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10-year drug sentences please prosecutor

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With a 10-year recommended sentence Friday for Lafe Hall, 56, came the first Floyd County conviction for the trafficking of ecstasy, and with the 10-year recom-

mendation given to Millard Ray Conn, 52, the same day for pleading guilty to drug-related charges, prosecutors believe their "aggressive position is starting to pay dividends."

Hall pleaded guilty to four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance in exchange for a recommendation of five

years from the commonwealth's attorney's office. A persistent felony offender charge against Hall warranted him a 10-year sentence, which will run concurrently with the five-year sentence.

Hall's 10-year sentence will also run consecutively with a two-and-a-half-year sentence that Hall received on June

28 for trafficking in a controlled substance, which resulted in a revocation hearing concerning probation that Hall had received in regards to 1998 charges. He will serve a total of 12-and-a-half years.

One of the trafficking charges that Hall pleaded to was, according to

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the first conviction for selling ecstasy in the Floyd County.

"It is the first conviction of trafficking in ecstasy in Floyd County that I am aware of," said Turner.

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Report: Appalachia needs tech upgrade

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Appalachia has been left out of the telecommunications revolution, with a shortfall of computers, Internet access and worker skills holding back technology gains in the mostly rural region, a federal study shows.

The study, conducted by two University of Texas professors, was commissioned by the Appalachian Regional Commission to gauge the availability and use of telecommunications in the 200,000-square-mile region.

The study, released Tuesday, incorporates data from the Federal Communications Commission, a review of state regulatory policies, interviews with service providers and local case studies.

"This study demonstrates how crucial information and communications technology is to economic development," said Jesse L. White Jr., co-chairman of the ARC.

"We need to pay attention to the lessons it draws for us so that Appalachia will not be left behind, the way it was when the interstate system bypassed the mountains. It has taken over three decades and billions of dollars to remedy this deficit. We still have time to ensure that this does not happen again with the telecommunications infrastructure," he said.

This year, Congress reauthorized the ARC for an unprecedented five years, with a recommendation that funding for non-highway projects such as Internet access and entrepreneurship programs be increased by \$10 million.

"The current status quo is clearly unacceptable," said Gov. Donald Sundquist, R-Tenn. "Appalachia should have the same access to telecommunications as any other region of the United States."

Among the studies' findings about Appalachia:

■ The rates of home computers, Internet access and even basic telephone service are lower than the national average.

■ Lower-cost broadband technology favored by small- and medium-sized businesses is not widely available. Many telecommunications providers' central offices are DSL ready, but many are not yet offering such services. More advanced technologies are not in the immediate future for the region's

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

A two-vehicle accident, that occurred on Friday evening on the bridge along University Drive in Prestonsburg, yielded no injuries other than shaken nerves. Rachael Elswick, of David, was driving this Geo Metro toward Prestonsburg Community College when it hydroplaned and collided with a car driven by Kathy Caudill and also occupied by her 16-year-old son. The accident blocked the bridge for quite some time as police, ambulances and rescue squads responded to the scene.

No action taken against official

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Theft allegations against a Prestonsburg woman will not affect her position as the director of food service with the Floyd County

school system for the time being.

Brenda Fish was charged Tuesday with theft for allegedly taking blank checks from Thomas Thompson and forging his name on them.

According to court docu-

ments, the combined amount of money from the checks that were written from Jan. 11, 2001, through April 2 totaled over \$12,000.

Dr. Paul Fanning, superin-

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Defendant chooses jury after admitting lie

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man decided to take his chances with a jury rather than follow through with a plea agreement after being caught lying by a judge.

Brandon Slone was scheduled to be formally sentenced Friday for intimidating a witness in a case involving his mother, Anna Booth. However, he withdrew his plea of guilt when Judge John David Caudill decided not to take the prosecution's sentencing recommenda-

tion in the case after he read the pre-sentencing investigative report.

Slone had originally pleaded guilty to a charge of intimidating a witness in exchange for a recommendation of two years

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Father's fight for safer road begins to pay off

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

GALVESTON — The efforts of a Floyd County man to improve the safety of a local road in Galveston are paying off as highway crews recently began installing guardrails along the edge of the embankment which has been the site of previous accidents.

Den Hunter, who in 1995 lost his daughter and her husband when their car went off the Route 3379 and landed on its top in a creek, has been lobbying for the installation of a guardrail since 1996.

Hunter believes that the new guardrail will prevent future accidents and possible disasters.

"It could keep a school bus full of children from going over the hill," Hunter said.

Hunter filmed portions of the road and took the tape to Frankfort to help his cause.

With the assistance of Huey Sammons, Cornel Patton, Anous Hubbard, Glen Tackett and FEMA, the project was able to become a reality.

"This is making a daddy's dream come true," Hunter said.

The project will also include the widening of the road in some narrow areas.



A guardrail is under construction in Galveston in an effort to prevent accidents and increase the safety of the road.

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Odds and Ends

■ **FORT MYERS, Fla.** — A former manager and employee of a convenience store returned to the place they met for their wedding — the 7-Eleven at 7:11 a.m. on July 11.

"I figured if I got married at 7:11 on 7/11 in 7-Eleven, it'd be hard to forget my anniversary," groom Randy Kimball said. Kimball met his bride, Sharon Stehli, at the store

when she applied for a job two years ago.

"We met here so we didn't consider getting married any other place," Stehli said.

The brief ceremony was performed Thursday by Dee Blazina, a notary who is an assistant manager at another 7-Eleven store.

The couple also hauled in a pile of sand for their altar — the concrete slab between the convenience store and the parking lot — to give their wedding a tropical theme.

The groom wore dark sunglasses, a Hawaiian shirt and shorts. The bride donned a Hawaiian print sarong dress. Both wore shark tooth necklaces.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds sipped coffee from a foam 7-Eleven cup.



Michaela Tussey plans to show her stuff in the JWT Talent Contest on Tuesday evening.



Seth Jones, a young Floyd Countian plans to participate in the JWT Talent Contest this upcoming Tuesday evening.

Floyd Countians to appear in JWT Talent Contest

Jenny Wiley Theatre is gearing up for the 2nd Annual Talent Contest, sponsored by Avalon Natural Spring Water. On Tuesday July 16, join guest vocalist, Kristen Everage, of the Kentucky Opry, and host Marty Childers, as 16 contestants battle it out for the top prize of \$500 in both the Youth and Adult categories. Three of the 16 contestants are from Floyd County.

First in the Youth adult division is Michaela Tussey, the daughter of Lisa Tussey and Mickey Bentley of Garrett. A 10-year-old Duff Elementary Student, Michaela will be singing "Hair" from the musical by the same name. Seth Jones, the 10-year-old son of Rick and Janie Jones of Printer, is a Betsy Layne Elementary Student. Seth will sing a "God Bless America" medley. Finally,

Allissa Johnson, the 15-year-old daughter of Sharon Johnson of Dwale, will perform a dance routine.

All three Floyd County contestants ask everyone to support their efforts by attending the show. Three judges will have the difficult task of deciding who will be tomorrow's star in "Star Search" fashion. Contestants will be scored after each act and the audience may track the scores. This event is perfect for the entire family and JWT invites everyone to support our local talent on this fun filled evening. In the event of a tie, audience applause will determine the winner.

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and the show starts at 8:15 PM. For more information contact the theatre at 877-CALL-JWT. Got Tickets?

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — A young couple fishing in the Florida Keys reeled in a big one - a leather bag with about \$80,000 inside.

The couple, visiting from Vero Beach, Fla., found the bag floating south of the Seven Mile Bridge in the Keys on Saturday. And they can keep the money inside if the owner doesn't claim it in three months, authorities said.

"They saw a baseball cap floating out there, and they were going to retrieve the baseball cap, and they found a little leather bag," said George Rogers, head of the U.S. Customs Service in Key West.

The couple called the FBI, who contacted Customs.

"It's either drug money or alien smuggling money," Rogers said. "It was soaked, it had been floating in the water for a while."

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is holding the cash. State seizure rules allow people who find unclaimed property to keep it if the legitimate owner doesn't come forth in 90 days.

Sheriff's Sgt. Bobby Randolph said the couple — who recently had a baby — don't want to be identified.

Several people have called to claim the money, but none was legitimate, Randolph said.

■ **INDIANOLA, Iowa** — A man loved his drug-sniffing dog so much that he decided they should remain together after death — at a pet cemetery.

The cremated remains of Jim Crovetti and his Rottweiler, Lady, are buried in separate urns at the Loving Rest Pet Cemetery in Warren County, about 10 miles south of Des Moines, in a section dedicated to service animals.

Crovetti and Lady worked for nine years with police in southern Iowa and northern Missouri to investigate illegal drugs and present anti-drug programs at schools.

Nancy Crovetti, Jim's widow, said she knew people might question burying a man in a pet cemetery, but it was her husband's wish.

"It is a beautiful spot," she said. "When I go there, I remember the good times when I had them both. For them to be together forever gives me comfort."

She said her husband and Lady spent thousands of hours teaching kids about drugs with the program he created called "Keep Your Paws Off Drugs."

"The morning Lady died, I thought I would lose Jim that same day. Lady and Jim were so close. The bond between them was phenomenal. They were always together," she said.

Jim Crovetti died of a heart attack in November 2000, less than six months after Lady died. He was 69.

Nancy Crovetti said she plans to be buried with her dog, Kahlua.

"I want our headstone next to Jim's and Lady's," she said. "I guess some people do think it is odd, but those animals were a big part of our lives."

■ **TACOMA, Wash.** — A noisy parrot that was stolen from a pet clinic and boarding

center was recovered — and welcomed back home with a dinner of pasta and ice cream.

Bonzo's owners were in tears Tuesday after police, acting on a tip, found the unusually squawky 10-year-old African gray parrot at a home in the city's south end.

Bonzo, appearing healthy but slightly underweight, greeted his owners, Bill and Gail Brooks of Federal Way, with one of his special sounds, an imitation of a squeaky dog toy.

"Bet you're glad to even see me," Bill Brooks said to the bird, which perched on his wife's finger as she showered him with kisses.

"I can still hardly hold him

without shaking," Gail Brooks said.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested at the house and booked into juvenile detention for investigation of first-degree theft, Officer Jim Mattheis said.

Bonzo sings a version of the song "Bingo" using his own name, squawks "Night, night" at bedtime and quotes lines such as "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too" from the "Wizard of Oz." Another favorite line is "Bonzo pretty, Bonzo smart."

The parrot, worth about \$2,000, was stolen June 23 from the Pet Pavilion while the Brookses were on vacation in Hawaii.

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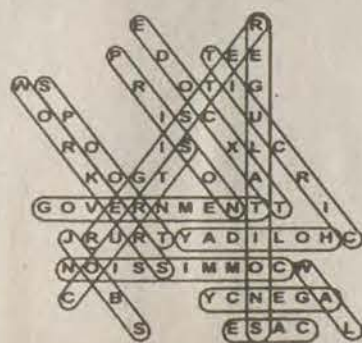


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— Felix Frankfurter

Ourview

It's too late to complain

We have little sympathy for education officials and less understanding of their arguments that implementation of the 2001 Leave No Child Behind Act is in some respect unfair.

The act mandates that parents of students at schools which do not pass muster can send their children — on their local school board's dime — to better schools within their district. If there are no such schools within the district, those students could then enroll in better schools in a neighboring district.

Recently, when feds announced which schools had received failing grades, there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth among the Kentucky educational community, complaining that the implementation is unfair.

Critics of the implementation point out that the data used to identify which schools are flunking is now nearly two years old, left over from the first two-year cycle of the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System. They say these schools, which were placed on academic audit two years ago and have been given money and resources for improvements, could very well have made improvements since then which would take them off the list of failing schools.

That may very well be the case, and we hope it is. That would mean the 107 schools on the list in Kentucky would have to endure the prospect of losing students to other schools for a relatively short time. They will just have to wait until the latest CATS data is released this fall to find out.

But the justice of Leave No Child Behind is that parents do not have to accept the maybes of education officials as the only hope for a better education for their children. Now they are given the power to take their children's education in their own hands and, if their local school doesn't make the grade, they can find another that does.

Parents shouldn't have to rely on maybes in regard to their children's futures. If the schools truly have gotten better, then the students will be back when there's proof.

But if these latest maybes are actually false promises like so many others we've heard in the past, then parents don't have to continue sending their children to lousy schools in the hope that things might get better someday.

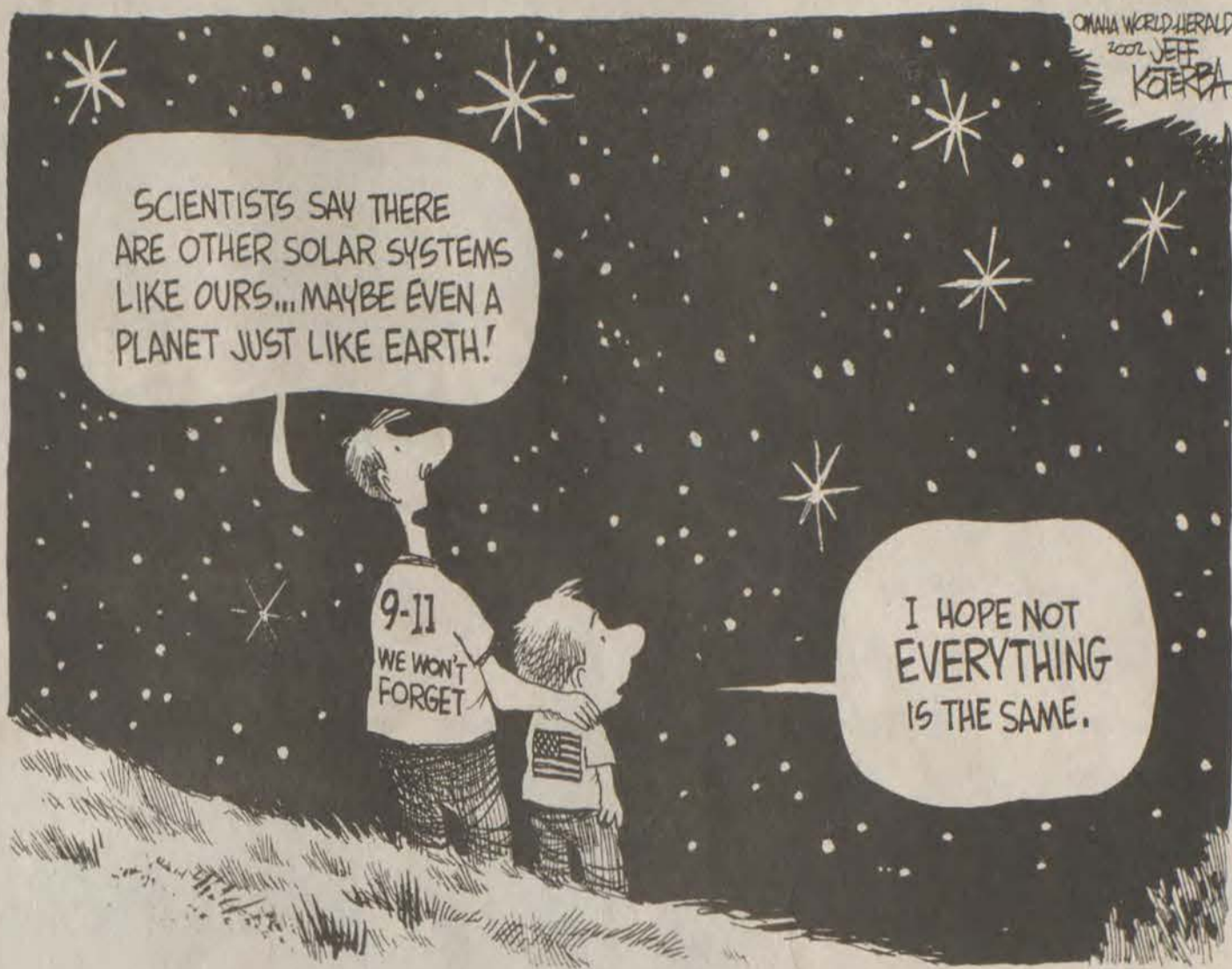
If the potential loss of students and the resulting economic and scheduling headaches it causes feel like a punishment, that's because they were intended to be.

The message Leave No Child Behind is simple and twofold:

Fail to live up to expectations and pay the price. Don't like it? Get better.

Surely our school systems, which mete out grades and discipline on a daily basis, can understand the logic of that argument.

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— beyond the beltway

In whom should 'we' trust?

by DONALD KAUL

I suppose you're all wondering what I think about the recent federal court decision declaring the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because the phrase "one nation under God," violates the separation of church and state. (Don't apologize. I was wondering about it myself.)

Well, after sitting down and thinking about it really hard I have come to this conclusion:

"It's about time!"

When I was a young lad during the 1940s, World War II was going on and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance all the time — daily, if I remember correctly. It was a way of showing our support for our country. And we never said "under God," not even once.

In those days, you see, the Pledge did not contain that phrase. It was added in 1954 by a Congress anxious to differentiate us from the godless Communists, with whom we were struggling for world dominance.

I was in college by that time where, if you went to the right school, you didn't have to start the day with the Pledge. Still, I never liked the change. Admittedly, I was and am a practicing agnostic but that wasn't the main reason.

The reasons were two:

■ The addition destroys the rhythm of what was a nice little poem. When you recite the Pledge you have to stop in mid-phrase and drop in "under God" as an aside, then pick up the beat again. It's hard enough teaching kids how to write well, without making them recite bad poetry.

■ It is disastrous to the meaning of the poem. The original version reads "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Inserting "under God" after "nation" symbolically divides the nation from its indivisibility. Which is generally what happens when you insert God into civic affairs. You divide.

For the record, this is what the court — the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals — ruled:

"The pledge, as currently codified, is an impermissible government endorsement of religion because it sends a message to unbelievers 'that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.'"

I couldn't agree more. The Profiles in Courage in Congress (PICs) fell over each other rushing to denounce the ruling, of course. Speaker of the House, Dennis (Czar) Hastert, led a covey of

colleagues onto the Capitol steps where they recited the Pledge and sang "God Bless America." (Isn't it amazing how pious Congress can get when it doesn't cost its corporate sponsors any money?)

Not a single one of them, to my knowledge, had the guts to stand up and defend the Constitutional separation of church and state. Not one. They were all too busy making sure God knew they were on His side.

If there is a God, I'm sure He had a good laugh over those flaming hypocrites thinking they could fool Him so easily.

What I'd like to see the courts do now is banish "In God We Trust" from our money. I think the phrase absurd.

What is it, exactly, that we trust God to do? Reward the good and punish the guilty? Make the righteous prosper and the unworthy suffer? What the matter, don't you read the newspapers? They are filled with examples of scoundrels who live richly in the full sunlight of society's honor and of noble, honest folk for whom life is just one damn thing after another.

Do you trust God to enforce some larger system of order on our miserable lives? You'd have a hard time docu

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— Jim Davidson

No \$12 sewing machine

We know from personal experience, as well as observing the lives of other people, that if we are to achieve true and lasting success our lives and our careers must be built on a solid foundation of truth and integrity.

For example, how many times do you have to catch another person in an outright lie before you would begin to doubt everything else they say? The answer to that question is once, because from that point on there will always be an unmistakable breach in his or her credibility.

Some time ago I heard a humorous story I believe really illustrates the importance of credibility. This is supposedly a true story and I heard it at my deer camp, in Drew County, Ark.

In the early 1930s during the Great Depression, a woman from a rural southeast Arkansas community was married to a man who was from near Trenton, Tenn. Times were really tough for this couple over in Tennessee and some of this woman's relatives in Arkansas learned of their condition.

As a result of the news, Uncle Babe, one of her uncles, took it upon himself to get in touch with the couple and he painted a very optimistic picture. He said, "Luther, we want you and Aire Mae to load up and come to Arkansas.

We can raise a cotton crop together and there are plenty of wild hogs in the woods here, so we can have lots of fresh meat. In fact, prices in town are very reasonable. You can even get a new sewing machine for \$12 and prices on other things are reasonable, too."

When Luther heard the good news, he thought he had died and gone to heaven! In fact, he couldn't wait to get loaded up and headed out. They traveled the better part of two days in an old Model A Ford and got to her uncle's house late at night.

Naturally, they had to wake everybody. When they all got up and were sitting around talking, Luther said, "Uncle Babe, the first thing in the mornin' can we go out and get one of them wild hogs? Me and Aire Mae ain't had any fresh meat in months, and as soon as we get settled, I'll be ready to start that cotton crop."

Uncle Babe was on the spot, so he said, "Sure, Luther, we'll go out first thing in the mornin'."

After breakfast Uncle Babe got out his .22 pistol and they headed out through the woods in the back of the house. Before long they came upon some hogs and Uncle Babe picked out a good one and took aim and fired. He was a crack shot and the hog fell almost in its tracks. At this point, he

turned to Luther and said, "Here, hold this gun!" and he grabbed the hog, slung it over his shoulder and started running.

Luther said, "How come you're in such a hurry, Uncle Babe. We got us a wild hog, ain't we?"

Uncle Babe said, "Yeah, but I don't think the folks who own this hog will understand."

You see, Uncle Babe had shot someone else's hog! As they were running through the woods, Luther said to himself, "Humph! I bet there ain't no \$12 sewing machine, either."

This is a clear case in which Uncle Babe had told a lie and as a result he lost his credibility with Luther. The moral of this story is simple: If we want to have credibility with another person, unless it would bring unmerited harm to ourselves or others, we

must always tell the truth. If we don't tell the truth, in every area of our lives, we are building the foundation for our future on sand, and when the storms of adversity come along, it will not stand the test of time. What goes around comes around.

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Bishops face tough policy on clerical sex abuse

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A month after their historic meeting on sex abuse, some of America's Roman Catholic bishops have been struggling to implement their sweeping new policy to keep priests who molest children away from parishioners.

A few priests removed from public ministry under the plan have fought back and appealed to the Vatican for reinstatement — and some rank-and-file Catholics have supported them. A handful of bishops also have delayed ousting errant clergy until they thoroughly review key parts of the policy, such as its broad definition of sexual abuse.

The new guidelines "raise some real questions about compatibility with our traditions," said the Rev. Thomas Green, a church law expert at The Catholic University of America.

Despite such concerns, many bishops have moved swiftly to carry out the plan.

More than 50 of the nation's 46,000 priests have either resigned from the priesthood or been permanently removed from ministry under the new policy. Those men may not wear the Roman collar, say Mass with parishioners or represent the church in any public fashion.

Those 50 removals are in addition to at least 250 priests taken off duty before bishops approved the new policy on June 14 in Dallas.

Many of the newly removed clergy held positions ranging from hospital chaplain to administrators of marriage tribunals

and diocesan cemetery departments — posts where they had no contact with children. Some had already retired, but several were leading churches.

Some priests have challenged their punishments. Five in the Chicago Archdiocese have asked the Vatican to return them to public duty, and Cardinal Francis George has asked the Holy See for guidance on how to respond.

The Rev. Robert Silva, head of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, which claims about half of U.S. priests as members, said he is just starting to collect information about appeals in other dioceses. But he said many priests have expressed concern that the policy ignores

their due process rights under church law.

Silva was particularly angered by arguments from some Catholics that priests with a history of misconduct have a moral obligation to step down.

"It is not to take the high road simply to acquiesce," Silva said. "Everyone has a right to appeal."

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is handling the U.S. appeals, has not commented on the cases.

In the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, some parishioners at St. Michael the Archangel Church were upset when Bishop James Hoffman removed the Rev. Robert Fisher, who was convicted

in 1988 of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl. Fisher spent 30 days in jail and has undergone four years of counseling; parishioners knew of his past misconduct.

The Rev. Thomas Quinn, Toledo Diocese spokesman, said there were concerns that Fisher and other rehabilitated priests like him were being punished twice.

"The bishop didn't have much choice if he was going to follow the bishops' direction and that's a concern for all of us. We're all getting splattered by the same paintbrush," Quinn said.

Green said he knew of no ban in canon law of what civil law

calls "double jeopardy," which prohibits prosecuting someone twice for the same crime.

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, traveled last month to Rome to deliver the policy to Vatican officials — a first step toward seeking their approval. He has said he is confident the Holy See will

authorize the document, which is necessary to make it binding on all U.S. dioceses.

Until then, some bishops said they will hold off on parts of the plan. Archbishop Thomas Kelly of Louisville said he will not move to defrock abusive priests — another option under the policy — until the Vatican approves the Dallas document.

Religion news in brief

Lay workers at Texas Roman Catholic churches unionize

■ SAN JUAN, Texas — Lay workers at four Roman Catholic parishes who were worried about pensions and other benefits have joined unions — a rare move for church employees of any denomination, labor groups say.

The employees have signed contracts with the United Farm Workers of America and AFL-CIO.

"I'm 65 years old. I've worked for the church for 24 years. Then they told us our pension fund is over," said Angie

Pena, an employee of St. Joseph the Worker Church in McAllen. "I want a future. I want security. And I want justice."

The diocese vicar general, the Rev. Robert Maher, said the change was meant to help the employees. "It became evident that people would not have a healthy income from that pension plan," Maher said.

But many workers said they received much less than they expected when the plan was cashed out.

The three other churches where workers unionized are Holy Spirit Catholic Church in McAllen, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hidalgo and St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in San Carlos.

Families sue California school district over study of Islam

■ BYRON, Calif. — A debate in California about teaching Islam to public school children has led to a lawsuit, in which parents claim the classes violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

School administrators have defended the program.

Two families with students at the Excelsior School filed the suit against the Byron Union School District on June 24 in federal court in San Francisco.

They argued that requiring students to wear traditional Muslim clothing and memorize Islamic prayers as part of the class was unacceptable.

"Is this education or indoctrination?" asked attorney Richard Thompson of Ann Arbor, Mich.-based Thomas More Center for Law and Justice, which is spearheading the suit.

"The textbook and simulation workbook used in Byron and many schools in California crossed way over the constitutional line in regard to religion."

Byron Superintendent Peggy Green said the district is adhering to state guidelines and did not plan to stop using the textbook, "Across the Centuries,"

published by Houghton-Mifflin. She said it's the only state-approved history book for seventh graders.

Apaches, Greek Orthodox clash over Arizona monastery plan

■ TUCSON, Ariz. — Plans for a Greek Orthodox monastery have met with resistance from Apache Indians who say it will mar the gateway to a sacred area where the Chiricahua Apaches once found refuge.

Greek Orthodox monks, who own 481 acres about 70 miles southeast of Tucson, have proposed a building that could exceed the three-story limit in local zoning rules.

The Apache Indians say anything higher than 30 feet or three stories will be a blight on a spiritual area whose granite mountains once served as a natural fortress for Chiricahua Apache leader Cochise and his people.

Cochise is buried somewhere inside the area known as the Cochise Stronghold, which was the hide-out of the Chiricahua Apaches when they were pursued by the U.S. Cavalry.

The case is scheduled to go before the Cochise County Board of Supervisors, which will hold a public hearing Aug. 6.

Buddhists cleanse 'cursed' Rappahannock River in Virginia

■ FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Local Buddhists held a ceremony to bless the Rappahannock River, where more than 60 people have drowned since 1972.

More than two dozen atten-

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The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Correction

In the July 3, 5 and 7 editions of the Floyd County Times, a Legal Advertisement titled 'Flood Damage Reduction Study' ran with an incorrect phone number. The correct phone number is 1-888-383-0313.

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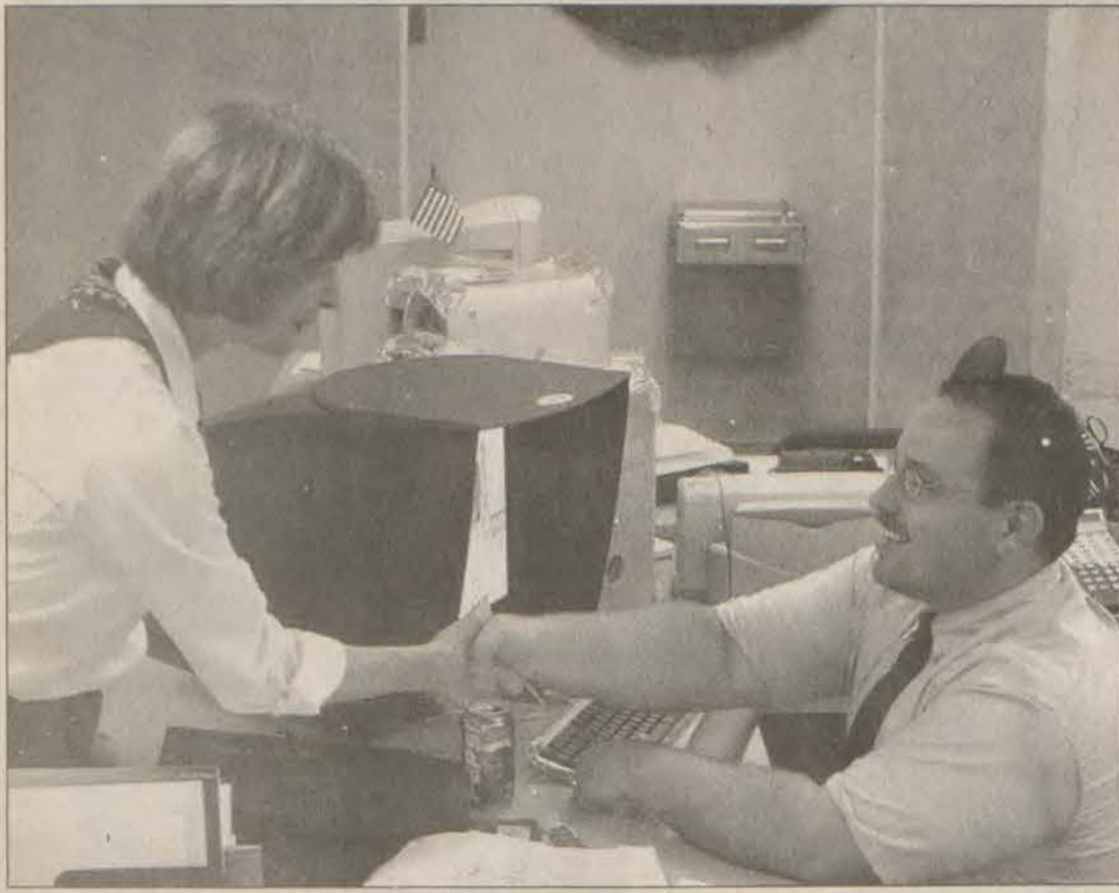


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After conducting an interview with The Floyd County Times, U.S. Senate candidate Lois Combs Weinberg took time to meet with other newspaper staffers in hopes of getting their vote. She is shown shaking hands with composing manager Heath Wiley.

Weinberg barnstorms East Ky.

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Lois Combs Weinberg visited Prestonsburg on Thursday during a tour of Eastern Kentucky and stopped by the office of The Floyd County Times.

Weinberg, daughter of former Gov. Bert T. Combs, is a native of Eastern Kentucky.

"It's good to be back here and bump into dear friends and make some new ones," Weinberg said.

Weinberg voiced her concern about families and believes that

incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell has neglected family issues.

"This is an important race for Kentucky families. McConnell is not tending to the needs of senior citizens and schoolchildren," Weinberg said.

According to Weinberg, if elected she plans to place prescription medicine on the top of her agenda.

"We need to include the benefits under Medicare," Weinberg said.

Another prescription medicine concern for Weinberg is the rampant abuse of drugs such as

OxyContin. "There are other options for painkillers. Public servants need to be willing to do something drastic immediately," Weinberg said.

Social Security and school issues also top the list of Weinberg's concerns.

Weinberg hopes to institute a fully-funded special education program for schools, and plans to fight against the privatization of Social Security.

"There are some things that you don't gamble with," Weinberg said.

One of the main concerns for the Weinberg campaign is name recognition.

"Anytime you're running against an incumbent, it's an uphill battle," Weinberg said.

A recent survey produced favorable numbers for the Weinberg camp. She said the poll, conducted for her campaign, showed McConnell's reelection numbers to be low and Weinberg to be leading McConnell among voters who are familiar with both candidates.

"We have received a wonderful response. People are ready for a change," Weinberg said.

The Weinberg camp visited Pike County on Friday before returning to Floyd County for the Democratic Women's convention on Saturday.

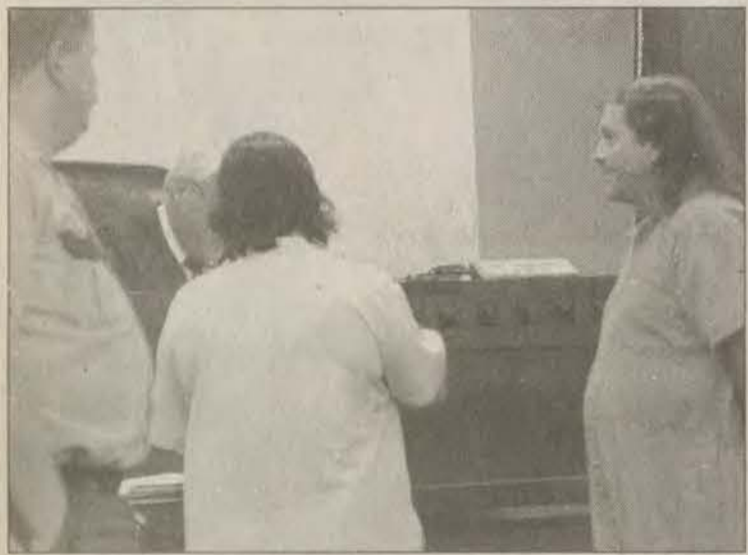


photo by Loretta Blackburn

Millard R. Conn, 52, right, was sentenced along with Lafe Hall, 56, to 10 years in prison Friday for unrelated drug crimes by Judge John David Caudill in Floyd Circuit Court.

Sentence

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Conn pleaded guilty pursuant to a pre-trial conference agreement in which the commonwealth recommended that he receive five years in one of two court cases for the charges of receiving of stolen property, whereas the persistent felony offender charge was dropped, due to the fact that the same charge was in the second case.

In the second case, the commonwealth recommended that Conn receive a five-year sentence for cocaine trafficking, and the persistent felony offender charge in that case enhanced the sentence to 10 years.

Turner said that "the fact that two different defendants agreed to take such lengthy sentences for drug trafficking confirms" to him that the "aggressive position my office has taken over the last two years, along with the excellent work of the Kentucky State Police, is starting to pay dividends."

"Every drug dealer that has gone to trial has received significant jail time," said Turner.

Turner said that the quality of the cases presented by the KSP "just keep getting better" due to the fact that a majority of them now contain videotape of the drug transactions.

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up for election in November.

Incumbent District 1 board member Johnnie Ross has said he does not plan to seek another term in his office. Incumbent District 2 board member Jeff Stumbo has made no announcements of his intentions.

District 1 includes the Prestonsburg, Abbott, Depot, and Rough and Tough precincts, while District 2 includes the Endicott, Martin, Prater Creek and Allen precincts.

Other candidates who have filed for office thus far include:

■ Sharon S. Woods and Jerome Kinzer for mayor of

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supervised probation. Slone said that he had threatened his ex-wife, Angeline Slone, with not allowing her to see her children if she testified against Booth.

Booth was facing charges of her own for allegedly shooting at Barbara Keathley, Angeline's mother.

However, Caudill was "disturbed" by the pre-sentencing investigative report, which contained a statement from Slone that his ex-wife "didn't show up to get the kids and had lied on him."

Caudill wanted to know if Slone had lied to the probation officer or to the judge, to which Slone replied that he had lied to the probation officer during the pre-sentencing investigation.

Caudill responded with, "So I'm supposed to probate you so you can go back and lie to the probation officer?"

Caudill informed Slone that he would not follow the sentencing recommendation of the commonwealth in this case and asked him if he wanted to plead or go to trial, to which Slone's attorney replied that they would go to trial.

Murder

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very satisfied with the sentence.

Judge John David Caudill handed down the 25-year sentence on July 12 before several of Eddington's family members, who were present in the Floyd Circuit Court.

Afterwards, outside of Judge Caudill's courtroom, Timmel informed the victim's family that Napier would serve at least 21 years and nine months before he would be eligible for parole.

Theft

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tendent of the Floyd County schools, does not believe that her position with the school system should be brought into the matter.

"It is my understanding that this is a personal matter, it's not related to the school system at all," Fanning said.

Fanning did say that if the charges had any bearing on the school system, appropriate disciplinary actions would be taken against Fish.

Fish is scheduled for arraignment on August 7 in the Floyd County District Court.

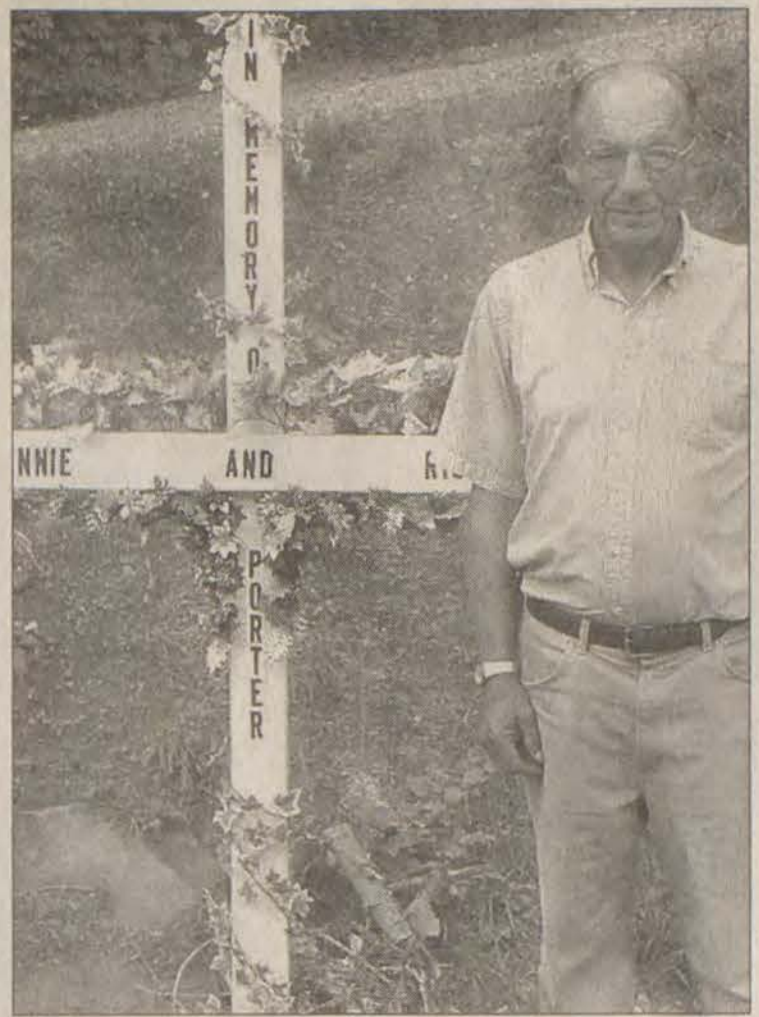


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Den Hunter stands at the site of his daughter's 1995 car accident. Guardrails will eventually border the road where Hunter's daughter and her husband died after their car veered off the road and flipped into the creek.

Judge grants delay in sentencing Booth

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case of Anna Booth, 44, Wheelwright, who pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a March 19, 2001, incident in which she opened fire on a victim in the presence of three minors, was scheduled for formal sentencing on Friday, but her recently acquired attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, requested that the sentencing be continued until he has had time to review the file.

Booth pleaded guilty on May 28 to one count of first-degree criminal mischief in the, a class D felony, four counts of wanton endangerment, a class D felony, and one count of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, a class C felony.

The charges were incurred from a 2001 incident in which Booth attempted to shoot her son's former mother-in-law, Barbara Keathley, in the presence of her juvenile son, Jessie Keathley, and her two small grandchildren. Booth then left her former daughter-in-law's house and told police in a nearby restaurant that she thought she had killed Keathley.

Judge John David Caudill granted the continuance and offered "food for thought" in reference to the pre-sentencing investigative report, which contained a statement from Booth that said Keathley's testimony was a "bunch of lies." Caudill wanted to know if Booth had lied to Danny or not. He said that he was a little perturbed by what he read, but he would grant a continuance.

Missing Breathitt man found drowned in river

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON — Last Wednesday in Breathitt County an 85-year-old man was reported missing. A search took place, but when the man was found he was dead.

Elmer Reigh Campbell, 85, suffered from Alzheimer's disease and left his home sometime Wednesday morning and never returned. His family and friends conducted a search, but could not find him.

The Jackson Fire and Rescue Department, the Jackson Police Department and the Jackson High School TV then began helping. A search went all night and lasted until the next day.

On Thursday morning, Campbell was found floating face-down in the Kentucky River about a quarter of a mile from his home.

Breathitt County Coroner Eugene Turner ruled the cause of death a drowning.

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dees recited a Great Compassion mantra as part of the ceremony.

"We believe human compassion is the most powerful energy in the universe," said Alex Cheng, a Buddhist who traveled from Fairfax to attend the recent event. "Someone has to take action to reduce these things from happening."

Beltway

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menting that. To me the quintessential act of God is the tornado. It comes swooping down, destroying one man's home, leaving the next untouched. It tears the wall off a house without disturbing the furniture.

It is, in short, capricious — just like God, if any.

So in the interests of truth in advertising we should ditch the God stuff on our money. With the way things are going, it's hard enough trusting the U.S. Treasury.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

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rural areas.

Businesses have difficulty understanding and evaluating technology needs and choices, integrating new technology into their business plans, and implementing new technologies in ways that improve competitiveness.

This lack of information, combined with access barriers, limits the effective adoption of information technologies and services across Appalachia.

Affordable advanced telecommunications is a significant barrier to economic development. Rural broadband access for business can cost up to \$2,500 a month, while access in urban areas can cost as little as \$150 per month.

There are few competitive pressures for the pricing of telecommunications services. Nine Appalachian states have average loops costs that exceed the national average.

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Edna Mae Bailey, 82, of Hueysville, died Saturday, July 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Melva Sue Joseph Brown, 47, of Prestonsburg, was dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, on Thursday, July 4. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Topsy Martin Butler, 88, of Drift, died Saturday, July 6, at Hazard, from an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John B. Craft, 87, of Hueysville, died Friday, July 5, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Paul T. Elliott, 60, of Bevinville, died Monday, June 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Octavia Jones Hall, 87, of Craynor, died Friday, July 5, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Edmund Craig Hamilton, 23, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, July 3, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lola Evelyn Hamilton, 74, of Allen, died Wednesday, June 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Hill, 58, of Buffalo Grove III, formerly of Stanville, died Wednesday, June 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Charles D. Howell, 74, of Lisbon Falls, Maine, formerly of Harold, died Wednesday, July 3, at the Russell Park Nursing Center in Lewiston, Maine. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Charles George Emmett Jr., 78, of Ivel, died Friday, July 5, at his home. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Eugene Lawson, 69, of Edmonton, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, July 8, in the T.J. Sampson Community Hospital in Glasgow, after a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Julia Boyd Lawson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Junior Lawson, 77, of Harold, died Wednesday, June 26, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rodney Leckrone, 26, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 6, in Johnson County, following injuries sustained from an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roberta Moore Luxmore, 67, of Price, died Tuesday, July 2, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Patsy Blackburn Meade, 55, of Stockport, Ohio, died

Wednesday, July 3, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lora Sloane Moore, 87, died at her home in Mallie, on Wednesday, July 3. She is survived by her husband, Mason Moore. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rose M. Osborne, died on Saturday, July 6, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Homer Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William "Bill Ted" Perry, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 5, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jesse W. Rowe, 56, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Frankfort, died Wednesday, July 10, at St. Joseph Hospital East, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Sandra S. Rowe. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 13, at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home-Main Street, Lexington.

Betty Jo Shepherd Craft, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, June 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Robert Slone, 16, of Wayland, died Friday, July 5, in Little Paint, Prestonsburg. He was the son of Walter Scott Slone of Wayland, and Vivian Lee Coker Ferguson of Little Paint. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Wanda Fern Stephens, 67, of Bypro, died Tuesday, June 25, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Keniss Ervin Tackett, 59, of Harold, died following a sudden illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elvira DeRossett Tussey, 85, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, July 5, at the Lexington Country Place. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billie Williamson, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 4, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pike County

Ruby Jewell Slone Allen, 68, of Cleveland, formerly of Feds Creek, died Friday, July 5, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Taylor Allen. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

John L. Blackburn, 68, of Winns Branch Road, died Wednesday, July 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty J. Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hazel Burke, 91, of Virgie, died Tuesday, July 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Garland Chapman, 80, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Tuesday, July 2, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital

emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Iretta Bevins Chapman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Callie Childers, 99, of Lake County, Florida, formerly of Marrowbone, died Tuesday, July 2, at Mountain View Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

James E. Cure, 68, of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, July 8, in Richmond. He is survived by his wife, Jean Cure. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Bliley Funeral Home.

Janet Hall, 68, of Virgie, died Monday, July 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Gormie Hobson Daugherty Hall, 87, of Chloe Road, died Sunday, July 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 10, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Octavia Jones Hall, 87, of Craynor, died Friday, July 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sherlene Maynard Hall, 51, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, July 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Ashley Miranda Hayes, six-year-old daughter of Bradley and Demeka May Hayes, of Phyllis, died Saturday, July 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lucy Huffman, 70, of Lower Pompey, died Tuesday, July 2. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Saylor Runyon Jr., 74, of Goody and Vero Beach, Florida, died Friday, July 5, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Susie Jane Hopkins Runyon. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Newton Little, 82, of Rockport, formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, July 10, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of William L. Danks Funeral Home.

J.T. Maynard, 83, of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, and burial was in the Maynard/Runyon Cemetery, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Vada Alley Mayse, 104, of Phelps, died Monday, July 8, at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Phillip Arnold McCoy, 31, of

Pikeville, died Sunday, July 7, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Sabrina Thacker McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lawrence McCoy, 86, of Kimper, died Sunday, July 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Esther Louise Sullivan McCoy, 72, of McAndrews, died Saturday, July 6, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Marley M. Newsom, 78, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, July 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jacqulean Hall Newsom. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Larry Allen Perry, 46, of Williamson, West Virginia, native of Pike County, died Thursday, July 11, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Terri Lyndel Potter, 17, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, July 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Alta Milam Robinson, 85, of Pikeville, died Monday, July 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Marshall Douglas Scott, 46, of Hardy, died Tuesday, July 9, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Paul Dean Bevins Sr., 69, of Hatfield, died Saturday, July 6, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Willie Glen Varney, 88, of Raccoon, died Monday, July 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lona Mae Goff Varney. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Georgia Caudill Vaughan, 91, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Martin, Tennessee, died Thursday, June 6, at St. Mary's Hospice. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, June 9, under the direction of Mynatt's Funeral Home.

Mildred Weigel, 98, of Draffin, died Saturday, July 6, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Hershel Blanton, 79, died Tuesday, July 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Holbrook Blanton. Funeral services were

conducted Friday, July 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charlotte Ann Dishion, 62, of Paintsville, died Monday, July 1, at her residence. Arrangements under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ralph Gibson, 63, died Wednesday, June 26. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Rosie Henson, 65, of Hi Hat, died Monday, June 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mavis Holbrook, 74, died Friday, June 28, at the St. Joseph Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Annias Hatlar Holbrook. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 2, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Rev. Van Travis Maggard, 40, of Norton, Virginia, died Monday, June 24, at the Norton Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 28, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Gladys K. Webb, 71, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, July 3, at Perkins Branch Nursing Home in Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rev. Sonny A. Hatfield, 81, of Inez, died Tuesday, July 9, at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, following a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Nola Phillips Hatfield. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Paul Murphy, 69, died Wednesday, July 3, at St. Rita's. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, July 6, under the direction of O.R. Woodyard Co. Funeral Home.

Sidney Rayne Sheppard, infant, died Saturday, July 6, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Lorraine Hatcher

Services for Lorraine J. Hatcher, 78, of Frankfort, widow of former Kentucky Secretary of State George Glenn Hatcher, were held in the First United Methodist Church, Frankfort, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2002.

Mrs. Hatcher, who died Wednesday in the Kindred Hospital in Louisville, following an extended illness, was buried in the Frankfort Cemetery.

Born in Prestonsburg on July 21, 1923, the daughter of the late Joe and Fanny Stephens Jarrell, she was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. A retired teacher with the Frankfort Independent Schools, she was also retired from the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include three daughters, Elissa Odham of Louisville, Elizabeth Sprigate of Harrodsburg, and Glenna J. Hatcher of Frankfort; and a brother, Joe W. Jarrell of Louisa.

Dr. David Hilton officiated at the services.

Arrangements were under direction of Rogers Funeral Home, Frankfort.

Bearers were Joey Bailey, Todd Bailey, Jeff Jones, Chester Pulliam, Frank Sharfe, and Frank Stauffer.

Honorary bearers were Darrell Bailey, Jim Daniels, Andrew Freese and Webster Griffin.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

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For more information or transportation needs, please call 886-1700 or 886-8612

Card of Thanks

A word of thanks from the friends and family of Willina (Gwen) Hayes. Our sincere appreciation to all those who expressed their sympathy and condolences during our time of grief. God Bless.

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Community-based economy through the School of Craft

by EVELYN WOOD
HAZARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A craft-based economy is under development in the city of Hindman, and Knott County, centered on the training of students in the region to become successful entrepreneurs in the craft marketplace. The confidence and skills

obtained through The Kentucky School of Craft will erase old attitudes about what can be accomplished and bring a vitality to the region—a new sense of place, and renewed pride. The Kentucky School of Craft is dedicated to leaving a legacy—a region known by the work of its hands, a region using its assets and a region with

opportunities to live and work at home.

Hindman will be accomplishing something that has not been attempted before in the traditional sense of artisan education—coupling craft education and community development. With its innovative curriculum, The Kentucky School of Craft will produce

skilled artisans, knowledgeable in the region's rich traditions and heritage. The Kentucky School of Craft will set new standards and become a benchmark for other craft schools through its integrated courses. Business and entrepreneurial competencies will be blended into the technical studio and design classes. "The teaching

will be hands-on and experiential, using the Master/Apprentice system—a time-honored method of effective craft instruction," noted Tim Glotzbach, founding dean and director at the Kentucky School of Craft. The curriculum will actively involve the students in the materials and processes of their craft and its history. It will

include the "whys" of this tradition, and the history and culture of the region. The students will be deeply connected to community, and represent an active citizenry. They will become leaders that can support and sustain the community and its economy for

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Technical campus to offer night classes

HAZARD — The Technical Campus of Hazard Community College will offer night classes beginning with the fall semester that begins Aug. 19.

Basic Automotive Repair for Beginners (Jack Hayes is the instructor), Basic Home Repair for Beginners (Mark Fields, instructor), and Aromatherapy (Susan Goodson, instructor) are three courses offered for those not necessarily looking for a career, but just the skills needed for their personal use.

All three classes will meet on Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the technical campus.

The following classes will be also be offered: Basic Brick and Block Laying will be offered at the Breathitt Area Technology Center on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Claude Gross, Breathitt ATC carpentry instructor, will be the teacher. Gross was recently named Teacher of the Year by a national professional

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Local students attend SCATS camp at WKU

BOWLING GREEN — Two students from Floyd County were among nearly 300 students to participate in SCATS, the Summer Camp for Academically Talented Students sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University.

Participants from Floyd County included:

■ Samantha Pillersdorf, the daughter of Ned Pillersdorf and Janet Stumbo and a student at Mountain Christian Academy.

■ Matthew Huff, the son of Larry Huff and Donna Huff and a student at Prestonsburg High School.

Now in its 20th year, SCATS is a two-week residential summer camp for students who participate in a variety of educational, cultural and recreational activities. Students enroll in four classes selected from 30 offerings, including art, computer science, foreign language, literature, mathematics, music, science and social studies.

Teachers are Western professors and other educators interested in teaching high ability students.

To be eligible for the camp, a student must be in grades six through eight in the 2001-2002 school year. Besides showing high interest or achievement in one or more content areas, the student must be eligible for services as a gifted child.



From left to right: James M. Davis, regional coordinator UK-Robinson Scholar program, Braxton Branham, and Phillip Kraemer, associate provost.

LOCAL STUDENTS

recognized by
UK-Robinson Scholar program

LEXINGTON — James M. Davis, regional coordinator of the University of Kentucky's Robinson Scholars Program, recently recognized several area students for academic honors.

Monica Hobson and Lekita Johnson were awarded comprehensive academic scholarships in recognition of their successful completion of the Robinson Scholars Program. The students were recognized at a formal ceremony that was held on June 15 at the Hazard Community

College.

Braxton Branham was recognized on June 22, at a reception held also on the Hazard Community College campus, as a newly selected Robinson Scholar. Following the reception, he, along with other recognized students, participated in a week-long summer enrichment program on the HCC-Lees campus.

The UK-Robinson Scholars Program is funded by the E.O. Robinson Trust to provide enhanced educational opportunities and com-

prehensive scholarships to youth throughout 29 Eastern Kentucky counties. "The Robinson Trust utilizes revenue obtained from mining and timber royalties from within the Robinson Forest to promote this region's most important natural resource — it's young people."

For more information about the Robinson Scholars Program, you may contact your local school counselor or call James M. Davis at 435-2186.



From left to right: James M. Davis, regional coordinator UK-Robinson Scholar program, Monica Hobson, and Lekita Johnson.

HCC offers Associate Degree in Electronics

Electronics is a very diverse discipline that has applications in almost every aspect of business and industry. Because of this diversity, an electronics technician needs a broad background in traditional electronics topics such as power systems, amplifiers, communications, radio and television. This is not enough, however for technicians that must face a world where computers are beginning to dominate. Training is also needed in digital circuitry,

microprocessors, troubleshooting and repairing of computer systems, computer operating systems and computer programming. Hazard Community College can provide all this and more. At Hazard Community College, students will receive training and experience with robotics, LASER's and fiber optics, noted Professor Lamarr Ritchie. "Those who enroll will use computers to create circuit designs, analyze electronic circuits and create

printed circuit board designs. They will construct many projects and design circuits to interface them with a computer."

By studying electronics at Hazard Community College, students will be obtaining those competencies needed for many jobs in the electronics occupations. Some traditional career options include research technicians, design technicians, telecommunications and broadcast technicians, computer repair technicians, and equip-

ment installation and troubleshooting.

Consider these facts:

- The average wages for electronics technicians are among the highest for any of the technical occupations.
- Electronics technicians are in demand throughout the world.
- Most electronics occupations are not physically demanding.

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Making dreams come true

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

We all have dreams — places we would like to go and things we would like to do. Some dreams are possible while some seem out of our reach.

Robert Adamson, a recent student at the Prestonsburg Campus proved that dreams can come true. Robert was in a serious car accident that left him confined to a wheelchair, making the simplest things seem impossible. He became a resident of the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center to learn how to continue with his life



despite his disability.

After undergoing extensive evaluations at the rehabilitation center, he was encouraged to attend college. He chose Prestonsburg Community College to begin a long and challenging endeavor.

Janie Beverly, counseling associate at the Prestonsburg Campus, works with outside agencies that serve prospective college students.

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MSU AWARD



■ Breanne G. Harmon

Harmon receives MSU Alumni Award and Presidential Scholarship

Morehead State University recently announced that Breanne G. Harmon, of Prestonsburg, is among those students who have received an Alumni Award and the Presidential Scholarship for the fall semester, 2002.

Harmon, the daughter of Gwen Hale-Frazier, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She was a 2001 Governor's Scholar, a volunteer tutor for elementary students, and a coach for elementary cheerleaders. She was named a member of the PEPP program (Professional Educational Preparation Program) and the National Honor Society.

To be eligible for the Alumni Award, at least one parent or grandparent of the applicant must be an MSU alumnus and an active member of the MSU Alumni Association. The candidate must be admitted as an entering freshman or transfer stu-

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Develop

years to come. For many years, the craft movement existed in a "pushed market" that competed with commercially made goods. The Kentucky School of Craft will introduce graduates into a very different marketplace today. Societal attitudes toward crafts are very different and have created a "pulled market". As America moves deeper into virtual and indirect experiences, it will seek out authentic "root" experiences. An over-commercialized, low-touch, high technology existence often leaves us empty and we are drawn toward the tradition, authenticity, and humanity of craft. The crafts offer these experiences to the maker, the viewer, and the collector. Today's educated consumers of craft easily connect to the process and its maker. They desire a craft object and a connection to the values that it represents. The craft object is not only valuable to them for what it is (functionally or aesthetically), but also for the story it tells. Those who appreciate and consume craft want

to share a common bond in the creative experience. In today's marketplace, craft has become part of the mainstream, no longer sold at roadside stands and open air markets. Craft is available at major national trade shows, on the pages of catalogs and dot-coms, in fine art galleries throughout the world, and is avidly collected. At the prestigious New York International Gift Fair, craft exhibitors in the Handmade division represent 700 out of 2900 exhibitors, and the largest single category, attracting 45,000 buyers twice a year. The nationally known Kentucky Crafted: The Market, orchestrated by the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program and held in Louisville each year, attracts over 500 shops and galleries from around the state and country and generates \$3 million in annual sales. There is a climate in Kentucky that is ripe for the benefits The Kentucky School of Craft will generate. Kentucky has a time-honored tradition for producing quali-

ty craft. As a state, Kentucky is unique in the nation for the support given to its artisans, and is well respected for the strength of its



■ Tim Glotzbach

craft organizations. In a state where tourism is our third largest industry, the statewide plan for cultural heritage tourism will build on this history and reputation, bringing travelers to Kentucky and Hindman in search of what we

have to offer. Sixty-five percent of Kentucky tourists have expressed an interest in buying indigenous crafts when they travel (Ky. Dept. of Travel research) and recent studies indicate that much of this traveling public wants to experience the actual act of "making". This will enable The Kentucky School of Craft to create long-term economic benefit through the students that remain in the area, attracting new industries such as local suppliers, housing, and a tourist infrastructure. Prime examples of how this can work are the strong craft economies in Asheville and Haywood, NC that have grown over 30 years as a result of the Penland School and the Haywood Craft Institute. For our young people, craft offers a viable vocational option to own and operate a sustainable business. For working mothers it can offer a flexible work schedule, and for retirees it provides supplemental income. The impact of craft on Kentucky's economy is over \$50 million annually. A national survey completed for the Craft Organization' Director's Association (CODA) by the Center for Business Research, John A. Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, in March 2001, determined:

- The total impact of craft sales nationally to be \$12.3 to \$13.8 billion per year.
- The median household income of craftspeople is \$50,000 per year, (26% above the national median of \$39,657) with 47% of that income coming as a result of craft activities.
- The average gross sales/revenue per craftsman is \$76,025.

Recent research shows us that the demand for craft on individual artisans is more than can actually be produced. While we have several hundred professional craft

businesses in Kentucky, many that market nationally, and several thousand hobbyists, there is a need to nurture and grow even more producers of quality crafts for the local markets. Demographics from the CODA survey indicate that 41% of the craft producers are between the ages of 46 and 55. The median age is 49. As our craft community grays, we risk losing our craft traditions. Likewise, our research shows that craft businesses need support with very real issues related to production, finance, markets, product development, employees, and training. The environment will be very different for students at The Kentucky School of Craft from the one that has previously existed. For the past 20 years, most artisans have not considered themselves business persons or acknowledged the need to develop such skills as those mentioned above. The typical university art department has historically shunned any discussion of how graduates might make a living from their art degree. In this new environment, artisans will be comfortable combining the word artist in the same sentence with business, marketing and entrepreneurship. Artisans will demonstrate confidence as they deal with customers and be equally secure in quoting the retail price of their work as they are in discussing the creative inspiration that drives it. One of the school's most innovative components will be the external support that graduates will have via another program offered through the School of Craft, the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center's business incubator.

The Kentucky School of Craft will challenge local students to complete high school, and develop life skills, thus benefiting the local community. The Kentucky School of Craft will meet the challenge of

- strong technical skills grounded in tradition
- basic business training
- a strong aesthetic sense that carries through in the design to presentation and marketing
- the ability to research, evaluate and target their potential markets
- connections to a supportive organizational network throughout the state
- hands-on marketing experience via the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center and an Artist incubator in Hindman
- real-life studio experiences through internships in individual artist studios
- Linkages to the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, and other statewide programs
- Opportunities to integrate with the community and areas schools thus inspiring a new generation of artisans.

The Kentucky School of Craft aspires to become a national and international model for craft education as part of community development, exemplary in its programs and outcomes. The school's mission is "to train people to start and expand craft and craft-related businesses that create high quality works based on the regional traditions of design and workmanship". Individuals that pass through The Kentucky School of Craft will have been exposed to more than just a strong technical education. They will develop into leaders in the fields of design, entrepreneurship and community involvement.

For more information on the Kentucky School of Craft, contact Evelyn Wood at (606) 436-5721, ext. 8062.



Students attending summer classes at Prestonsburg Community College say that they appreciate getting some courses out of the way now, so that they can concentrate on others in the fall. From left to right are, seated, Kimberly Howard, Gina Goodman, and Shonda Rigney. Standing is Shirley Thomas.

Students appreciate PCC summer offerings

Summer classes are under way at Prestonsburg Community College and students recently gathered at a table on the college's campus to study for a test. Gina Goodman, Kimberly Howard, and Shonda Rigney are all students enrolled in Shirley Thomas' Medical Microbiology class. "I'm thankful for summer classes," said Goodman, "by taking this biology class I will be able to fully concentrate on my respiratory classes this fall."

Rigney, whose home was in Harlan County until moving to Prestonsburg to attend PCC, came for a reason. "This is the closest school that offers a Dental Hygiene Program," says Rigney. "The faculty and staff have been very helpful and supportive of my attendance here which has made my move a positive one." Howard, also taking advantage of summer classes, is taking both a biology and a math class. "I needed a math class before entering

the nursing program and I wanted to get it out of the way so I could concentrate on other classes this fall." Nursing, Respiratory, and Dental Hygiene are all career fields in which jobs are in great demand. Attending summer classes requires dedication but, as each of these students have expressed, it can be well worth the effort.

NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training - "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity"

is the topic of a series of entrepreneurial training sessions to be offered by the Morehead State University/East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, the Floyd County Fiscal Court and South Floyd High School. These training sessions will begin July 25, 2002, and continue each Thursday night, through October 10, 2002. These evening sessions will start at 6:00 p.m. each evening, and will be held at South Floyd High School, Hi Hat, Kentucky.

This 12-week course is specifically designed to assist farmers and other entrepreneurs wanting to diversify their small business. During the course, participants will explore niche markets, distribution channels, and production options; manage controls, business structure, cash flow management and financing. The focus of the course is on the individual small business owner's interests, resources and needs.



Kelli Hall, GMC

Campus

"It's a win-win situation for the college," Beverly said. "Students with disabilities are set apart in a class of their own, not because they have disabilities but because of the amazing abilities they possess. They realize their dreams here and during that process we learn from them, and other students are inspired by them. These students are truly a blessing to everyone." Students with disabilities are definitely in a class of their own as they face day-to-day challenges that could prevent them from succeeding. Robert's experience at the Prestonsburg Campus has been successful and he encourages anyone with a dream to follow it. "The faculty and staff have been very helpful, cooperative, and most

supportive of helping me succeed," Robert said. "The college possesses a good environment with the accessibility I need." Despite his circumstances, he has conquered his disability by continuing his education and regaining his independence. Robert's story can teach us all a lesson and, most importantly, encourages us to follow our dreams. If an education is a part of your dreams let the Big Sandy and Community College District help you. For more information click on www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu or call 888-641-4132 ext. 266. The Big Sandy District wants to be a part of making your dreams come true.

Summer diversity on exhibit at PCC's art gallery



Tim Sizemore, director of Prestonsburg Community College's Art Gallery, invites the public to visit the gallery to view the beautifully unique paintings, crafts, and woodworking pieces currently on display. Interspersed with the visual offerings you will also see some interesting written works. The display was put together by Prestonsburg Job Corps students. "This exhibit is an eclectic blend of cultures that really shows off the talents of these students," Sizemore said. The showing will be on display from now until August 16. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call 886-3863, ext. 342.



Students will learn about surveying with the use of "hands-on" teaching this fall at Hazard Community College. For more information about the basic property and site surveying course, contact Evelyn Wood at HCC.

Surveying courses to be offered at HCC

Night classes will be offered this fall at the technical campus of Hazard Community College. Basic deed research will also be covered. Tom Watts, technical campus faculty member, will teach the class.

alternate Saturdays, beginning Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Basic deed research will also be covered. Tom Watts, technical campus faculty member, will teach the class.

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The electronics program at Hazard Community College is a two-year course of study consisting of four semesters. Some of the required technical and general education courses may be available during the summer sessions. Students may obtain an Associate of Applied Technology degree (AAT) in Electronics Technology or an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) in General Occupational and Technical studies that can include an emphasis in either Robotics or Computer Repair and Networking. Those considering pursuing a degree in electronics should have a good background in mathematics, an aptitude for the sciences, and a strong curiosity about how things work.

electronics fields. The earning potential is quite high. It is a great value for the tuition money spent. Prospective students desiring to register for the fall 2002 should contact Hazard Community College at 436-5721.

Reasons to make electronics at the Hazard Community College your choice:

- The courses are challenging and interesting.
- Students receive "hands-on" instruction in state-of-the-art labs.
- Instructors have both real world and academic experience.
- Low student/teacher ratio.
- Electronics techs have excellent career advancement potential.
- There is excellent job security and job satisfaction in most

Harmon composite of 18. To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be a National Merit Scholar or Finalist; a valedictorian or salutatorian from MSU's Kentucky service region with an ACT composite of at least 30; a National Merit Semi-Finalist; or have completed the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program. Individuals with an ACT composite of at least 28, or a minimum grade point average of 3.75 and a minimum ACT composite of 28 will be considered for the award. Applications and information on scholarships and grant programs at MSU are available from the Office of Admissions, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. The toll-free number is (800) 585-MSU1 (6781).

M You must pre-register by calling the Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848 or (606) 788-7331. A partnership program with U.S. Small Business Administration. MSU is an affirmative action equal opportunity educational institution.

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Kentucky Anthem named top Blue Cross plan in nation

LOUISVILLE — Kentuckians have chosen Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) as the number one rated Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan in the country, based on brand strength, according to the recently published Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) Brand Excellence Award program.

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president and general manager for Individual Business and Group Business Units in Kentucky. "The levels of customer satisfaction and recognition indicated in the study are a

direct result of the commitment of our Kentucky associates to provide our health plan members with the excellent service they expect and deserve," he added.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Brand Excellence Award program is based on brand awareness, competitive measures of brand perception and member experience, and mar-

ket, service and financial performance. Kathy Wall, executive director of Brand and Market Research for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, presented the award in late May before 1,300 Anthem associates in Louisville.

A portion of the results — most notably brand awareness,

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q I have just been told by my doctor that I will need dialysis because my kidneys have stopped working. Can I get Medicare even though I have not reached age 65?

A You can get Medicare Part A no matter how old you are if your kidneys no longer work and you need regular dialysis or have had a kidney transplant AND:

- You have worked the required amount of time under Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board, or as a government employee; OR

- You are getting or are eligible for Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits; OR

- You are the spouse or dependent child of a person who has worked the required amount of time to be eligible for Medicare or who is getting Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits.

Q If I get Medicare Part A can I also get Medicare Part B?

A Yes. In fact, you will need both Part A and Part B in order for Medicare to cover certain dialysis and kidney transplant services.

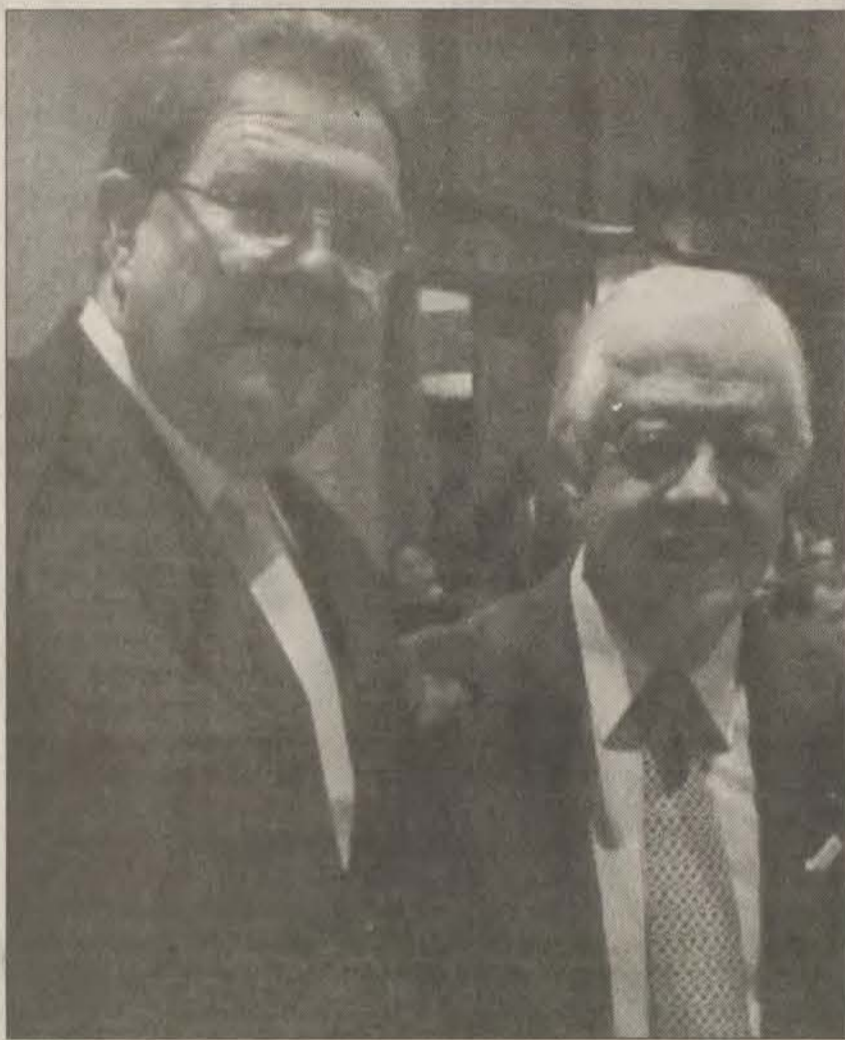
Q What if I have an employer group health insurance plan and get Medicare because of my End Stage Renal Disease?

A There is a period of time when your employer group health plan will pay first on your health care bills and Medicare will pay second. This period of time is called a 30-month coordination period.

There are many things to consider before making a decision to take Medicare or delay enrollment in this situation. Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help. Call 1-877-293-7447 to get answers or find a local SHIP person that can assist you. Or call 1-800-MEDICARE to request the publication titled 'Medicare Coverage of Kidney Dialysis and Kidney Transplant Services' (#10128).

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TTYDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION



Dr. Jerald F. Combs, O.D., who maintains a private practice in Martin, was afforded the opportunity to meet former President Jimmy Carter at an awards ceremony held in New Orleans at which Dr. Combs' life-long achievements in the field of optometry were recognized.

Jerald F. Combs, O.D. receives Distinguished Service Award

The American Optometric Association has granted the Distinguished Service Award to Jerald Combs, O.D., of Hindman, Ky., in recognition of his extraordinary leadership and involvement within the profession. The Distinguished Service Award represents the most prestigious award that an optometrist can be awarded by his colleagues. Former

President Jimmy Carter was the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony event.

Presented at the Opening General Session on June 27, in New Orleans, LA, the DSA is bestowed for long or lifelong achievements in service to optometry.

In a letter of nomination, Kentucky Optometric Association President William

Reynolds, O.D., cited Dr. Combs' "extraordinary leadership at the local, regional, state and national levels."

"For over 10 years, Dr. Combs has been one of the most effective individuals in the AOA, helping out affiliate states gain legislative success," wrote Dr. Reynolds. "Jerald has true

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Federal mine agency criticized for failing to protect workers

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
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WASHINGTON - The head of the nation's mine safety agency faced tough questioning on Capitol Hill Thursday about what has been done to prevent accidents like those that killed miners in Alabama and filled waterways in Kentucky with thick, black sludge.

David Lauriski, assistant secretary of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, said his agency was nearly finished with an investigation into how it handled the Martin County Coal Co. waste impoundment collapse near Inez, Ky., two years ago.

Lauriski said a review of

a September explosion that killed 13 people at a mine in Brookwood, Ala., should be finished by the end of the year.

That wasn't enough to satisfy Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., and the head of a subcommittee that oversees worker safety issues. He said during a hearing Thursday that the panel would consider conducting its own review.

"I think it's time for this committee to get tougher on these issues," Wellstone said.

Wellstone said he was concerned the agency only cited Martin County Coal for two violations following the collapse of its coal

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CHAMBER NOTES



Kristen Bradley, left, marketing director for Jenny Wiley Theatre, welcomed David Tackett, Community Trust Bank officer and Floyd County Chamber of Commerce president, and other Chamber members to "Chamber Night," hosted by the theatrical company on July 9.

Chamber Night at Jenny Wiley Theatre

by REGINA BECKNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD
COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

The Jenny Wiley Theatre hosted the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Appreciation Day" on July 9. The theatrical company presented Chamber members with a wonderful performance of "Guys and Dolls."

"Guys and Dolls" is a classic musical that transports showgoers to New York City's Times Square for an evening of romance, street life comedy, music and dance. Based on a book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, this show includes it all. It is ideal for all ages, especially the young at heart. Musical tunes feature such classics as "Luck Be A Lady," "If I Were a Bell" and "Sit Down You're Rock'in The Boat."

If you missed the July 9 showing, don't worry, Jenny Wiley Theatre will be showing "Guys and Dolls," "The Legend of Jenny Wiley," "Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat", and "Greater Tuna" for the duration of their summer season (May 31 thru August 22). Make sure you pick up an informational brochure to get times and dates for their dinner and lunch matinees. For reservation information, call 606-886-9274 or check out their website www.jwtheatre.com.

This Chamber event is part of the Chamber's Summer Tourism Promotion showcasing our local entertainment facilities. We are pleased to announce that this promotional program is a part of our membership benefits. Each summer local entertainment facilities will schedule Chamber Membership Appreciation events to give members discount opportunities to see all that our area has to offer.

We remind you to please take note of these upcoming promotional program dates:

AUGUST 16
The Mountain Arts

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Floyd County students participate in McDowell ARH Health Careers Camp

Eight Floyd County high school students from Allen Central and South Floyd High Schools participated in the 2002 Health Careers Camp held at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital on June 25-27. The camp was sponsored by the Southeast KY Area Health Education Center. The camp offers the opportunity for stu-

dents interested in careers in the health field to explore the various opportunities available to them.

During the camp, the students had the opportunity to observe health professionals at work in their duties at McDowell ARH. They were also given the privilege to visit the gross anatomy lab at the Pikeville College

School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM). While at PCSOM, students talked with professors about medical school requirements.

The camp proved to be a valuable learning tool for the involved students, giving them "hands-on" experience with

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Porterhouse Steak prepared with Garlic-Thyme Rub

the take on Steak

Sizzling steak on the grill—it's America's favorite all summer long. Something special happens when beef meets the grill. First you're greeted with a tantalizing smoky aroma, and then you enjoy the irresistible flavor of a great grilled steak.

Whether you're a master backyard chef or just beginning, you'll impress family and friends when you serve steaks that are expertly seasoned and grilled to perfection. These techniques show you how easy it is to take steaks to new flavor heights with savory rubs and marinades made with just a few simple ingredients.

3 Easy Steps to Grilling Beef Steaks

1. Prepare charcoal for grilling. When coals are medium, ash-covered (about 30 minutes), spread in single layer and check cooking temperature. Position cooking grid. (To check temperature, cautiously hold the palm of your hand above the coals at cooking height. Count the number of seconds you can hold your hand in that position before the heat forces you to pull it away; 4 seconds for medium heat.)
2. Season steak (straight from refrigerator) with herbs or spices as desired. Place on cooking grid directly over coals.
3. Grill according to chart (below), turning occasionally. After cooking, season beef with salt, if desired.

Gas/Electric Grill Note: Because brands vary greatly, consult your owner's manual for grilling guidelines.

Grilling Guidelines

Beef Cut	Thickness/Weight	Approximate Total Cooking Time Uncovered Over Medium Coals (medium rare to medium doneness)
RIBEYE STEAK	3/4 inch	6 to 8 minutes
	1 inch	11 to 14 minutes
RIB STEAK, small end	3/4 inch	6 to 8 minutes
	1 inch	9 to 12 minutes
PORTERHOUSE/T-BONE STEAK	3/4 inch	10 to 12 minutes
	1 inch	14 to 16 minutes
TOP LOIN (STRIP) STEAK, boneless	3/4 inch	10 to 12 minutes
	1 inch	15 to 18 minutes
TENDERLOIN STEAK	1 inch	13 to 15 minutes
TOP SIRLOIN STEAK, boneless	3/4 inch	13 to 16 minutes
	1 inch	17 to 21 minutes
FLANK STEAK (marinate)	1-1/2 to 2 pounds	17 to 21 minutes
SKIRT STEAK (marinate)	1-1/2 pounds (4- to 6-inch portions)	10 to 13 minutes
TOP ROUND STEAK (marinate)	3/4 inch	8 to 9 minutes
	1 inch	16 to 18 minutes
CHUCK SHOULDER STEAK, boneless (marinate)	3/4 inch	14 to 17 minutes
	1 inch	16 to 20 minutes
CHUCK TOP BLADE STEAK, boneless	1 inch	18 to 22 minutes

All cook times are based on beef removed directly from refrigerator. The most accurate way to determine the doneness of a steak is by using an instant-read thermometer. To use, simply insert the thermometer horizontally into the steak near the end of the recommended cooking time. The temperature registers in seconds.

Marinade Magic

There's no mystery to marinating. Marinades are seasoned liquid mixtures that serve two purposes: to add flavor and, in some cases, to help tenderize. A tenderizing marinade must contain an acidic ingredient like lemon juice, yogurt, wine or vinegar—or a natural tenderizing enzyme from fresh papaya, ginger, pineapple or figs.

Use flavor marinades for tender beef steaks.

- Top Sirloin
- Tenderloin
- Rib
- Chuck Top Blade
- Top Loin (Strip)
- Porterhouse/T-Bone
- Ribeye

To add flavor, steaks need only be marinated for 15 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Use tenderizing marinades for less tender beef steaks.

- Chuck Shoulder
- Skirt
- Top Round
- Flank

To tenderize, steaks need to marinate for at least 6 hours or up to 24 hours. Marinating longer than this can result in a mushy surface texture.

CARIBBEAN JERK-STYLE MARINADE

- 3/4 cup prepared Italian dressing
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 1 large jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

1. Combine all ingredients in small bowl. Makes about 3/4 cup.

Use these quick, easy marinade recipes or create your own. Check out the supermarket for prepared marinades and marinade mixes—even salad dressings!

ZESTY SOUTHWESTERN MARINADE

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, crushed

1. Combine all ingredients in small bowl.

Makes about 3/4 cup.

Here's the Rub

Rubs are blends of fresh or dried herbs and spices that add flavor to steaks (they don't tenderize). It's easy to make your own or you can purchase prepared blends in the supermarket spice section. Apply rubs evenly to both sides of steaks. The amount depends on your taste preference and the beef cut.

GARLIC-THYME RUB

- 1 to 2 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves

1. Combine all ingredients in small bowl.

Makes 2 to 3 tablespoons.

LEMON PEPPER RUB

- 2-1/2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves

1. Combine all ingredients in small bowl.

Makes 2 tablespoons.

SPICY SEASONING RUB

- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

1. Combine all ingredients. Cover and store in airtight container. Shake before using to blend.

Makes about 1/3 cup.

More About Marinades

- Always marinate in the refrigerator, never at room temperature where bacteria can thrive.
- Marinate in a food-safe plastic bag or nonreactive container. Turn the steak occasionally to allow even exposure to the marinade.
- If a marinade is to be used as a baste for the beef or later as a sauce, reserve a portion of it before adding the beef. *Marinade that has been in contact with raw meat must be brought to a full rolling boil before using as a sauce.*
- Never save and reuse a marinade.
- Allow 1/4 to 1/2 cup marinade for each 1 to 2 pounds of beef.

For additional information about steaks, send a self-addressed #10 business-size envelope (one request per envelope) to: NCBA, Dept. FC-CTOS, P.O. Box 670, Bloomingdale, IL 60108-0670, or log onto www.beef.org.



STEAK TACOS WITH CHIPOTLE CREAM

Total preparation and cooking time: 40 minutes
Marinating time: 6 hours

- 2 beef flank steaks or top round steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- Zesty Southwestern Marinade (see recipe above)
- 4 bell peppers, cut in half
- 2 medium onions, cut crosswise in half
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 16 to 20 small flour tortillas, warmed
- Chipotle Cream (recipe follows)

1. Place steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag; marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

2. Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Brush peppers and onions with oil. Place steaks and vegetables on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill flank steaks, uncovered,

17 to 21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness (top round steaks 16 to 18 minutes for medium rare), turning occasionally. Grill peppers and onions 16 to 18 minutes, turning occasionally; remove peppers and continue grilling onions 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender.

3. Cut vegetables into strips; combine. Carve steaks across the grain into thin slices. Serve beef and vegetables in tortillas with Chipotle Cream.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Chipotle Cream: In small bowl combine 1-1/2 cups dairy sour cream, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro and 1 tablespoon adobo sauce from canned chipotle peppers. Cover; refrigerate. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

