there, so maybe I don't wish that," he joked.

Everham, owner of Mayfield's No. 19 Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge, was at Kentucky to continue his baseline research for the Dodge racing program.

"We've been here a lot. This where we did a large part of the Dodge development when we first started the program, so we always like to come here. It's a good, consistent place and a great place to come test," Everham said.

"We're (Winston Cup Dodge cars) still behind, but NASCAR has changed a lot of rules. It's hard to hit a moving target. They've made some engine

changes on us and some body changes. We're young as a group, but have some good people and that's why we're here. The Dodges as whole haven't been running real well since the beginning of the season. We have to find out why and get back after it."

He added that the facility is Winston Cup worthy. "I don't know if I can see it happening, that's up to NASCAR, but I'd certainly rather come here than some of the places that we go. It's a great place. It'd be a great place for a Winston Cup race. I said that the first time we came here, so hopefully they'll get a date sometime," he concluded.

His pilot Mayfield, also of Owensboro, made a strong second to his owner's Winston Cup motion. "This is the first time I've been here to see the track. It's a great facility, you couldn't ask for a better race track. I'm not trying to sell it or anything, but I can tell you it's an awesome place. I don't know why they (NASCAR) wouldn't (have a Winston Cup date here). This by far one of the elite race tracks. For the few laps I've had on it, there's not a smoother, nicer place out there. I think it'd be great for the sport. I'd love to be able to come here, especially because it's my home state."

As for the online pole, NASCAR's fans echoed their driver's sentiments. Late in the day on June 27, 2002, Kentucky Speedway had captured nearly 8,500 of the 23,000 (36 percent) fan votes cast on nascar.com. With 36 percent of the vote and counting, Kentucky was handily leading its nearest competitors Nashville (18 percent) and Pikes Peak (13 percent).

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Race Statistics:

- Time of Race: 1 Hrs. 11 Mins. 39 Secs
- Winner's Average Speed: 65.003 mph
- Margin of Victory: .324 Secs
- Caution Flags: 6 Cautions For 36 Laps
- Lead Changes: Three Lead Changes Among Two Drivers

Lap Leaders: David Reutimann, Pole, Billy Bigley Jr., 1-92; Reutimann, 93-188; Bigley, 189-207.

HILLS BROS. ALL PRO SERIES, NASCAR TOURING TOP 10 POINTS STANDING:

As of June 29; (Unofficial), 1. Charlie Bradberry, 961; 2. Jeff Fultz, 914; 3. Billy Bigley Jr., 886; 4. David Reutimann, 878; 5. Benny Gordon, 802; 6. Jason Hogan, 775; 7. Shane Sieg, 772; 8. Ken Weaver, 760; 9. Randy Gentry, 755; 10. Joe Aramendia, 742.

In the Morgan-McClure Late Model Feature, Wade Day continued his dominance at LPR with another win in the early feature. Two cautions, one at lap 37 when Day's teammate, Matt Wolfe tagged the 02 car in turn two but would hold position throughout the race. Then on lap 54, the 02 driven by rookie Barry Crum of Pikeville, spun at tagged the wall in turn two.

Day would finish in first, with Matt Wolfe in second, Steve Blackburn finishing third, Brandon Nichols in fourth and Eric McClure finishing fifth.

Racing action will take the week off for the July 4th Holiday and resume on July 13 with a full card of action in the NASCAR Racing Series presented by Dodge.



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photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Coach John Martin held his annual basketball camp last week. The camp included young basketball players as well as high schoolers.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Bryan Sammons won the Super Street feature Friday night at Willard Speedway.

■ OUTDOORS

Boating benefits children

American Outdoors News Features

The results of a recent survey about the benefits of boating may hold water for many parents.

The survey, conducted by Impulse Research Corporation, found that boating can be a positive experience for children in more ways than one. Boating can contribute to kids being healthier physically and psychologically.

The survey, sponsored by the National Marine Manufacturers Association, found that boating can be a way to increase children's physical fitness, spirit of team play, optimism and self-confidence.

Involving children in boating also seems to promote active involvement in other recreational activities such as fishing, camping, football, baseball and hiking.

Families who boat reported their children to be healthier than those who don't (71-percent of boaters said their children's health was excellent, as opposed to 61-percent of non-boaters).

While it might seem obvious that boating can promote good health as part of a healthy lifestyle, what many people found interesting was that boating can also help children psychologically.

Children who boat learn to be more outgoing and less shy or introverted, which may be one reason they become better team players (63-percent compared to 53-percent).

Since boating helps children learn a range of useful skills and positive attitudes, it can help increase their self-confidence. The survey found that children who boat are more self-confident (54-percent to 47-percent) than their peers.

That may also explain why boaters' children (75-percent to 65-percent) tended to be the leader more often than other children.

Involving children in boating can also lead to more quality time with parents year-round, even in the colder months.

The research project concluded that there are many benefits to getting children involved in boating and learning about them may prompt more parents to take their families on board.

Hayes

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Tournament in Wisconsin later this month as the top three golfers qualify to participate in the national event.

Caudill

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"We've had to go through some things that people who play college football should never have to go through," Caudill said in an interview with The Cats' Pause, just a few short weeks ago. "But everyone has kept each other up. You only need to be here about two weeks to know it's the best decision you could ever make. It's a great family atmosphere."

Caudill was recruited by a virtual who's who of college football programs before deciding on Kentucky.

"Half of the family atmos-

phere is your teammates and the other half are the coaches because we've got a great set of coaches," Caudill said. "I love coach Goodner to death because he keeps you motivated no matter what. He's been through some tough situations and he knows how to deal with it. He keeps a smile on your face."

"The rest of the coaching staff is the same way. I definitely think this is the staff to turn things around."

Tom Adams, a 1982 graduate of Rice University, is the UK defensive tackles coach.

Bang

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one driver to possibly win over the 4th of July weekend at HMS to \$4,000 and bringing the weekend total to almost \$14,500. Also on the program both nights will be the always popular Late Models, Super Streets, and Bombers.

Late Models will run for a regular show both nights paying \$2,000 to win and \$1,400 for second and \$1,000 for third with a total purse for the Late Models that total over \$9,000 each night. Bringing the two-night total for the Late Model division to \$4,000 possible for one driver to win and a total purse for this class to over \$18,000. Super Street and the Bomber divisions will run regular shows. Super Streets will be chasing a \$600 checker flag and the Bombers will be chasing a \$400 checker flag both nights.

So it will be possible for one driver to walk away with \$1,200 if they could win both nights of racing, and \$800 if a Bomber driver could accomplish the same feat. This brings the two-night total for these two divisions to almost \$5,000.

Total it all up and it comes to over \$37,000 for the two nights of racing at Half Mountain Speedway.

For more information about Half Mountain Speedway checkout the official website for the track on the web at www.halfmountainspeedway.com. The website has all the latest news releases, a tentative schedule, complete rules and payouts for all divisions, lots pictures from the track and complete directions on how to get to the track, or give the track a call at 606/884-RACE.

Tee Time
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Dodgin' the bullets

"Look out! Shrapnel's flyin'! Take cover, quick!" yelled the brazen but wet behind the ears rookie...newspaperperson? Yep, that's me. And that's the week I've been having. You know what they say, "when it rains, it pours." And believe me folks, my umbrella is wearin' thin. Aggravations from the personal, financial, and work arenas have all pinpointed me as "target" for the past too many days. All to be expected, I suppose, for the Good Lord did say it

wouldn't be easy. Most times I just try to weather the storm, roll with the punches and hope tomorrow will dawn a brighter day. Times like these, I try to remember the advice of a good friend who often tells me, "This too will pass."

And most aggravations do manage to resign themselves into submission in time, but, every now and then, there's one that simply refuses to go away.

Being a person who tries very hard to maintain a good character, I have to admit that

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

It just goes to show you

Telstar went into orbit Tuesday, and the same day Frederick Kappel, chairman of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, spoke into a telephone, his voice shot into space, up there from 600 to 3,500 miles, bounced off the satellite and was received—on the first bounce?—in Washington by Vice President Johnson. In Prestonsburg, the editor of The Floyd County Times got a busy signal when he attempted to call a friend, a block and a half crosstown.

If Telstar winds up eliminating all these unsightly telephone poles and wires, I'll feel it's really worthwhile.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR SCIENCE

No kidding, this satellite the phone people have put into orbit and operation is something. Even if it didn't excite me half as much as I was, the first time I cranked

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'GIRLS GROW STRONG'

2002 Girl Scout Olympics



RESULTS	
Bean Bag Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Brianna Collins; 2nd place, Kalan Wells; 3rd place, Brittany Davis. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Beth Collins; 2nd place, Michelle Crider.
Sack Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Tori Hunt; 2nd place, Kendra Fitch; 3rd place, Madison Laney. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Tasha Wallen; 2nd place, Maggie Hall.
Three-Legged Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Clara Chaffins and Olivia Ellis; 2nd place, Mikki Hitchcock and Tori Hunt; 3rd place, Darian Lewis and Jamalin Fitch. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Megan Hall and Maggie Hall.
50-Yard Dash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Madyson Nunney; 2nd place, Mikki Hitchcock; 3rd place, Kelsey Dye. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Maggie Hall; 2nd place, Megan Hall.
220-Yard Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Madyson Nunney; 2nd place, Heather Little; 3rd place, Kaitlyn Minix. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Tasha Wallen; 2nd place, Whitney Gibson; 3rd place, Maggie Hall.
Rope Jumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Nikki Hamilton; 2nd place, Brianna Collins; 3rd place, Kaitlyn Minix. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Megan Hall; 2nd place, Maggie Hall; 3rd place, Tasha Wallen.
Crab Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Tori Hunt; 2nd place, Kaitlyn Minix; 3rd place, Leanna Goble. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Whitney Gibson.
Frisbee Throw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Ashley Wallen; 2nd place, Kendra Fitch; 3rd place, Allison Boudle. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Beth Collins; 2nd place, Megan Hall; 3rd place, Tasha Wallen.
Broad Jump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Tori Hunt; 2nd place, Heather Little; 3rd place, Brianna Collins. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Whitney Gibson; 2nd place, Michelle Crider.
Hula Hoop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownies - 1st place, Kelsey Dye; 2nd place, Brianna Block; 3rd place, Sarah Akers. ■ Juniors - 1st place, Megan Hall; 2nd place, Beth Collins.



Choosing to defy the unseasonable rains of this past spring season, area Girl Scouts once again held a successful 2002 Girl Scout Olympics. Girl Scouts from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin counties began arriving at the event on a misty week-end morning as early as 8:00 a.m. in early June.

The girls convened at the Prestonsburg Community College walking track where they met with troop leaders and officials for an overview of the day's agenda and game rules. Marching in formation, each troop paraded from the parking lot area to the gazebo area to prepare for the day's activities.

Girls from grades kindergarten through seventh participated in the 2002 Olympics. Olympic events included a bean bag race, sack race, three-legged race, crab walk, broad jump, rope jumping, frisbee throw, hula-hoop contest, a 50-yard dash, a 220-yard race and a 440-yard run. Each Scout had earlier pre-registered to participate in at least four events.

At approximately 9 a.m., the Scouts gathered together according to age groups and the competitions began. Each girl played hard and put out her best effort in each event. Winners were recognized from first to third place in each event and from each age level category.

Following the Olympic event competitions, the girls were treated to a picnic lunch sponsored by Prestonsburg Foodland, Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, and Brown's Food Service. As the girls settled themselves under shade trees

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Things to Ponder: Caring for you - you're worth it

"I am a single mom, head of household, female... Who am I really? How am I? I'm not happy in my job. My mother bugs me. My children are never happy. I would like to try my head and hands at something different. The little ones start whining when I mention change. I arranged the house to the kids' liking, I thought, even to my taking the smaller bedroom. When I'm at the bottom, Mother calls to complain about my inability to discipline the children correctly, get organized, or have a better career. I give, give, GIVE. I look for me! I've disappeared, except for the big, brown bowl-

Everyone is different, with various gifts, strengths, weaknesses, and faults. Concentrate on your own good points. YOU are unique! "Put no one's head higher than your own." It helps sometimes to learn to respond to "faultfinders" (including mothers) with a "script." When you hear uninvited "guilt" trips, un-asked-for suggestions, and negative opinions, you have a prepared statement that helps decrease your angry reaction.

ing ball in the pit of my stomach."

What would be your answers to questions like, "Are you important?"...I didn't hear you. Hopefully, you're screaming, "YES!" You do want "better," don't you? Although everyone has ideas about what he/she thinks that would help the most,

one marriage therapist (Thomas Wright, 1994) wrote of 12 major suggestions for taking excellent care of the most important person in your life - YOU! If you don't take care of you and learn how to feel worthy, who else is going to do it for you?

If you aren't taking care of you already, the "biggie" is that you LEARN TO AIR YOUR FEELINGS. This is very difficult if you have not learned that your feelings are important. To begin, find a good and trustworthy friend or professional person with whom you are free to express all your sorrows, joys, needs, disappointments, and grievances. Perhaps you and a

friend can take turns listening to each other's feelings in a non-judgmental, understanding way. Once deep and hurtful feelings are out, they lose their power to hurt and usually are easier to examine in an objective way. Verbalize your feelings in an appropriate way at the time of the event.

By all means, you need to AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF WITH OTHERS. Everyone is different, with various gifts, strengths, weaknesses, and faults. Concentrate on your own good points. YOU are



by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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up an old wall model out in the country 40 years, man and boy, ago, and managed to squeak a frightened, "Hello."

That was the first time, I believe our community got acquainted with any sort of power, except that provided by horses, mules, oxen and steam engines. The phonograph came along, about the same time, but automobiles, airplanes, radio, television, the income tax, tailor-made clothing, food stamps, and a lot of other modern marvels were unknown—oh, happy day!

It's remarkable, come to think of all the miracles of science that have come along within the last 50 years. But till they are able to make a movie camera that will not cause a wheel to turn backward in the picture I will refuse to look with awe upon any scientist or inventor.

HOW COONS SETTLED
IN THE WEST

Comes an interesting letter from Hansford Collins, former resident of the Lackey-Garrett section who now is an accountant in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His letter was inspired by a copy or so of The Times which his daughter had been given by Alex Gearheart, another Floyd Countian, who now resides in Denver.

He reminisces about men he knew in Prestonsburg—Ed Allen, Jack May, Porter Mayo, Joe Tackett, Dr. Sizemore, George Archer, Lafe Goble—then winds up with this:

"Last Sunday my wife had to go to the Penrose hospital for a checkup. I visited her on Monday and she had a roommate from a little town near Mathison. These little towns are about ten miles apart and everyone knows everyone else. I asked this lady if she knew Bordy Newlan, who came to Colorado about the same time I did, though we have never lived in the same town. So she told me an interesting story about him.

"It seems that Bordy decided to make Colorado more like Kentucky, so he proceeded, somehow, to get some coons sent out from Kentucky, and he released them out in eastern Colorado, and now it seems that the whole eastern part of the state is alive with Kentucky coons, and the people of eastern Colorado have changed Bordy's name to Cooney. There is no doubt that Kentucky coons thrive even better in dry climate than in a wet climate. I am expecting, any time now, to hear of him bringing in the opossum and red fox, so if you miss any of these animals from there, you will know where they are."

POSTSCRIPT

Let's just stay at
home, part two

Last week we went over some of the places we need to be reminded to see right here in our own area. Save money, have fun, grow pride.

We looked at a number of places that can keep us occupied for a day, a weekend or even a week—all north of here but within easy driving distance.

This week, we'll go some places closer to home that are just as exciting.

Let's start on a road that was once familiar to eastsiders on their way to central Kentucky. Few people these days go to Lexington via US 460, but it remains an interesting road that curves around lush farm bottoms and hugs diminishing hills.

On 460 between West Liberty and Frenchburg is one of the most fascinating places I've ever seen. The Swamp Valley Historical Museum is near the Morgan/Menifee county line, unassuming, no historic building, no friends group, no docents, just more historical artifacts than you can count.

This is all stuff Clayton Wells has accumulated over seven or so decades, and it is wonderful to behold. Quick. Go, before it's too late. You might even find some connection to your own family.

Then, double back on this road of memories to Salyersville and see what a group of committed citizens can do. The Magoffin County Historical Society has moved and preserved buildings from throughout the county in the county seat to show us how our ancestors lived. The grouping of historic log houses should not be missed—and it's so close.

Johnson County is minutes away, and it's full of day trips.

Paintsville Lake is deceptive. You pull up at the entrance and there it is. Or so it seems. You can't drive around the lake and pull over to look leisurely at the white caps. Instead, you have to get in a boat and see the lake in its own element—water. But, ah, what a reward to the boater! This is the largest of the Big Sandy River basin flood control projects and its treasures are mostly hidden to the motorist. Get on the water.

There's a restaurant at the marina and hundreds of sometimes-comical fowl to watch.

Connected to the lake is a treasure that

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Senior Moments
Regional Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association
of Eastern Kentucky Regional Office

By Eugenia Tackett

I remember "Wishing Wells" and the fascination associated with throwing money into them in hopes that a wish would become reality. I have to admit, I never threw anything except pennies into the "money pits." Silver coins always seemed too important to me, much too valuable to throw away on a chance. Now that I am older, visiting wishing wells does not seem to be present in my life any longer. Unfortunately I realized recently that I have many more "wishes" in my life now than I did when I was younger. I look around and I notice that expen-

sive items are tossed carelessly about my surroundings. Additionally, I find myself "tossing wishes" a great deal of the time. Just the other day I was thinking about my family and "wishing" that I had more time to spend with them. This wish is something all of us probably have felt at least once. This wish takes something that is so precious and throws it into a well, a well of good intentions and desire. Then reality floods our life and the well with the wish full of "silver coins" disappears. Something so pre-

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Ponder

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unique! "Put no one's head higher than your own." It helps sometimes to learn to respond to "faultfinders" (including mothers) with a "script." When you hear uninvited "guilt" trips, un-asked-for suggestions, and negative opinions, you have a prepared statement that helps decrease your angry reaction. "Thank you for being concerned about me. I will let you know if I need to discuss this again. Gee, how about a positive story?"

It is a great help to FIND A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU CAN RECEIVE AND GIVE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. You may want to plan a regular gathering time for this group with several easy-to-follow "rules," such as maintaining confidentiality and having "equal" time so one person doesn't take charge. Listening and concentrating completely on the person who is talking helps. Don't give advice unless the speaker asks for it. Be gentle.

Give yourself permission to TAKE TIME TO PLAY. Reward yourself with a favorite activity in the process of doing many chores. After working an hour, you may choose such things as 15 minutes of listening to music, talking on the phone, or e-mailing. Plan small "play" times as well as large. You deserve it!

DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH, ESPECIALLY AT YOURSELF. Laughing is incredibly healthy, releasing tension in your body, getting your brain cells working, and making the wrinkles disappear from your face. Make

fun of yourself, do something silly, watch a funny movie, plan a surprise for a friend or spouse. Get together with friends and laugh! You might even have some fun with Mother and the faultfinders.

LEARN TO RELAX. You work hard and use your body and brain constantly. All human beings as well as mechanical creations need to be turned off once in a while. Don't let yourself get overheated. Read a good book. Watch an old movie or go see a new one. Learn to meditate, visualize positive things and watch them come true. Pray. Take a walk or go swimming. Take a nap or a soothing bath with aromatherapy-scented candles. New things may take a little extra effort to start. Schedule your "time-out" activities. Move mountains to meet that schedule until children, mother, friends and co-workers are in tune with your efforts and purpose.

An extremely important part of taking care of yourself is to PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO BE HUMAN. When you think of yourself as needing to be perfect or a superhuman, it can be a dangerous place to be. Family members, friends, and others typically follow our lead as to what to expect of us. Your responsibility is to stress to others that you are only a human being with normal imperfections. Don't set yourself up for failure.

LEARN TO SAY "NO!" Most of us do too much for others and place too many demands on ourselves. You cannot fix, rescue, or change others. It is a significant signal of difficulties when you are unable to say "no" to

yourself and others. One way is to tell the other person that you have a previous "commitment." It might not be an appointment or activity written in stone, but the most important obligation of all is the one you make to yourself. When you do say, "yes," to a request, it will be much more valuable to you and the person making the request. Make sure it's really something you care to do. Each time you make this choice, you'll feel better about yourself.

Do you just hate the idea of going to work, much less being there all day? Be good to yourself - CHANGE JOBS IF YOU ARE MISERABLE AT WORK. This sounds easier than it is; but it is certainly something you can work on. Think about choices, ways to get there, and who/what/how might be helpful for a better change. Don't be in a hurry. If you just can't do anything different, make lists of things you enjoy about your job and the difficult elements as well. Concentrate on the good. Figuring out if the job is wrong for you is also helpful. What is your ideal job, based on your personality and skills? Then try to fit it to a business, someone else's or your own. You probably have many marketable skills.

STRETCH YOUR MUSCLES. Take care of yourself by exercising your body. The positive effects physically and mentally are incredible, even with the smallest of efforts. Park farther away, take the stairs, and start a walking regimen with a neighbor or friend. Summer heat can be oppressive so start early in the morning or take an evening stroll. Join a local baseball team. It's fun too!

PRACTICE BEING POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. Each time you give others a word of encouragement you not only feel better, but you build up yourself. Being constantly negative doesn't work. Look for opportunities to say positive things to friends, co-workers and yourself.

PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE. Learn to slow down and pay attention to that inner voice inside. Think of the peace and beauty in the world and be thankful.

Take care of you and make the necessary changes. Begin with one step at a time. Human beings can train themselves to change, IF THEY WANT. You'll be very pleased with the new you.

"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' "Crittter 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@floydcountytimes.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!

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

July 8 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Free sports physicals for Adams Middle School students at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Seton Complex. For more information, or to register your child, contact the Center at 886-9812.

August 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - "Back to School Health Fair" - Allen Elementary. School physicals, immunizations, and other services will be available free of charge. Contact the Center for more information.

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 will be open during summer months.

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

Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

After School child care hours are 3 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office phone is 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.

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

July 15-26 - SUMMER ACTIVITIES. Free for those students enrolled at McDowell Elementary. Call the Resource Center at 377-2678 to register your child.

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.

Mountain Christian Academy

Entrance exams scheduled for July 8 and July 11, for those students interested in enrolling for the 2002-2003 school year. Call 285-5141 to make an appointment.

July 8 - Entrance exams: Grades 2-5, 8-11 a.m.; Grade 1, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 1-3 p.m. Kindergarten (by appointment).

July 11 - Grades 6-8, 8-11 a.m.; Grades 2-5, 1-3 p.m.; Grade 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kindergarten (by appointment).

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 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

July 15-19 - Dance and Cheer Camp.

July 22-24 - Little Eagle Camp, 4th grade.

A Basketball Camp is also scheduled to be held at South Floyd Middle School for 4th-8th grades.

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.

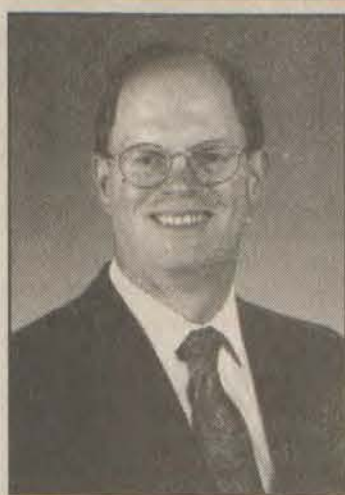
"Clothing Closet" available to all students.

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.

Anniversary

Crisps celebrate 50 years
of marriage

Rev. Randolph and Phyllis Crisp, of Martin, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 4, 2002. The couple were married in Sprigg, West Virginia, in 1952 by the bride's uncle, Fred Morningstar. Mrs. Crisp is the daughter of Laura Goodrich, of Lapeer, Michigan, and the late Floyd Goodrich. Rev. Crisp is the son of the late Edd and Mattie Crisp, formerly of Martin. The couple have one daughter, Reba Harvey, the wife of Mack Harvey, and two grandsons, Alan Harvey and Randy Harvey, both of Martin. They also have two great-grandsons, Nicholas and Phillip. Rev. and Mrs. Crisp met at Southland Bible Institute, of which they are both graduates. They have served pastorates in Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. Rev. Crisp also served as station manager for WHJC-Radio, in Mateswan, W.Va. The couple both worked for several years at Sandy Valley Hardware. They also established the Prater Creek Baptist Church, at Banner. The couple still remain active in community service with a weekly morning radio program which airs each Sunday on WMDJ-Radio. Rev. Crisp also serves as Chaplain for Highlands Regional Medical Center.



Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Waterborne parasite on human skin equals "Swimmer's Itch"

Q I spend a lot of time in the water during the summertime. I often swim in the lake that is close to my home, and I water-ski on most weekends. Last year I got a rash that itched rather severely. My doctor said it was swimmer's itch and that it would go away on its own. What causes swimmer's itch, and why did I get this last year when I haven't gotten it before?

A Swimming, like most activities — including getting out of bed in the morning — has risk associated with it. An annoying one that is occasionally associated with swimming in lakes, ponds and rivers is

a skin inflammation called "swimmer's itch." There are actually several conditions

that go by that general name, but being in northern latitudes makes it likely your condition is caused by an allergic reaction to a parasite that causes illness in birds.

Swimmer's itch is a great example of the complexity of life. Let me start my explanation with the connection to waterfowl — principally ducks, geese, gulls and swans. When these birds become infected with a parasite called a blood fluke, it produces eggs in the infected bird's digestive system. These eggs are then subsequently deposited along with the rest of the bird's "drop-

pings."

Fluke eggs must be in water to hatch, and that condition is likely to occur considering the habitat of the host waterfowl. When the eggs hatch they produce free-swimming larvae called miracidia. These creatures can't infect waterfowl or humans. Instead, they must find an intermediate host — a water snail — to continue their life cycle. Once a snail becomes infected, the miracidia continues its development into a more evolved type of larvae called cercariae. These cercariae are then released into the water.

Cercariae aren't the most sophisticated creatures on our planet. They swim about until they find skin — any skin — to burrow into. If the skin belongs to a waterfowl, then the life cycle continues with development into another blood fluke. When a cercarium burrows into human skin, no further development occurs. The creature dies within the skin. It is a reaction to

dead cercariae that causes swimmer's itch — what we doctors also refer to as cercarial dermatitis.

Swimmer's itch begins minutes to hours after swimming in infected water. A tingling, burning or itching feeling starts first. Then, red pimples appear in the itching areas. These pimples can then progress into blisters that typically go away in about one week.

Treatments that help most itching skin rashes work for swimmer's itch, too. Cool compresses, baking soda baths, hydrocortisone cream or Calamine lotion all help relieve the symptoms.

Fortunately, you can't give swimmer's itch to someone else. However, other people who swim where you encountered the cercariae are at risk for getting it. Therefore you should stay away from that "swimming hole" for the rest of the season. Because the life cycle of the blood fluke is complex, there is a good chance that the

lake, pond or river where you got swimmer's itch last year will be free of it this season as it was in the years before last summer. For some measure of security you could check with the local office of the State Department of Health to see if they have any reported cases of swimmer's itch this year. If they have, go swim in a swimming pool instead. Pools are immune from this particular problem because of the chlorine used to disinfect the pool water. If the pool has a lifeguard and your "swimming hole" doesn't, you are also much less likely to drown in the pool. That's another important safety consideration!

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Scouts

to enjoy their meal and one another's company, the judges busied themselves tallying score results. Afterwards, an informal recognition ceremony was held with each participating Scout receiving a participation patch, a participation ribbon and/or an event medalion.

According to Phyllis Allison, Floyd County service unit manager, Wilderness Road Council, the event was a great success. "All the girls exhibited good sportsmanship and Cadette Troop 44 were a tremendous help by volunteer-

ing as timekeepers. Local businesses came through for us this year as they have in the past. All in all, the 2002 Olympics was a success and we appreciate the efforts of all of our sponsors, Scouts, judges, and helpers. We hope to keep this event going in the years to come," she said.

The 2002 Girl Scout Olympics was hosted by the Floyd County Girl Scouts Service Unit. Other sponsors besides those previously mentioned are: Big Sandy Wholesale, Prestonsburg Community College and the

Prestonsburg Fire Department, who were also on site during the day of the event with an emergency vehicle in case of accident or injury.

Serving as timekeepers for the Olympic event were: Anita Allison, Katherin Austin, Megan Goble, Caitlin Hale, Shannon Hicks, Krista Justus, Renee Maynard, Kimberly Williams, and Megan Patton.

Serving as judges were: Tiffany Ratcliff, Wanda Ratcliff, Margarita Hampton, Bridget Clay, Gladys Knepp, Diana Goble, Clark Allison, and Phyllis Allison.

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Postscript

rivals any historical site you will see anywhere. I just have this fear that my Johnson County kin will gom it up. They've been skeptical, ornery, unsupportive and tight with money ever since it opened.

I'm referring to the Mountain Homeplace, which is a first class historical re-creation center. This is the type of place you read about in Southern Living and other top magazines.

The Mountain Homeplace recreates life in the Appalachian Mountains in the mid-19th century. The buildings — a house, a church, a school, a barn — are all authentic.

In the visitors center are a museum and a gift shop, both filled, again, with authentic items. This, folks, is as real as it gets. Can you hear me shouting in print? SEE THE MOUNTAIN

HOMEPLACE.

In the county seat of Paintsville, you can tour the home of eastern Kentucky's first homegrown coal baron, who made millions by buying low and selling high. See what our ancestors' blood, sweat, toil, tears and mineral rights bought ca. 1912. Although the John C. C. Mayo Mansion now houses Our Lady of the Mountains School, you should be able to take a tour and see how rich folk lived back then.

Head toward Van Lear and you can take in two sites in one trip. The Van Lear Historical Society Museum is one of the best museums of its type in the region. It remembers coal and the coal camp that was once one of the biggest, busiest towns in the Big Sandy Valley. What makes this museum even better is the knowledge that it was conceived

and developed by volunteers who cared enough to preserve their past without waiting for outside help.

On up the road and around the hill is another mountain treasure that deserves more public support. Loretta Lynn's homeplace is in Butcher Holler, within walking distance of the coal camp. The country music legend's brother, Herman Webb, maintains the shrine and leads tours of the classic mountain homestead where he and his siblings shared youth.

Well, look at where the space has gone. Looks like it'll take a few more columns to cover at least the highlights of our region. As I've said before, none of us can truthfully say that there's nothing to do around here.

Stay tuned and take notes.

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Eyes

it really galls me when my character is attacked. Especially by those who don't even know me.

Once again, I have been accused of unsavory actions. Though there is nothing I hate more than "beating a dead dog to death," I have ultimately decided that I will have one more quick thing to say. (In case you haven't figured it out yet, I'm reacting to a "letter-to-the-editor" that appeared in Wednesday's edition.)

First of all, let me point out to the writer that you are most correct to mention the fact that you were not a "party to the discussion" that took place between (what I assume is) your relative and myself. Or likewise, the conversation that took place between myself and the assumed relative's co-worker. Case in point - you don't have first-hand knowledge of who was rude to whom, do you?

Allow me to enlighten you: I was the first to be treated rudely. I was the first to be handed an "attitude." I simply refused to accept being bullied and hence, the problems commenced.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am a polite, caring and considerate individual. I am not prone to being rude or to handing out "attitude." As a matter of fact, I am quite the polar opposite. But, just because I'm a nice person it doesn't mean that I am going to allow myself to be pushed around. Gone through too much to allow that stuff anymore, y'all.

Second, I have never "criticized" a proud parent. To the

contrary, I criticized a selfish parent who was exhibiting unappreciative and rude behavior. And the line about being "tempted to pull the child's photo because of a tirade of accusations from the parent" was a joke, people. A joke. As I said before, I would never fault a child for the behaviors of its parents.

And last of all, if it isn't the "citizens of Floyd County" that

are keeping me out late evenings, week-ends and even on holidays, then who exactly are these people?

In the meantime, folks, keep those cards, letters and Kodak moments coming. All I ask for in return is that you don't get bent out of shape when I add in a few of my own.

And now, as far as I'm concerned, "that ole' dawg is daid."

Senior

cious as family should not be found in my "wishing well," but instead in my reality world. What makes this "wishing well" continue in my life even though I gave it no importance when I was young? Take a walk down memory lane and think about what was important to us when we were little and then compare it to now. Things have changed and the scale of importance has become overcrowded. Of course there is no easy solution to the destruction of this well. I personally (like many others) work all day and when I get done, I need time for myself, my husband, church activities, and maybe a free moment to enjoy a book or a TV show. My challenge to myself and to all of you is to begin to think of your family daily and instead of placing them in the "well" keep them on your mind, dwell on them, pray about them, and when you have a moment pick up the phone. I have recently lost both of my paternal grandparents, and

because I never had time to call them they will forever be in the "wishing well." I will always wish that I had taken the time to call them. Let's put a stop on the eternal wishing well and pick up the phone or take a drive to show someone you care.

If you would like to comment about this article or have a Senior Moment question you would like answered, please send all letters to the Alzheimer's Association Eastern KY Regional Office, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg KY, 41653- I look forward to hearing from you.

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This bracelet was a gift Amber Apodaca received from the center where she helped teens with drug and alcohol problems. She was wearing it when an underage drunk driver took her life.

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Inquiries should be directed to:
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Edward Jones analysts named "Best on the Street" by Wall Street Journal

Three Edward Jones research analysts were recognized as master stock pickers by the Wall Street Journal in its annual "Best on the Street Analysts Survey," according to Sam Blakenship, the Prestonsburg community investment representative for the financial services firm.

The Wall Street Journal recognized Brian Youngberg in utilities, Art Russell in computers and Mel Marten in telecommunications as master stock pickers.

Their top ranking was determined solely on the performance of their recommendations during 2001, where all

three analysts outperformed 95 to 100 percent of their industry peers.

The Edward Jones analysts were selected from more than 4,000 analysts at more than 200 firms. Of that number, 1,378 analysts "met the survey's eligibility tests and qualified to have their research

analyzed in detail," according to the Journal report.

Youngberg, selected as the top stock-picker for the utilities sector, was recognized for being "among the earliest last fall to advise investors to sell their shares of troubled Enron Corporation," according to the Journal. We issued a sell recommendation on Enron after the market closed on November 20, 2001.

"Their performance is no fluke. During one of the most dangerous times in the market in recent memory, Brian, Mel, and Art avoided some of the riskiest stocks in their respective sectors," said Alan Skrainka, Edward Jones' chief market strategist.

Edward Jones analysts are asked to identify industry leaders, great companies at a smart price within their respective industries, to follow.

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The Edward Jones interactive website is located at www.edwardjones.com.

The offices of Sam Blakenship, AAMS, are located at 255 West Court Street, Prestonsburg. Office telephone is (606) 889-9004.

Panel seeks nominations for small business air quality stewardship award

FRANKFORT - The Small Business Air Quality Advisory Panel is seeking nominations for the fifth annual Small Business Air Quality Stewardship Award. The award recognizes small businesses in Kentucky that have shown dedication and commitment to air quality stewardship. More than one award may be

given.

The Advisory Panel is part of a program that was designed by the Kentucky Division for Air Quality to comply with the national Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The amendments include provisions that direct each state to establish a program to assist small business-

es in complying with regulatory requirements under the Act.

The 2002 award will recognize exemplary performance in one or more of the following areas: pollution prevention, reducing emissions, emission control and/or community air quality leadership. A luncheon to honor the winner or winners will be held at Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort, Ky. on October 8, 2002. Individuals, businesses and organizations may nominate themselves or others for the award. Nominations will be evaluated by a committee of Advisory Panel members.

The application period is now through July 31, 2002. To request an application form, call Bobbie Malmer, Commissioner's Office, Department for Environmental Protection at (502) 564-2150. The application may be downloaded from the Air Quality Small Business Program Web site: <http://www.nr.state.ky.us/nrepc/dep/smbizair/index.htm>. All applications must be post-marked by July 31, 2002.

Unemployment rates decrease in 67 Kentucky counties in May

FRANKFORT - Unemployment rates fell in 67 Kentucky counties between April and May, rose in 42 and remained the same in 11 counties, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. Kentucky's jobless rate remained at 5.1 percent from April to May.

From May 2001 to May 2002, jobless rates dropped in 62 counties, went up in 54 counties, and stayed the same in Adair, Garrard, Owen and Pulaski counties. In May 2002, four counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent. Four counties recorded double-digit rates in April 2002 and 10 in May 2001.

Oldham, Jessamine and Woodford counties' 2.7 percent jobless rates were the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low

rates were recorded in Franklin County, 2.9 percent; Campbell County, 3 percent; Barren County, 3.2 percent; Fayette County, 3.3 percent; and Hart, Marion and Metcalfe counties, 3.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 13 percent. It was followed by Carter County, 11.4 percent; Elliott County, 11.3 percent; Clay County, 10.4 percent; Harlan County, 9.4 percent; Morgan County, 9 percent; Breathitt and McCreary counties, 8.9 percent each; Russell County, 8.8 percent; and Nicholas County, 8.6 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

State announces most Medicaid rates to be held at current levels

FRANKFORT - Medicaid rates for most Kentucky health care providers will remain at current levels effective July 1 due to the Medicaid budget crisis, the Cabinet for Health Services announced today.

No services are being eliminated and no rates will be reduced as a result of this action.

The state's Medicaid program faces a \$216 million deficit during the 2003-04 budget year.

The \$3.5 billion Medicaid budget is under review by the Medicaid Executive Steering Committee. Several cost-cutting steps have already been taken with a focus on managing utilization.

Declining state property tax rate set at 13.5 cents for 2002

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton today announced that the 2002 State Real Property Tax Rate is 13.5 cents per each \$100 of assessed value. KRS 132.020 requires the Revenue Cabinet to set the real property rate no later than July 1 of each year. According to Secretary Mayton, "The estimated total real property assessment for the 2002 tax year is approximately \$151 billion, up from \$143 billion in 2001."

Property taxes, once the primary source of state and local government revenue, now account for only about 6 percent of the state's annual General Fund revenues.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9023

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a Refuse Disposal Facility, affecting 34.97 acres, located approx. 1 mile southeast of Prestonsburg, in Floyd County Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.3 miles southeast from Big Branch Road's junction with KY 302 and located in Big Branch. The Latitude is 37° 40' 08". The Longitude is 82° 43' 25".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Nancy J. Roberts, and Tri-Star Development, Inc.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5290

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Increment 1 of permit number 836-5290.

which was last issued on 10/27/97. The Application covers an area of approximately 20.15 acres, located 4.5 miles northeast of Prestonsburg, in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 2.46 miles Southeast from Kentucky Route 3's junction with Long Branch Road and located 0.3 miles Southwest of the intersection of Johns Creek and Daniels Creek.

The bond now in effect for increment 1 is a surety bond \$ 2 4 , 9 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 15% of the original bond amount of \$48,200.00 is included in the application for release.

All required reclamation work has been completed, including the establishment of the post mining land use capability

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 August 2, 2002.

This is the final advertisement of the application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 5, 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. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 2, 2002.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-8030, Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Ram Processing, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing coal processing/tripple facility, affecting 2.66 acres, located at East McDowell in Floyd County.

(2) The proposed operation is located 1.00 mile east from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located just north of Hall Branch.

(3) The proposed facility is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, Dept. for Surface Mining, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement for the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty

(30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5936, Renewal No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.7 miles north of Virgie, and situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 14.20 surface acres and will underlie 2,950.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,964.20 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.20 miles southwest from Newsom Branch Road's junction with Robinson Creek Road, and located along Newsom Branch of Robinson Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville, Wheelwright, Dorton, and McDowell USGS 7 2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Ida Hall and Coastal Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Sterling Johnson, Tammy and Donald Caudill, Bobby Gene and Mildred Newsome, Lizzie Newsome, McKinley Akers, Denzil Newsome, Delmer and Donna Bolden, Brack and Helen Younce, Ted Younce, Oscar and Sophronia Osborne, Dora Roberts, Hurston McPeek, Robert Blane and Jean Adams, John D. and Maudie Simpkins, Paul Dean and Kolene T. Newsome, Elmer Ray Tackett, Ida Hall, Auda and Ada Bolden, Claudis Tackett, Lester and Barbara Faye Osborne, Darrell and Bonita Newsome, John and Joyce Brown, Gayle and Vicky Brown, Russell and Sherry Brown, Ray and Betty Brown, Lloyd Newsome & Cora Smith, Johnson Family Trust, Martha Slone Fraley, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Florence Newsome, Alexandria, Waclaw, and Sonny Platkus, Stanslaw Platkus, Millard and Alvaria Hall, Claudetta Edwards, Ukle and Ethel Curry, Charlie Flannery, Morris Newsome, Andy L. Mitchell, Coastal Coal Company, LLC, Bill Hall, Grover and Jacqueline Gillum, Bill and Fanny Adams, Gomer and Hurlene Blackburn, Leonard and Nellie Roberts, Hattie Cole, Delmer and Tyann Castle, Roger Puckett, Garnis and Fayetta Ditto, Hais Harris, Edna Rice, Conley Newsom, Liza Bell Bentley, Raymond and Helua Jones, Crit and Pearl Johnson, Latrilla Cook Flannery, Dora Johnson, Estille and George Ann Johnson, Lonnie Little, Susie Smith, and Russell and Martha Walker.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4138, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbiana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 0.0 acres of surface disturbance area and 1,515.0 acres of underground acreage making a total area of 2,089.24 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. No surface area will be disturbed by the amendment. The operation will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Andy Hamilton, Clifford and Sadie Hamilton, Homer and Wanda Hamilton, Ellis Little, Harvey and Jewellene Tackett, Rose Belcher, Emery and Tilda Ray, Walter and Oma Keathley, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Stephen Hamilton, Dora Keathley, Eyrind and Dillie Hamilton, Millard and Mary Johnson, Ronald and Martha Johnson, Ray and Kelly Slone, Edgar and Myreda Howell, John D. and Millie Hamilton, Rhonda Hall and Grant Newsome, Alma Land Company, Louise Spears, Melba Martin, Verniece H. Akers, Edward Hall, Ansel Hall, Russell and Joyce Brewer, James W. and Madge Keathley, Bennie and Sola Tackett, Charles Frasure, Dewey L. and Fay Hall, Eliza Jane Rogers Estate, Casey and Dakota Newsome, Estill Hall, Alex and Liddie Hall, Donnie Hall, Diana Kirkwood, Helen Hall, Curt and Geraldine Blankenship, Estill and Mary Alice Blankenship, Leonard and Mildred Martin, Carl Mitchell, Jan M. and Justin Hamilton, Virble Brown, Estill and Wade Hamilton, et al., Jenna R. Hamilton, Emery and Kiser, Appalachian Land Company, Vernon K. and Ray Slone, Elmer Hall, and Hubert Hall.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. 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.

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NOTICE OF PENDING LEGAL ACTION

Notice is hereby given to Unknown Defendants, who are the heirs or devisees or legates of Oscar Sargent and their spouses, and any and all other persons or parties who may be claiming or may have an interest in and to the hereinafter described property which is subject to a Complaint in the Floyd Circuit Court:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on Pike-Floyd Hollow of Floyd County, Kentucky, and being part of the 0.83 acre tract conveyed in John Lee Sanders by Pike-Floyd Coal Co., recorded in deed book 136, page 394 and part of the half-acre tract conveyed to Oscar and Garnett Sargent by John Lee Sanders by deed recorded in deed book 136, page 396. Note: A part of half-acre tract or 0.056 acres was conveyed to Stephen L. Roberts in tract ZA by Patricia S. McCoy in 1995. Recorded in deed book 389, page 831 No. 1A is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at p-k masonry nail set in the center of county road on the East line of Sargent's 2.97 acre tract;

Thence with Sargent 2.97 acre South 21 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds West, 7.45 feet to a pipe & cap pl. 2890 set on line of Stephen L. Roberts' Tract # 2A;

Thence with Robert's line South 35 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds East, 144.33 feet to a pipe & cap pl. 2890, set North 25 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds East, 1.26 feet from Robert's tract @ 2A South East property corner;

Thence leaving Robert's line with line between J.L. Sanders' 0.83 acre tract and J.W. Nunnery tract now Sargent heirs and Hary Irik's line South 69 degrees 07 minutes 07 seconds East 128.10 feet to a pipe & cap pl. 2890 at in the center of a drain to mark the corner between Tract No. 1A;

Thence with the center of drain downstream with Sellards line the following courses North 2 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds East, 46.17 feet;

Thence North 28 degrees 46 minutes 41 seconds East, 77.77 feet;

Thence North 37 degrees 13 minutes 26 seconds East, 32.28 feet to a p-k masonry nail set to

the point of beginning; The above-described parcel contains 0.3650 acres or (15,900.63 sq. ft.)

On the North side of tract No. 1A is a right of way for county road 143.90 feet long and 12.5 feet wide.

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on Pike-Floyd Hollow of Floyd County, Kentucky, and being part of Oscar & Garnett Sargent's 2.97 acre tract recorded in deed book 109, page 546, and conveyed to Garnett Sargent in deed book 113, page 558, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a pipe & cap pl. 2890 at the south east corner of Stephen L. Robert's Tract 2A;

Thence up the hill South 21 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds West 242.96 feet to a pipe & cap set as a corner between Bud Stevens 31.37 acre tract and Tract No. 18;

Thence with Bud Stevens 31.37 acre Tract 70 degrees 40 minutes 0.7 seconds West, 263.99 feet to a pipe & cap pl. 2890 set as a corner between Tract No. 1B, Glen Blackburn and Stevens' 31.37 acre tract;

Thence leaving Stevens' line down a point with Blackburn's line North 28 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds East 65.63 feet to a pipe and cap set on Glen Blackburn's property line;

Thence continuing with Blackburn's line North 27 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds, East, 246.09 feet to a pipe and cap pl. 2890 set a corner between Lot 1B Glen Blackburn and Patricia Sargent McCoy;

Thence leaving Blackburn's line and with line of Patricia S. McCoy South 54 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds East, 69.59 feet, to a pipe & cap pl. 2890 set as a corner between Stephen L. Roberts and Patricia Sargent McCoy;

Thence leaving Patricia S. McCoy line and running with Robert's tract 2A South 54 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds East, 167.94 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described tract contains 1.576 acres (68,639.29 sq. ft.)

Being the same property conveyed to Stephen L. Roberts and Anita Roberts, his wife by deed dated July 3, 1996, which appears of record in Deed Book 396, page 742, in the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Beginning at a pipe & cap stamped P.L.S. 2890 set in fence line near county road; thence North 74-04-30' West, 74.84 feet to a pipe & cap set in fence corner, thence pipe & cap following fence South 23-05'-54- West, 70.65 feet to a pipe line and cap set in fence line; thence leaving fence South 28-36' 38" west 62.58 feet to a pipe and cap set near the base of a 16 inch poplar tree; thence South 54- 50' 50'

East, 167.94 feet to a pipe & cap; thence North 35-58' East, 145.59 feet to a pipe & cap set in fence; thence following fence North 66-47' 27 West, 78.30 feet to a pipe and cap set in fence; thence leaving fence and crossing paved driveway North 24-06' 03. West, 51.93 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described tract or parcel known as Tract # 2A contain 0.58 acres or 25, 244.79 square feet.

Being the same property conveyed to Stephen L. Roberts and Anita Roberts, his wife, by deed dated September 7, 1995, which appears of record in Deed Book 389, Page 831, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Any and all persons or parties who are believed to have an interest in the above said properties are hereby directed to contact the Warning Order Attorney, Hon. Janie C. McKenzie-Wells, at Boehl, Stopher & Graves, LLP, 287 West Court Street, P.O. Box 606, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, telephone (606) 886-8004.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5431, Amendment #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., 248 South Lake Drive, P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The amendment will add 2.4 acres of surface disturbance, making a total of 569.4 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is approximately 0.5 mile northeast from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37-32-22". The longitude is 82-51-52".

The proposed amendment area is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute gradrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the amendment is owned by Lona Duff. The operation proposes a reclamation borrow area and associated reclamation access corridor.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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APP: #860-5258
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to application number 860-5258

(1) In accordance with KRS, 350.055, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC-82, Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.0 miles North of Topmost in Knott County. The proposed operation will disturb 11.50 surface acres in Knott County, and will underlie 511.60 acres in Knott and Floyd counties, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 523.10 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.9 mile southeast from Kentucky Route 7's junction with Kentucky Route 899, and located on The Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 24' 36". The longitude is 82° 46' 53".

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Wayland and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Roy & Priscilla Huff and Leonard & Christine Nickles. The operation will underlie land owned by Roy & Priscilla Huff, W.J. Hall Estate, Elkhorn Coal

Corporation, E.V. Vance Estate, Larry & Patricia Vance, William P. Slone Estate, Debra Brigmon, Rodney & Najuana Sue Moore and Ransom Slone. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The operation will change the pre-mining land use of forest to Wildlife Habitat on 11.50 surface acres. The proposed post mining land use change to fish and wildlife habitat will affect the following surface owners: Roy & Priscilla Huff and Leonard & Christine Nickles.

(4) 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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1) In accordance with KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Addington Mining, Inc., 2000 Ashland Drive., Ashland, Kentucky 41101, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on increments 1 through 6 of Permit No. 836-0281, which was last issued on 5/22/02.

The application covers an area of approximately 592.47 acres located 1.00 mile Northwest of Hennon in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately 2.93 miles North East of U.S. 23's junction with CR-1026 (Mare Creek Rd) and located along Shop Branch of Mare Creek. The latitude is 37-35'-05" The longitude is 82-36'-04".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit is Surety Bonds in the amount of \$292,200.00 for Incr. #1; \$448,800.00 for Incr. #2; \$878,800.00 for Incr. #3; \$40,800.00 for Incr. #4; \$58,200.00 for Incr. #5 and \$205,800.00 for Incr. #6. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$292,200.00 for Incr. #1; \$448,800.00 for Incr. #2; \$878,800.00 for

Incr. #3; \$40,800.00 for Incr. #4; \$58,200.00 for Incr. #5 and \$205,800.00 for Incr. #6 are included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes Final Backfilling, Grading And seeding, completed spring 2001.

(5) Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcements Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6

Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 8/19/02.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Dewey Belcher, of 917 Mare Creek Road, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to haul fill dirt in. The property is located 9/10 of a mile from US 23, and 2 miles from Betsy Layne. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION STUDY FOR FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with Palmer Engineering, are currently gathering information about the flood of 1977.

The study area will include areas throughout Floyd County, Kentucky, excluding the residents currently included in the Town of Martin project.

It is requested that anyone having knowledge or evidence about the 1977 flood, please call toll-free, 1-888-383-0131, or email ssewell@palmernet.com

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