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PCC, Mayo become one tomorrow

by AMANDA M. ARNETT
STAFF WRITER

BIG SANDY REGION — A year ago, a decision was made to combine Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College to create the Big Sandy Community Technical College District, which will be a branch of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Tomorrow, that decision becomes a reality.

Though the decision means some changes will occur, Linda Lyon, director of public relations and marketing at PCC, says that the changes will be subtle.

"The changes you will see won't be real evident," Lyon commented. And she added that the changes will most likely be positive.

The consolidation will create a wider variety of courses and options for students.

"For example, someone can enhance their business degree by taking courses in graphic arts or someone in surveying and mapping could take more math classes," Lyon explained.

Another bonus of the consolidation, Lyon said, is the flexibility students will have. Students can choose where they

wish to take courses from a list of four campuses.

In addition to the Prestonsburg Community College campus and the Mayo Technical College campus, students can take courses at the Pikeville campus and the Hager Hill campus. The Hager Hill campus, which was established nearly four years ago, provides a wide variety of high-tech classes such as robotics, electronics and machine-tool

technology.

Another benefit is the fact that all of the schools are close to home, Lyon said. Students can choose from a wider variety of courses and choose a campus while staying near their homes and families.

Students can apply for admission at each of the four campuses and tuition

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Walkaway nabbed; wife also charged

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The wife of fugitive T.Y. Jervis, Jessica S. Jervis, 27, Prestonsburg, was arrested on Thursday and charged with second-degree conspiracy to commit escape.

The next day, T.Y. Jervis was picked up by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office in the Stone Coal area of Garrett, where he was reportedly found staying in a mobile home.

Jessica Jervis was charged with conspiracy for allegedly picking up her husband at the Floyd County Detention Center June 15, while he was working under the class D program.

According to Deputy Jailer Damon Newsome, it was determined after extensive investigation by Roger Webb and himself that T.Y. Jervis' escape had been planned and Jessica Jervis was an accomplice in the scheme.

Newsome said that the fugitive, who was enrolled in the class D work program, had been working outside of the jail on June 15. He had received a visit from his wife earlier that day, at which time it is believed the two planned the escape.

Newsome said that Jessica Jervis picked up her husband outside of the Floyd County Detention

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Defendant's claim has little effect on judge

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first formal sentencing for trafficking in OxyContin took place Friday in Judge John David Caudill's courtroom.

At that time, Lori Mitchell, 27, of Beaver, received seven-and-a-half years imprisonment and,

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Travis Ryan Johnson, 23, right, will serve one year of a five-year sentence for two counts of forging a prescription for a controlled substance.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Second prescription violation nets one year behind bars

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man charged with forging a prescription in order to obtain a controlled substance was sentenced to five years on each of two counts Friday. However, the sentences are to run concurrently and the sentence will be probated after he serves one year.

Travis Ryan Johnson, 23, was

arrested on Jan. 29 and charged with two counts of falsely attempting to obtain a controlled substance by prescription.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, Johnson had previously pleaded guilty to forging a prescription in district court and then attempted to write another two months later.

Pursuant to a plea agreement,

Johnson was sentenced to five years on each count, to run concurrently. After spending one year in jail - of which he was credited with the 106 days already served - the sentence will be suspended and probated for three years.

Judge John David Caudill said in court Friday that Johnson was "one of very few that face up to what he

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Hearing postponed in favor of second mental evaluation

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A pretrial conference was scheduled on Friday in the case of a man, Robert Lee Craft, 25, who was charged with theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing a car June 6, 2001, but a re-evaluation was scheduled to determine his competency.

Craft was arrested on June 6, 2001, and charged with theft by unlawful taking for the theft of a 1998 Chevy Cavalier belonging to

Michael Boyd. According to Judge John David Caudill, Craft's previous attorney, Vicki Ridgeway, had reached a plea agreement with the prosecution concerning the case. However, there had been some problems experienced by Craft and he was sent to Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center for evaluation.

"It was an interesting day," said Caudill.

Caudill asked Craft how it was going, and Craft replied with "real, real good judge ... Thank

you for saving my live."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said he could not remember the offer but he was prepared to offer a deal Friday.

But Craft's current attorney, Harolyn Howard, said she had trouble communicating with her client and could not confer with him. Judge Caudill disagreed with the suggestion that he was unable to communicate effectively and instructed Craft to

(See **DELAY**, page nine)



photo by Loretta Blackburn

A pretrial hearing for Robert Lee Craft was postponed Friday after a judge ordered he submit to a second psychiatric evaluation.

Stone Crest brought \$3.5 million in 2001

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Stone Crest Golf Course in Prestonsburg appears to have hit a hole-in-one when it comes to the local economy, local officials are saying.

In a letter to state Rep. Greg Stumbo, state Tourism Secretary Ann Latta said that the total economic impact of the course in Prestonsburg and Floyd County was \$3,553,247 in 2001. That figure includes direct spending on green fees, golf cart rentals and pro shop purchases, as well as money spent on overnight stays and entertaining family members.

According to Latta, the course brings in around 37-to-40 out-of-county players a day. She predicts that number could double once the entire park is completed.

Of the \$3.5 million spent as a result of golf at Stone Crest, Latta wrote that slightly more than \$1 million came from out-of-county players. However, she went on to add that much of the remaining \$2.5 million was money that was kept in Floyd County that might have been spent at golf courses elsewhere.

Latta also estimated that the project is directly responsible for the direct creation of 20 to 30

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AmStand workers OK contract

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — Members of the Local 7926 United Steelworkers of America voted to accept a new three-year contract with American Standard on Friday.

According to a statement issued by the union, the new contract will provide an annual wage increase, a monthly incentive bonus for meeting performance goals and an enhanced pension benefit that would include cost sharing on health care.

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Forensics is more than just LAB SCIENCE



■ Betsy Layne Elementary



■ John M. Stumbo Elementary

by **STEPHANIE STAMPER**
AMS FORENSICS COACH

For those who are unfamiliar with the program, Forensics is a Speech and Drama Program. Students have the opportunity to train and learn in 11 different categories in the Junior division (4th-8th grade) and 12 categories in the Senior division (9th - 12th grades). There are different leagues that schools can compete in but the oldest on in the state is the Kentucky High School Speech League (K.H.S.S.L.). These students begin their year in August/September by beginning the search for the "perfect" piece. Next comes the memorization and blocking (movements). They then attend competitions where they are critiqued and judged. In February comes the Regional tournament. Floyd County is a member of the Appalachian Region. Students who qualify will go onto State in March. This is what the students work for but what they take away from this experience is more than a trophy. They learn self-confidence, public speaking skills, dedication and life lessons. Students, when compet-

ing, have to learn how to handle a judge's rate they don't agree with, performing their best regardless of who they are performing against in a round, etc. Forensics is truly a program that encourages and brings out the best of all in students.

In February, the Junior and Senior Forensics teams in the Appalachian Region competed for the right to compete at the state level.

As students competed individually, their scores earned sweepstakes points for their team.

The Junior Division results were:
1st - Stumbo Elementary
2nd - Adams Middle School
3rd - Betsy Layne Elementary.

The Senior Division results were as follows:
1st - Prestonsburg High School
2nd - Johnson Central High School
3rd - South Floyd High School.

Qualifying students competed in Bowling Green in March.



■ Johnson Central High School



■ Prestonsburg High School



■ South Floyd High School

Odds and Ends

■ **JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.**

A man who is under house arrest while awaiting sentencing in a murder case had had enough of his parents. So he volunteered to go to jail - early.

Michael Kempker II, 20, contacted the Cole County sheriff's department late Tuesday night and said he was having trouble at home. He said he wanted to leave before the situation escalated, Sheriff John Hemeyer said.

The sheriff escorted Kempker back to jail, where he has been well-behaved, Hemeyer said.

Kempker had been under

house arrest since Dec. 31, after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the Nov. 11 beating death of Paul Thrasher, 20. As part of his plea agreement, prosecutors plan to recommend no more than 30 years in prison, as opposed to the maximum of life.

Prosecutors say Thrasher was beaten to death and run over with his own vehicle. His body was found in a ditch near Russellville nearly two days later.

■ **LITTLETON, Colo.** - A 12-year-old girl must appear in court for failing to return one of

four books she checked out for a research project on dolphins.

Marisa Gohr had already returned three of the four books to the Bemis Public Library in Littleton when the summons arrived. She returned the last book a week after the summons.

"I was kind of scared," Gohr said about receiving her summons from the Littleton Municipal Court. "I was wor-

ried because I've never been to court before and I'm so young."

Officials at the library said a summons is sent out only after several weeks pass and repeated attempts are made to get the book back.

After the summons came, the books were returned and \$9 in fines was paid.

When Marisa's court date came Tuesday, her mother went for her because she didn't want

to take her daughter out of summer school.

Not good enough, according to the court. The judge told Norma Gohr that her daughter, who is named on the summons, is the one who has to appear in court. A new hearing was set for July 9.

Since she has already paid her \$9, Marisa will need only to show the court her library receipt and pay a \$15 court fee

to have her case dismissed.

Marisa said the experience has made her hesitant to check out anything from the library in the future.

Lately, she said, "I just photocopy stuff from books."

■ **GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y.** - Eric Samrov has never missed a

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KCTCS Regents approve budget for 2002/03 fiscal year

MOREHEAD — Focusing on the priorities of students and faculty and staff, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Friday approved an operating budget of \$449 million for the 2002/03 fiscal year.

KCTCS regents approved the annual budget at their meeting at Rowan Technical College.

The budget anticipates state funding for KCTCS included in a spending plan that Gov. Paul Patton has put into place for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The KCTCS budget is subject to change based on future action by

the governor or by the Kentucky General Assembly, which has yet to approve state budgets for the next two fiscal years.

"We recognize that all needs cannot be met within the funding available to us, so our resources must be used to fund the highest priorities," said Regent Richard Beap, chair of the board's Finance Committee.

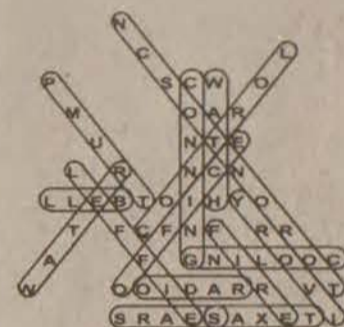
The KCTCS budget includes a plan to set aside \$3.8 million to prepare for the possibility that the state will cut the system budget next fiscal year because of declining tax receipts. KCTCS

absorbed a recurring \$3.3 million cut in the 2001/02 fiscal year.

"This budget places the highest priorities on students — by including an increase in financial aid that is available, and by maintaining our position as the best value in higher education in the Commonwealth," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "The budget also enhances salaries and benefits paid to faculty and staff, and focuses on effective and efficient use of resources."

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Appeals court in Pledge of Allegiance case known for provocative rulings

by DAVID KRAVETS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO - The federal appeals court that declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional has a reputation for liberal and provocative rulings, including support for medical marijuana and the right of inmates to mail their sperm from prison.

The San Francisco-based court also has more reversals by the U.S. Supreme Court - 12 out of 17 cases this term - than any other circuit. That is partly because it is the biggest circuit, covering California and eight other states. But it is also because it tends to make liberal, activist rulings.

"It's a liberal court. The 9th Circuit may not be out of step. Maybe the Supreme Court is out of step with the 9th Circuit," said Vickram Amar, a Hastings College of the Law professor. "Who's right and who's wrong is another matter."

Of the circuit's 23 active judges, 17 were appointed by Democratic presidents and six by Republicans. Circuit Judge Alfred Goodwin, who ruled Wednesday that the words "under God" make the Pledge of Allegiance an unconstitutional endorsement of religion, was appointed by President Nixon. Appointments are for life.

Recently, the 9th Circuit was overturned by the Supreme Court after upholding the right of California marijuana clubs to dole out pot to the sick and overturning a federal law allowing authorities to kick tenants out of federal housing projects for drug use.

Many legal experts predict the Supreme Court will likewise reverse the ruling on the Pledge

of Allegiance, if the circuit does not do so itself first. The ruling was issued by a three-judge panel.

The 9th Circuit recently has been reversing its own controversial three-judge decisions with 11-judge panels even before the cases have gotten to the Supreme Court. The latest was in May, when the 9th Circuit reversed course and ruled that inmates do not have a right to procreate and therefore cannot mail their sperm from prison.

That same month, the court changed course and held that abortion protesters could be liable for damages for threatening doctors over the Internet and with Wild West-style wanted posters. And in January, an 11-judge panel reinstated tough Reagan-era federal drug sentencing laws.

The furor over the Pledge of Allegiance ruling has gone too far again.

"Freedom to believe or not does not require that God be banished from patriotic observances," said Douglas W. Kmiec, dean at Catholic University of America School of Law. "What the 9th Circuit has done is prefer those who believe in no religion over those who do. No Supreme Court precedent requires that."

But other experts said the decision could have been expected, since the Supreme Court never has squarely addressed the issue and has been all over the map on church and state issues.

"I think it's totally fair to say that the Supreme Court's doctrine on this has been spotty," said Jesse Choper, a University of California at Berkeley law

professor.

Arthur Hellman, a University of Pittsburgh School of Law professor and former 9th Circuit staff attorney, noted that the Ohio-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had seven of eight cases reversed on review by the Supreme Court this term - a higher percentage of reversals than the 9th Circuit.

"What you have in the 9th Circuit is a lot of very high-profile cases that contribute to the perception that the court is out of step," Hellman said. "If you look at the overall body of decisions, you would not reach that conclusion."

In fact, some 9th Circuit rulings look conservative, others liberal.

Last November, for example, the 9th Circuit threw out as excessive a jury's \$5 billion punitive damages award against Exxon Mobile Corp. stemming

from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

And in April, the Supreme Court upheld a 9th Circuit decision that a temporary ban on development around Lake Tahoe was not a "taking" of private land for which the Constitution requires compensation from the government.

But earlier this year, the 9th Circuit ruled in a case from Idaho that motorists there can drive high on marijuana if they do not drive erratically and can pass a field sobriety test.

Alison Renteln, a University of Southern California political science professor, said there is no neutral way of measuring where the court stands on the political spectrum.

"All of the bashing of the 9th Circuit, it's infuriating to me as a Californian that we're perceived as these wacky, crazy people out here," she said.

Williams will try to intervene in budget suit

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Senate President David Williams said he will seek to intervene in the budget lawsuit to protect legislative interests, even though it was the General Assembly's failure to pass a budget that raised the issue.

Gov. Paul Patton issued a spending plan this week for the fiscal year that starts Monday. To clear up constitutional questions, Treasurer Jonathan Miller has sued to determine if the bills presented to him for payment by the executive branch can be paid without a budget.

Williams said during a news conference Friday that the governor does not have the authority to suspend the hundreds of laws that are routinely suspended or altered by a budget bill.

For example, there is a statutory cap on state employment. The cap is about 4,000 less than the actual number of employees. Sen. Dan Kelly of Springfield, the GOP floor leader, said the law would not necessarily require the layoffs of thousands of workers.

And Williams said he will not seek to enforce that statute, though there are others he may press.

Williams said the governor has the power to spend money on "essential state services" but

he declined to identify what services might fall outside that definition.

Franklin County Circuit Judge William Graham has scheduled a hearing Monday morning to begin consideration of the lawsuit.

The legislature also failed to pass a budget for the judiciary, and Chief Justice Joseph Lambert intends to intervene in the lawsuit. Lambert also said he has the power to keep the courts open even though the legislature did not pay for them.

Like Patton, chief justice signs own spending plan

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Chief Justice Joseph Lambert issued an emergency spending plan for the judicial branch Thursday, a day after Gov. Paul Patton took a similar step for the executive branch.

Both branches were left in a lurch when the Kentucky Senate and House, in a standoff over campaign finance law, failed to enact a budget for the two-year budget period that begins Monday.

The one-year spending plan totals \$212 million. A judicial budget bill for the same amount in the next fiscal year was passed by both chambers, but there were differences in details that required conferees to negotiate a final version. No final bill reached a vote.

The General Assembly did pass its own budget, including a 2.7 percent pay raise for every-

one in the legislative branch, Lambert's order noted.

The Kentucky Constitution says only the General Assembly can appropriate money from the state treasury. But it also requires courts to be open and guarantees defendants the right to bail and a speedy trial, Lambert said.

The constitution "does not give exclusive control of the treasury to the General Assembly," Lambert wrote. The legislature's appropriation power "was not for an end in

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Budget cuts take all of rainy day fund

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's rainy day fund has run dry.

State budget officials drained every dollar from the fund to help make up for a revenue shortfall that is approaching \$700 million this fiscal year.

In an order compiled Thursday, budget director James Ramsey took \$120,014,383 from the budget reserve trust fund, leaving it empty. To make up more of the expected \$150 million shortfall, the order also grabbed \$14 million from what were termed surplus health care insurance funds for education employees such as teachers.

Smaller amounts were grabbed from various other places across state government, including \$2 million from the appropriation for Gov. Paul Patton's office.

Faltering revenues to the General Fund had already

prompted several other rounds of budget cuts this year amounting to \$533 million. The \$150 million in the latest round meant a total reduction of nearly 10 percent of the original \$7 billion budget.

The bad news may not all be in hand. Receipts to the General Fund in June have not been tallied and final spending figures are not usually available until a week or two after the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

The executive branch, which accounts for the vast majority of General Fund spending, has had to absorb most of the cuts. But the judicial and legislative branches took even smaller hits than their relative budgets.

Of the roughly \$200 million judicial budget, cuts this fiscal year amounted to just over \$2.3 million, or about 1 percent.

The legislative branch took about a 4 percent hit out of its \$57 million budget.

Odds

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day of school; in 13 years that's roughly 2,340 school days in a row.

He graduates from Gloversville High School Saturday with a perfect attendance record dating back to kindergarten - repeating a feat of perfection accomplished two years ago by his older brother, Adam Samrov.

Besides minor colds, the brothers said they never got sick during school weeks. Neither had chicken pox, and the more severe illnesses seemed to come up during vacations and summer breaks.

"It's not that difficult. You just wake up every morning, hope not to be sick and go to school," said 17-year-old Eric.

The brothers said there was no competition between them. But having made it late into senior year without missing a day, Eric said his focus was set on making it through all 13 years without missing a day.

"If I was dead, I wouldn't come to school. If I was dying, I wouldn't come to school," he said. "That's pretty much (it)."

HOBOKEN, N.J. - He sat right down and wrote himself a letter, or so went the song. Now fans of Frank Sinatra can mail their own letters at a post office named in honor of Ol' Blue Eyes.

Congress on Thursday approved naming the city's main post office the "Frank

Sinatra Post Office Building" in honor of the legendary crooner and movie star who was born here in 1915.

Legislation to rename the post office unanimously passed both houses of Congress, and was co-sponsored by New Jersey's entire Congressional delegation.

"Naming Hoboken's main post office after the late Frank Sinatra honors and recognizes Hoboken's number one star, legend and protege," said U.S. Rep. Robert Menendez.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guestview

Case for better schools building

There always will be skeptics, of course, but the evidence is mounting that Kentucky is doing all the right things to test and measure the progress being made in public schools under KERA.

The Princeton Review took a look at the way education is assessed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Kentucky ranked in a four-way tie for eighth place.

Earlier in Education Week, in its annual Quality Counts report card on the quality of schools in the United States, Kentucky was only one of three states to earn an "A" for its school accountability and learning standards.

The Princeton Review study cited Kentucky's Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) for such "sophisticated" testing methods as open-response essays, alignment with the statewide curriculum and support for schools that are struggling.

When was the last time a national publication attached the term "sophisticated" to anything in Kentucky other than the taste of single-barrel bourbon?

When the General Assembly crafted the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, a key provision was to hold schools accountable for the level of achievement of their students. After passing a \$1 billion tax increase to pay for KERA, lawmakers had an understandable desire to know how well that money was being spent on educating Kentucky children.

The initial assessment tests turned out to be fundamentally flawed and had to be scrapped. But despite pleas from the anti-KERA crowd to end the testing, legislators continued to insist on annual testing for student achievement. Thus CATS was developed, and there is every reason to believe it is doing precisely what legislators wanted — giving a good overview of the progress being made toward the goal of having every student scoring at a "proficient" level by 2014.

That progress has not been as fast as most legislators, educators and parents had hoped, but there is no question that Kentucky is on the right path.

Indeed, would even the most ardent KERA opponent want to go back to the old days when Kentucky students invariably scored above the national average on standardized tests and yet the state had the most illiterate adult population in the nation?

Of course not.

- The State Journal, Frankfort



— beyond the beltway

Saving rich kids from inherited doom

by DONALD KAUL

As a founding member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Rich People, I rise to protest the way the Bush administration is treating the very rich. And by "very rich" I mean people with so much money, they could win the lottery and never notice.

Oh sure, he pretends to be a friend of the rich and powerful. He gives them tax breaks, he excuses them for doing things that would send a poorer person to jail, and he turns over his cabinet to them for use on weekends. But it's all part of a diabolical plot to destroy the upper classes.

Underlying all this pampering is a scheme to attack the moral fiber of the rich, rendering them decadent, impotent and feckless.

Take the administration's stand on the estate tax, "death tax" they like to call it. Last year, as part of Mr. Bush's outrageous 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut, we began a gradual elimination of the inheritance tax. But, because we really could-

n't afford to lose all of that tax revenue (not and have money left over for paper clips for the CIA), Congress provided for a reinstatement of the full tax the very year after it would be eliminated altogether. Thus we would have had a gradual, 10-year phasing out of the tax, which would then pop back up as big as ever in the 11th year. (I know, I know, that doesn't make any sense. But don't forget, this is Congress we're talking about.)

Well, now that things are so much better than last year — what with the war on terrorism going so well — Mr. Bush has decided we'd better make the elimination permanent. What's \$750 billion (the cost of elimination over the first 10 years) between friends? Democrats and a few sensible Republicans in the Senate voted down the measure, but you can be sure it will return — and return.

There's only one explanation for persisting in a screwball idea like that: the Bush administration is trying to punish the children of the very rich for the sins of their parents.

Think about it: What makes rich people different from poor people? It is the drive to succeed, to compete, to pro-

duce. (If you don't believe me, ask Milton Friedman.)

The filthy rich are, for the most part, Type A personalities; smart, hard driving and industrious. They send their children, already the possessors of terrific genes, to the best schools where they get marvelous educations. Then what?

They allow the kids to inherit more money than they can ever spend and the ambition goes out of them like air from a leaky balloon. They wind up golf-playing, yacht-racing, horse-owning country club bums, not good for anything useful.

You let that go on for four or five generations and what do you have? The French Revolution is what.

Some rich people recognize how bad an idea repeal of the estate tax is, William H. Gates Jr., for one. Mr. Gates is the father of THE Bill Gates so you figure he knows something about raising kids. Testifying before Congress on the proposed repeal earlier this month, Mr. Gates said:

"It is a very legitimate claim of society on an accumulation of wealth which would not have occurred without an orderly market, free education and



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— Jim Davidson

Who should read the Bible?

Prussian born Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), considered by many to be the foremost philosopher of the modern period, once said: "The Bible is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced." To have the Bible and yet not read it would be like going without food for several days, showing up at a banquet and saying, "I'm not hungry."

For some, the discovery of the eternal truths contained in the Bible comes early in life; for others, it comes much later. Some people never make this discovery, and as a result they miss the benefits of knowing the God of the Bible in a personal way.

As I look back over my own life, one of my biggest regrets is that I didn't discover what was really in the Bible until a good portion of the race had already been run.

About 14 years ago, after agreeing to

teach a boy's Sunday school class, I made the decision to read the Bible through once each year and, I am pleased to say, I'm fulfilling that commitment. Until I asked the Holy Spirit to guide and control my thinking and my life, I never dreamed the Bible was so rich and so exciting!

Because I'm so excited about the Bible, I just wanted to share an article, titled, "Who Should Read The Bible" that might be of value to you.

"Who should read the Bible? The young: to learn how to live. The old: to know humility. The rich: for compassion. The poor: for comfort. The dreamer: for enchantment. The practical: for counsel. The weak: for strength. The strong: for direction. The haughty: for warning. The humble: for exaltation. The troubled: for peace. The weary: for rest. The sinner: for salvation. The doubting: for assurance. All Christians: for guidance."

When I read this the first time, I came to the conclusion that it pretty well covers the waterfront. It talked about the young, the old, the ignorant, the learned, the rich, the poor, the dreamer, the prac-

tical, the weak, the strong, the haughty, the humble, the troubled, the weary, the sinner and all Christians. Surely you can see yourself in there somewhere — I can see me; several times.

I'll confess that I've learned that I need the Bible and its wisdom and encouragement each day of my life.

You know, for any of us to be saved, we must first admit we are lost. Whether you read the Bible or not, there is good reason why this book is the all time best-seller. It contains truth, inspiration and guidance that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope that no other source can give. I stand in awe of its power. Isn't it great to know that God loves us and we are very precious to Him? That's what it says in the Bible!

Now, I'm not naive and I realize that many people reading this column do not believe in God or the Bible and I respect every person's right to think and believe as they choose. In my own personal life however, as a Christian, I am willing to take a stand for Jesus Christ and the



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Evangelist's fiery words turn funeral into family fracas

by GARRY MITCHELL
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LOXLEY, Ala. - Orlando Bethel moved his big tent and evangelical work from Miami to rural Alabama about 18 months ago, settling onto land in his wife's family. When her uncle died, he was asked to sing at the funeral.

He did - experiencing a revelation in the process, he says - and that's when all hell broke loose in the Greater Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Bethel, suddenly preaching over the microphone to about 100 mourners in the sanctuary, told them they were "fornicators" and "whoremongers." And he said the deceased, Lish Devan Taylor, had gone to hell.

The microphone was abruptly disconnected. The church pastor wanted Bethel stopped. When Bethel reached into a gym bag, some thought he was going for a gun - it apparently was a bull-horn - and about half the crowd fled their seats, with a few dragging Bethel unceremoniously out a side door.

"Those boys picked him up when the preacher said he wanted him out of there," said Glenita Andrews, a cousin of Taylor.

Stephen Taylor, who came from California for his uncle's funeral, said it appeared Bethel had planned the denunciation of Taylor and his family. Rather than Bethel getting a revelation from above, Andrews said she suspected it stemmed from a dispute over the property inheritance of Bethel's wife.

"The Taylor family is large. Orlando and Devan had some problems," Andrews said.

According to witnesses at the June 14 funeral, Taylor, who died of prostate cancer at 56, was eulogized fondly by other ministers before Bethel commandeered the microphone. They

said Taylor had gone to "a better place."

"They were lying," Bethel said recently.

Bethel, in his 30s, acknowledges that he made statements about fornicators and hell during the funeral. He said he spoke words that "the Lord revealed to me."

"God is the final authority," said the tall, lanky Bethel, who held a hand on a Bible as he was interviewed sitting at a picnic table outside his camper home. He and his wife, Glynis, live in two campers beside their big, blue-striped gospel tent off U.S. 90 in the Ellisville community.

They said they have no plans to erect a church building on their acre of land, which she inherited from a grandfather and which is fenced off from a pecan grove and a herd of cattle.

Mrs. Bethel said her deceased uncle had run-ins with the law and was "so mean he would toss shotgun shells into a burning fire and yell, 'Run!'"

She defends her husband, saying he was mobbed by "unbelievers," one of whom followed Bethel from the church back to the gospel tent and tackled him on the sandy road. Both Bethels contend they've been denied justice because no one has been arrested.

Loxley police Chief Cliff Yetter said Friday that he's still investigating, but no one has been charged. He said three officers went to the church between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in response to the 911 call on June 14.

He said some people were questioned, but the evangelist said no one was arrested because officers declined to enter the church while the funeral continued. Bethel said he wanted to point out those who allegedly assaulted him, but the officers declined "to call them out."

Yetter said Bethel's only apparent injury was a scrape on his shoulder. Bethel was examined at a hospital emergency room five days after the incident, but was not admitted.

The church pastor, the Rev. Tim Amey, had complained that

a glass door was broken in the ruckus, but police said he decided against pressing a charge against Bethel.

Anger over the funeral lingers in this farming community just south of Interstate 10 on the main route to Alabama's beach-

es. "If you're going to criticize, criticize before they're dead. And when you pray, pray in silence," said a furious Charlesetta Thomas, sitting with a group of friends under a shade tree after working crops in a

field. Thomas isn't a preacher, but she had a sermon for the Bethels. She said she had helped care for the ailing Taylor in his final days. The Bethels, she said, should have been "up there giving him a drink of water and a bath."

Mueller tells Muslims they provided key help after Sept. 11

by PETE YOST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - FBI Director Robert Mueller told a convention of American Muslims on Friday they have provided "substantive assistance" in investigating terrorism since Sept. 11, including key help translating for suspects who speak Arabic.

Mueller also noted, however, that some members of the American Muslim Council in the past had made statements supporting terrorism.

"My presence generated some controversy," Mueller told the group, in reference to a handful of calls that he should not speak to the group. He noted the organization's head condemned the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon after they happened.

But the FBI director also said some people associated with the group "have in the past made statements that indicated support for terrorists and terrorist organizations," and said all Americans should be outraged by such statements.

Nevertheless, Mueller defended his appearance, say-

ing, "It is critically important for us to develop a strong relationship."

Among the assistance Muslims in the United States have provided to law enforcement was an outpouring of people volunteering to serve as Arabic translators, Mueller said. That allowed the FBI to double the number of such experts and substantially reduce a backlog of items needing translating, he said.

Some Arabic translators also have gone to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to help interview suspected al-Qaida or Taliban suspects detained there, Mueller said.

The FBI director also sought to assure the group that his agency will not abuse broad new powers to fight terrorism, by trampling on civil liberties or unfairly singling out Arabs or Muslims.

"We are out to address terrorists," Mueller said. "This is in no way a war against Islam."

The group opened its 11th annual meeting Thursday with a daylong lobbying session on Capitol Hill. Clutching red

booklets titled "How Our Laws Are Made," many of the members seemed determined, if hesitant, to engage in this ritual of citizenship - most of them for the first time.

The United States has frozen the assets of some of the charities to which the council has urged its members to contribute, citing alleged links to terrorists.

The council has disputed those characterizations, and

stressed that it is a mainstream organization.

Participants in this year's conference, whose theme is "American Muslims: Part of America," showed the pressures of this age of increased FBI surveillance. Many shunned media interviews, fearing they might invite police scrutiny of their activities.

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Christian Appalachian Project offering affordable summer camp

GERMAN BRIDGE - Gone are the remotes, Nintendo, Playstation and Gameboys. June 10 kicked off a season of fun at the scenic Camp Shawnee in Floyd County.

On the agenda for recreation is swimming, paddle-boating, canoeing, arts and crafts, games, Bible studies and the opportunity to forge friendships that last a lifetime.

Throughout the school year, Camp Shawnee teaches character-building lessons within various school systems. The lessons involve everything from conflict resolution to character development.

When the school year ends, the camp conducts weekly thematic camping events, along with specialty day camps.

"We tend to focus on serving kids who might not otherwise get to go to camp," said Kasey Tackett, 20, who has worked for the camp the last four years. "When parents, a lot of them single mothers, hear that we only charge \$10 for their child to attend camp, they say something like, 'You're kidding me! \$10 for the whole week?' It's nice to be able to give all kids a chance to attend something as special as summer camp."



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- JUNE 24-28**
■ Girls Camp
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- JULY 1-5**
■ Boys Teen Camp
13-15 yrs. old (Limit 80 boys)
- JULY 8-12**
■ Computer Camp
10-12 yrs. old (Limit 20 boys and 20 girls)
- JULY 8-12**
■ History Camp
10-12 yrs. old (Limit 20 boys and 20 girls)
- JULY 15-19**
■ Girls Teen Camp
13-15 yrs. old (Limit 80 girls)
- JULY 22-26**
■ Family Resource Center Daycamp
■ 7-13 years old (Limit 80 total)
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- JULY 29-AUGUST**
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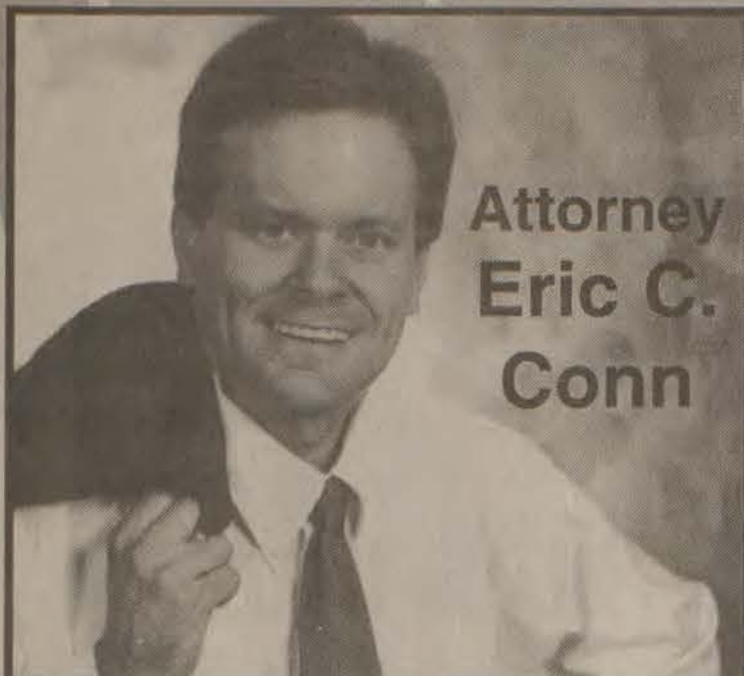
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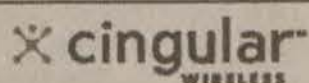
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FIREWORKS AT DUSK

West Virginia man's memoir tells tale of forgotten black miners

by VICKI SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Bob Armstead was a gentle man in a rough profession.

A black miner in decidedly white West Virginia, he toiled in a place where coal companies had recruited tens of thousands of blacks for jobs everyone else thought were too dangerous.

For 40 years Armstead worked hard, staying underground as racism pushed others out. "Some said the black coal dust was a race equalizer," he wrote. "They said we were all black because of the coal dust, so blacks and whites blended,

and there was less prejudice in a coal mine. I really didn't see it that way."

Armstead's story, "Black Days, Black Dust," released earlier this year by the University of Tennessee Press, has become the first published memoir of a black American coal miner.

It's a story of a quiet, hard-working, cheerful man. It's also a 255-page primer on coal mining and a window into a nearly forgotten piece of history — those few decades when tens of thousands of blacks moved into the mountains to help make West Virginia's mines among the most productive in the world.

In 1880, only 25,886 blacks lived in West Virginia; there were 592,537 whites. But as miners unionized and went on strike, mine owners recruited blacks by the trainload from the Deep South. By 1910, the state's black population had grown to 64,173.

The growth peaked in 1920, with 86,345 blacks to nearly 1.4 million whites. In southern coal-field counties, blacks accounted for more than 68 percent of the

population in both the 1920 and 1930 census.

Today, 57,232 blacks account for just 3 percent of the state's 1.8 million residents.

Four generations of Armstead's family were part of the great coal mine migration, moving from the iron district of Bessemer, Ala., to north-central West Virginia in 1924.

Later, when other families moved on, the Armsteads stayed.

Bob Armstead died in 1998 at the age of 71, but his voice survives on the pages of his book.

and white men, no longer equal."

By 1947, when Armstead followed his father into Marion County's mines, the number of black workers had already dwindled. Machines had begun to replace men, and among those left, white men were preferred.

"There were people who actually recruited blacks. On this side of the mountain, some owner would have recruited. On the other, they wouldn't. It's a polka-dotted pattern," said Ron Lewis, a history professor at West Virginia University. "But in the end, as a system, it worked as racial preference."

Blacks were nudged out, and those who remained were generally low-level laborers in the most dangerous areas of the mine. Often, both their union and their seniority failed to protect them.

While Italians, Poles and Slovaks were overlooked because they struggled with English, black and Irish workers were frequently considered incapable of adapting.

"All men who weren't white native West Virginians faced losing their jobs," Armstead wrote.

When he was laid off, Armstead cooked and waited tables. He carried bags as a bell-

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Chandler highlights importance of tire safety

FRANKFORT — With thousands of Kentucky families set to take to the roads this July 4th holiday, Attorney General Ben Chandler is cautioning drivers that hot weather magnifies the dangers posed by improper tire inflation.

"Hot roads, overloaded vehicles and improperly inflated tires can be a recipe for disaster," said Chandler. "The simple step of maintaining tire pressure at the level recommended by your automaker could make the difference between a safe trip and a ruined vacation."

A new survey by the State Attorneys General reveals that a majority of Americans are not following tire pressure recommendations, putting them — and their families — at risk of tire failure and blowouts.

A national "Safe Tire" public education campaign by the State Attorneys General and the Offices of Consumer Protection is stressing the importance of proper tire maintenance to save lives. The ads warn that just because tires "look fine" does not mean that they are properly inflated.

Recent studies by the National Highway and Traffic

Safety Administration and the American Automobile Association estimate that between 25 percent and 50 percent of all vehicles in the U.S. have worn or under-inflated tires.

According to the survey, 96 percent of drivers know properly inflated tires are important to car safety, but 60 percent do not realize they should check their tire pressure at least once a month.

Also, almost half of drivers surveyed were unable to identify where to find the correct tire pressure for their vehicles. That information is printed on a placard that usually appears on a doorjamb, inside the fuel-filler door or on the inside of the glove box lid.

The "Safe Trip" campaign features television and radio ads airing nationwide around the three peak summer travel holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Funding for the campaign was set aside as part of the settlement reached last year by all the Attorneys General with Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.

Drivers are encouraged to visit www.safetrip.org to learn more about tire safety and the importance of proper tire inflation.

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State pension funds would lose millions on WorldCom stock

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Pension funds for Kentucky teachers and government workers invested about \$59 million in WorldCom Inc., all but a fraction of which would be lost if their stock in the company suddenly were sold, managers said Thursday.

Instead, the funds will hold onto WorldCom stock. "There's some dim prospect that the company's prospects will improve," Stuart Reagan, chief investment officer of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, said in an interview.

Reagan said the system paid \$42.9 million for a bit more than 1 million WorldCom shares on behalf of its 80,000 teachers and retirees.

Its "unrealized loss" would be about \$42 million, since WorldCom Group stock was down to 83 cents a share when trading was halted Wednesday.

Stock prices plunged after a disclosure that the telecommunications giant, owner of long-distance provider MCI, hid \$3.8 billion in expenses from its investors. That meant the company reported a profit when it actually may have lost hun-

dreds of millions of dollars. The government has charged the company with fraud.

Robert Leggett, asset manager for the Kentucky Retirement Systems, said what started as \$8.4 million in WorldCom stock was worth about \$492,000 Thursday morning. But he noted, "Until you actually sell it, you haven't lost it."

In a separate investment, Leggett said his agency bought a WorldCom bond for \$6.8 million. Its value was down to about \$4.4 million.

Kentucky Retirement Systems is an umbrella agency

for multiple retirement systems of state, city, county employees and Kentucky State Police employees. It has about 230,000 active members and beneficiaries.

Leggett and Reagan said their agencies each had more than \$12 billion in assets, and their members were unlikely to feel any effects of the WorldCom losses.

"Our unrealized loss is sizable, and we're disappointed in the way the company has conducted itself," Reagan said. On the other hand, "we've got more than enough unrealized gains to offset it."

Reimbursement rates being frozen

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Most Kentucky health care providers will not get a raise from Medicaid this year, but neither will they be cut, the Cabinet for

Health Services said Friday. No services are being eliminated, either, the cabinet said in a brief statement.

Medicaid service providers typically get an increased reimbursement rate on July 1, though percentages vary under a plethora of payment systems, cabinet spokesman Gil Lawson said.

Medicaid is a state-federal health insurance program for the poor and disabled. At current spending levels, the Kentucky program would run a \$216 million deficit in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, according to the cabinet.

Lawson said a reimbursement rate freeze should catch no providers by surprise.

"The whole Medicaid deficit issue is quite well known," he said. "The important point is, we're not cutting anybody, which has been happening in some other states."

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Help

"We're particularly pleased that you have decided to come out as Americans," Eric Vickers, director of the American Muslim Council, told them during an orientation session Thursday.

The list of issues for which they seek political attention is long: a Palestinian state, Iraq, Kashmir, new FBI surveillance tactics and racial profiling of Muslims since Sept. 11.

"I think it will be tough," said Ali Al-Ahmed, director of the Saudi Institute, a pro-democracy group. "There has been a realization that we need to resolve our internal issues and deal with the world, America specifically, in a very clear and concise manner. But with a weak community, you can't do the job you need to do."


About 50 people took part in Thursday's session, sitting quietly in a House meeting room to bone up on the basics of talking to elected officials and using federal anti-discrimination laws to protect their rights.

The citizen-lobbyists also got the Islamic perspective on the need for a Palestinian state, the tumult between India and Pakistan over Kashmir and the failures of the oil-for-food program in Iraq.

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But as the jazz musician of the 20th century, giant leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at AmericansForTheArts.org. Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.



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Big Sandy

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will be the same no matter where they choose to apply. The classes will also be transferable to any public college or university in the state, such as Morehead State University or the University of Kentucky.

"The whole idea of KCTCS is to bring together the technical schools and colleges," Lyon said.

Currently, Prestonsburg Community College belongs to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools while Mayo Technical College belongs to the

Council on Occupational Education.

"Our main focus right now is to consolidate the district under SACS," Lyon said.

The official consolidation date for the PCC and Mayo Technical College is July 1.

Besides the project in Prestonsburg, KCTCS is busy constructing other regional post-secondary education centers in Elizabethtown, Glasgow, London, Corbin and Hopkinsville.

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Feuding past unites a couple in marriage

by JENNIFER SEWELL
APPALACHIAN NEWS-EXPRESS

PIKEVILLE - When Marie Harman made the decision to come to the first Hatfield-McCoy reunion two years ago, the last thing on her mind was finding her soul mate.

"I had no other intentions at the time but to gain information about my heritage," Harman said.

Harman, a descendant of "Devil" Anse Hatfield, traveled alone from her Michigan home in 2000 to Pikeville in hopes of learning about her mother's family, she said. But her genealogical mission quickly changed course. Harman met her future husband at the Hatfield banquet in West Virginia.

Greg Bergwitz, also a descendant of "Devil" Anse, had traveled to the reunion from his home in Evansville, Ind., with a caravan of his family including his mother.

"I saw a blonde walk by the

buffet line and I said to myself, 'I'd like to meet her, and I could see myself spending the rest of my life with her,'" Bergwitz said.

"I saw the only empty chair in the room was next to a nice-looking man with a shaved head. For me, it was love at first sight," Harman said.

The couple - who declined to give their ages - were married June 8 in the presence of family members as well as several McCoy's. The distantly related duo married in the gazebo at the Pikeville City Park in conjunction with this year's Hatfield-McCoy reunion.

But Harman admits their love story almost didn't happen.

"The last day of the reunion, Greg had already left and he didn't get to say goodbye to me," Harman said. "I was afraid I would never see him again."

Then, Harman said, she ran into Bergwitz's mother before

leaving for her home in Traverse City, Mich. "I was so glad to see her," Harman said. Luckily, she said, his mother stayed for another day.

"I gave her my address and telephone number right away in hopes of getting to talk to Greg again," Harman said.

The two, who were 10 hours

away from one another, corresponded for a few months when suddenly, Harman said, she stopped hearing from him.

Nine months had passed when

Bergwitz called and asked her to attend a Hatfield wedding in Pennsylvania with him. "Of course I said yes," she said.

Since September, the two have been inseparable, or as close as a long-distance relationship will allow, she said.

"My heart had to tell me what I wanted," Bergwitz said. "I wanted to make sure she was right for me and she is."

The two "Hatfields" were married by a McCoy, Bo McCoy, who founded the reunion festival. As for the distant relation to one another, Bergwitz said they get teased from time to time and they just laugh along with them.

"We know we belong together and that's all that matters," he said.

Couple's land dispute with county continues

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK — A Floyd County couple is continuing a bitter dispute with the fiscal court in a dispute over property.

John and Shirley Maynard, of Cow Creek, believe that the fiscal court is exercising options on land belonging to them without their permission.

"We have the only existing deed to the property," Shirley Maynard said.

According to Shirley Maynard, the court is attempting to give a portion of her land to neighbor Bill H. Howard.

"Why does our property have to go to Bill Howard just because he owns property next

to it," Maynard asked.

Part of the property in question was originally scheduled for a state highway project, but was later abandoned.

Shirley Maynard alleges the court was given the right proceed with the project by someone who did not even own the land.

Shirley Maynard said she would have donated the land to the court if they would have asked for it, but she is not going to sign a quitclaim deed that was drawn up regarding the property.

"I'm not signing something that I don't understand," Maynard said.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had to call for a recess at a

recent fiscal court meeting during which Maynard raised her case.

"I don't have a comment. I just got my blood pressure back down," Thompson later told The Floyd County Times.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley says he does not believe Maynard has any case at all.

"She is wrong. She just wants to cause trouble," Bartley said.

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Center at approximately 7 p.m. that day.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn had located Jervis around 1:30 a.m. June 16, at Emma, but Jervis fled on foot toward the riverbank and got away. Police had not been able to locate T.Y. Jervis until Friday, but Jessica Jervis was picked up on Thursday, at Pennington Drive in Prestonsburg.

According to a statement issued by the sheriff's office, Sheriff John K. Blackburn received a tip concerning T.Y.

Jervis' whereabouts about 9:35 p.m. Friday, and found him in the trailer about 12 minutes later. He was arrested without incident and returned to the Floyd County Detention Center.

According to Newsome, T.Y. Jervis was also charged with possession of marijuana following his arrest Friday night. No further details about his arrest were available at press time.

Jessica Jervis was arraigned in district court Friday, when a \$10,000 cash bond was set.

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answer questions. When Howard asked Craft to give his status, Craft said that his status was "triplified God clarification on clutch."

Following the question-and-answer session, Judge Caudill ruled he would schedule another hearing and have Craft evaluated again prior to the hearing.

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jobs in the area.

Stumbo said that in addition to those 20 to 30 jobs, research by the University of Kentucky College of Economics indicates each job directly created by such attractions spurs three-to-five other jobs indirectly.

"I believe the overall impact for our county will be the creation of 100 new jobs," Stumbo said.

According to Prestonsburg

Mayor Jerry Fannin, the completed park is scheduled to include fishing, a horse arena, walking trails and baseball, football and soccer fields.

"It's a great feeling to know that we have done something that will benefit Prestonsburg and our county now, and in the future we think this will double when we complete the entire park," Fannin said.

Perkins gets two years for pharmacy burglary

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A sentencing hearing held Friday resulted in a five-year sentence for Matthew Perkins, 26, who broke into the Martin Prescription Center on Jan. 22.

Pursuant to a plea agreement between the commonwealth and Perkins, he was sentenced to five years for third-degree burglary and five years for first-

degree criminal mischief, to run concurrently.

In addition, Perkins was sentenced to 12 months for each count of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, and third-degree possession of a controlled substance. The four 12-month sentences were to run concurrently with the five-year sentence. After Perkins serves two years of his sentence, the rest is to be suspended and probated for three years. He was awarded credit for the more than 200 days he has already served.

Perkins' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, asked the court to recognize that Perkins had completed his GED.

Forged

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had done," Caudill said the court was pleased with him, and after complimenting him on his honesty, said that the court looked forward to helping him with his problems.

Correction

Tonya Lynn Artrip, 34, of Martin, was mistakenly identified as Tony Atrip in Friday's For the Record.

Clarification

The charges of possession of a controlled substance and prescription in improper container against Pamela A. Boyd of Martin reported in Friday's For the Record have been dismissed by the court.

Excuse

due to her unwillingness "to recognize her problem," Judge Caudill denied any consideration for probation.

Mitchell was arrested in August 2001, as part of a Kentucky State Police roundup that resulted in 20 arrests. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said that the matter had come before circuit court for pre-trial conference on March 6, at which time the prosecution offered Mitchell

five years, the minimum amount of time, in exchange for a guilty plea. Mitchell refused the offer and the matter went to trial.

It took a jury 40 minutes of deliberation to find Mitchell guilty after hearing a confidential state police informant's testimony that he had purchased six OxyContin from her for \$140 on Feb. 15, 2001, and he had an audiotape as evidence. At that time Mitchell agreed to a seven-and-a-half-year sentence in order

to forego jury sentencing.

Before formal sentencing on Friday, Mitchell's attorney, Dan Rowland asked that Judge Caudill consider a five-year sentence on the basis that Mitchell had only spent 24 hours in jail prior to this offense and that she claimed to have never used drugs.

Mitchell claimed that a statement on a tape introduced as evidence was misinterpreted. In a conversation between Mitchell and the informant that was captured on the tape, in reference to the OxyContin, Mitchell was interpreted to say, "Me and Baldy snorted 11 of them yesterday."

Mitchell contended, however, that the interpretation was wrong that she instead said, "Mean and Baldy snorted 11 of them yesterday," with "Mean" supposedly being the name of a man she knew. She further said that she had "never used drugs."

Caudill stated that because Mitchell refused to recognize her problem, she would not be eligible for probation or conditional discharge, and sentenced her to seven-and-a-half years behind bars.

Caudill said Mitchell is in need of treatment and ordered that she receive it while in the correctional facility.

"Maybe they can force it on her, since she don't want it for herself," said Caudill.

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Bible.

I might add, this is consistent with our nation's heritage. One study found that of 15,000 writings by the Founding Fathers included in newspaper articles, pamphlets, books, monographs, and other documents, 94 percent of all quotes either directly or indirectly cited the Bible. Fifty-two of the 55 framers of the Constitution were avowed Christians.

While I am certainly not a preacher, in these days when civility is taking a back seat, we must return to the Biblical standards of our forefathers. From their hearts flowed the documents and structures to form the foundations of this great nation.

Over the coming years we can do this and every American will be richer for it.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Violent attack yields year in jail for convict

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Clyde B. Bentley, 31, will spend a year in jail for an Oct. 29 incident that ended in brain surgery for Arnold Jacob Miller.

Bentley had been arrested last October and charged with first-degree assault under extreme emotional distress for hitting

Miller in the head with a 2-inch by 6-inch board, which hospitalized Miller for a significant amount of time and required him to have surgery.

Bentley was sentenced to five years as a result of a plea agreement with prosecutors. After serving one year, the remainder of the sentence will be suspended and Bentley will spend five years on probation.

Man accused of taking booty of old coins

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man was arrested and charged with burglary and theft by unlawful taking in an incident bringing to mind the looting antics of pirates.

Chris Newman, 28, of Drift, was taken into custody after a warrant was served

stemming from a February incident in which he allegedly robbed the home of Otis Johnson.

According to the police report, Newman took boxes filled with old coins from the home with the intent of selling them.

Newman is being held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$10,000 bond.

Beltway

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incredible dollars spent on research."

Damn straight. But what is really bad is the thought of all that human potential swirling down the sewer of wretched excess.

It is incomprehensible that an administration that thinks that a \$350-a-month welfare check can sap the will to succeed of a single mother of three can't figure out that a \$300 million trust fund has the potential to destroy a person altogether.

I say it's not a matter of fig-

uring out; I say it's deliberate.

It's a dirty job, saving the rich and powerful from Republican dirty tricks but someone's got to do it. Thank God for the Democrats and all who vote with them.

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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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Madge Chaffins, 70, of Wayland, died Friday, June 21, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kelly Chaffins, 75, of Garrett, died Sunday, June 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Nerva Lawson Chaffins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John W. Endicott, 93, of Slick Rock, Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 24, at the Highland Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Paul T. Elliott, 60, of Bevensville, 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.

Richard (Rich) Hall, 84, of Topmost, died Monday, June 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, 11 a.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dolph Gordon Hurt, of Hager, Hill, formerly of LaMarque, Texas, died Saturday, June 22, at Summit Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were in the Forest Park East Funeral Home Chapel, in Webster, Texas.

Junior Lawson, 77, of Harold, died Wednesday, June 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Esther Yates Lawson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Miss Maurine Mayo, died Saturday, June 22, at the Lafayette Place in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted at Wednesday, June 26, at First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

Geneva Cooley Prater, 82, of Hueysville, died Sunday, June 23, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Dockie Prater. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26,

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hubert Puckett, 75, of Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty J. Wells Puckett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel.

Jean Salisbury, 76, a resident of Green Forest, Arkansas, formerly of Martin, died Saturday, June 22, in Shell Knob, Missouri. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Buford Stone, 70, of Martin, husband of Nyoka Rice Stone, died Sunday, June 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Dallas Prater, Sr., 65, of Litchfield, (formerly of Albion and Homer areas), died Saturday, June 22, at the Hillsdale Community Health Center. He is survived by his wife, Isola (Shepherd) Prater. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

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

James Dennis Wells, 87, native of Betsy Layne, died Friday, June 14, at Miller Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 19, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Franklin Yates, 58, died Friday, June 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lottie Damron Yates. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 24, at his residence.

Kathryn Turner Youmans, 72, of Minnie, died Monday, June 24, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Douglas "Doug" Cochran, 79, of New Carlisle, Ohio, native of Paintsville, died Sunday, June 16, at his residence. He is survived by his

wife, Imogene Cochran. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ira Green, 87, died Saturday, June 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25, at Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Charles H. "Chuck" Lewis, 71, died Monday, June 24. He is survived by his wife, Brenda O'Bryan Lewis. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

John Franklin Rowland, 55, Johnson County native, died Sunday, June 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carol VanBurger Rowland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Eugene Boggs, 68, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, June 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Boggs. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Mary Magadeline "Maggie" Anderson Branham, 91, of Jenkins, died Thursday, June 27, at a nursing home. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m., under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Hazel Mae Smith Case, 92, of Harrietta, Michigan, formerly of Williamson, West Virginia, died Wednesday, June 26, at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, Michigan. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 30, 1 p.m., under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Bennett Ray "Road Man" Collins, 61, of Collins, died Tuesday, June 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Eva Hall, 75, of Weeksbury, died Monday, June 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Maude Hill Hamilton, 67, of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, June 26, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29,

under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Johnnie Worrix Jr., 49, of Shelbiana, died Friday, June 21. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Huffman Worrix. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 24, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Opal Julia Kennedy, 92, of Ashland, died Wednesday, June 26, at the Boyd Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, under the direction of Marshall Steen Funeral Home.

Melda Smith Layne, 73, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, June 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Elder Perry Layne. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Eliza Ellen "Bill" Newsom, 85, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, June 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lexie Mullins Ray, 85, of Brandon, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 30, at the Oak Tree Health Care Center, South Daytona Beach, Florida. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 29, at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church.

Earl "Jack" Robinette, 77, of Varney, died Thursday, June 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Neva Jean Hughes Robinette. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m., in the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Helen Tackett Rose, 81, of Shelby Gap, died Friday, June 21, at her home. Graveside funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 23, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bob Rutherford, 78, of Grapevine, died Sunday, June 23, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Rutherford. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Curtis Senters, 67, of Lick Creek, died Saturday, June 22,

at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Eugene Smith, 78, of Pikeville, died Saturday, June 22, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Grace Sykes, 78, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, June 20, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Arnold Weddington, 81, of Richmond, died Friday, June 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 24, under the direction of Warren F. Toler Funeral Home.

Mable Bartley Whicker, 78, died Thursday, June 20, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 23, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Martha L. Wright, 76, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, formerly of Myra, died Thursday, June 20, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Martin County

William Hodge Sr., 70, of Columbus, Ohio, died Sunday, June 24, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lillie Brumfield, 83, of Crum, West Virginia, died Sunday, June 23, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James Claude Dillon, 83, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Wednesday, June 19, at his residence on Marrowbone Creek. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Knott County

Marie Jean Click, 61, of Bulan, died June 19, at the Hazard ARMC. She is survived by her husband, Charles Click. Funeral services were conducted

ed Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

James Oscar Combs Jr., infant son of James Oscar Combs and Natasha Renee Fugate Combs of Vest, died Thursday, June 20. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Richard "Rich" Hall, 84, of Topmost, died Monday, June 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 26, under the direction off Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hasadore Harris, 87, native of Hollybush, died Tuesday, June 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Barry Lee Conley, 21, of Martin, died Wednesday, June 19, at Wayland. He is survived by his wife, Carey Fitzpatrick Conley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sallie Jewell Hughes Hale, 81, died Tuesday, June 18, at the Riverview Health Care. She is survived by her husband, Richard Hale. Funeral services were Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lewis Owsley, 89, of Flatwoods, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, June 17, at the Wurtland Nursing Home, Russell. He is survived by his wife, Lula Mae Owsley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Davie Gene Triplett Jr., 41, of Mousie, died June 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Donna Sue Slone Triplett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Obituaries

Betty Jo Shepherd Craft

Betty Jo Shepherd Craft, 66 years of age, of Prestonsburg, Ky., was born on February 20, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of the late Lee and Sybel Blackburn Garrett. She was a homemaker.

She departed this life following an extended illness on Thursday, June 27, 2002, at her residence.

She is survived by one son and two daughters, Irvin Shepherd Jr., of David, Ky., Linda Grace Campbell of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Sybel Lois Shepherd of Blue River, Ky.

She was preceded in death by two sons and one brother, Denver Lee Shepherd, Arthur Jeffrey Shepherd, and Chester Garrett.

She is survived by one brother, Charles Garrett of California; 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends who will mourn her passing.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 30, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Ellis Stephens officiating.

Burial will be in the Shepherd Cemetery, David, Ky., under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Bobby Johnson, Chad Irvin Shepherd, Todd Bingham, Michael Gambill, Roy Owsley, Michael Gausley, Harold Ratliff, Dave Cottle, and Onda Hunt.

(Paid obituary)

Approve

The annual budget establishes incentives to encourage employees to participate in the KCTCS personnel system instead of remaining in legacy personnel systems similar to those managed by the organizations that administered the community and technical colleges before KCTCS was created in 1997.

The incentives represent an "important step toward the future by building a unified system," said Cynthia L. Read, chair of the Board of Regents.

The new budget funds compensation increases that comprise salary increases; higher KCTCS contributions to employees' health insurance pre-

miums; or both. The total, on average, amounts to 3.3 percent per employee. Salary and benefits increases for former employees of the University of Kentucky — which managed the community colleges before KCTCS — and former employees of state government — which used to administer the technical colleges — are based on statutory requirements and on what current UK and state government employees are receiving.

For employees who already are in or choose to move to the KCTCS personnel system, compensation increases will average more than 4 percent. Such employees also will be eligible to receive a new benefit — spouses and dependent children will be able to take 3 hours per term at any KCTCS college without paying tuition.

Former UK and state government employees who choose to participate in the KCTCS personnel system will retain all significant rights and privileges, including job security, seniority and accrued vacation and sick leave.

In other action, the Board of Regents:

- Endorsed the consolidation of functions, services and programs in the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College District, which comprises Elizabethtown Community College and Elizabethtown Technical College. The colleges

will pursue single accreditation under the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

- Endorsed a similar consolidation and pursuit of single accreditation in the Maysville Community and Technical College District, which includes Maysville Community College and Rowan Technical College.

- Renamed, at the request of the community, the KCTCS district that comprises Hazard Community College and Hazard Technical College. The district, formerly called the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District, now will be called the Hazard District.

- Approved a revised mission statement for the Hazard Community and Technical College District. The revisions reflect emphasis on academic programs and technical training, plus the role of the comprehensive two-year college in KCTCS.

- Endorsed an update of the KCTCS Strategic Plan. The revised plan incorporates strategic priorities that the System and its colleges intend to achieve in the coming year toward attaining the KCTCS vision, which is to be recognized as the best system of two-year colleges in the nation. The updated plan focuses on the needs of students; on the accomplishments of the colleges; and on communication with faculty and staff.

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hop. He washed floors. He delivered newspapers. Along the way, he married twice and raised five children.

He moved from town to town and job to job, but he always returned to the mines.

Thousands of other black families left, abandoning assimilation in the hills for factory jobs in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Detroit.

"They just moved on," Lewis said, "and so they're lost."

So, too, are their stories.

■■■■
"When those white fellows were out with their families or friends, they didn't know me. ... I had to change my thinking that they were my 'mine buddies' and reduce them to my 'former co-workers.' That truth bothered me for a long time, but I got over it."

■■■■
Writer Sharon Gardner believed Armstead's tales were worth telling.

Gardner met Armstead in

1997 and drew his story out in bits, interviewing him three hours at a time every few weeks for 18 months.

"I had just finished reading a memoir of a white coal miner from Pennsylvania's anthracite region," she said. "It was awful. There was a lot of cussing and swearing - the use of the F-word a great deal."

Armstead was special. "He was gentle and kind," she said. "I knew it would be a contrast - a racial contrast and the contrast of a gentleman ver-

sus ... a rough individual."

Gardner, a former teacher and librarian from Bedford, Pa., had been fascinated with coal since moving to West Virginia in 1996 and seeing "trains, as far as you could see" in Bluefield.

"I wondered what they were doing, where they were going," she recalls.

Inspired, Gardner wrote a series of historical features for a small newspaper.

Armstead read one about the

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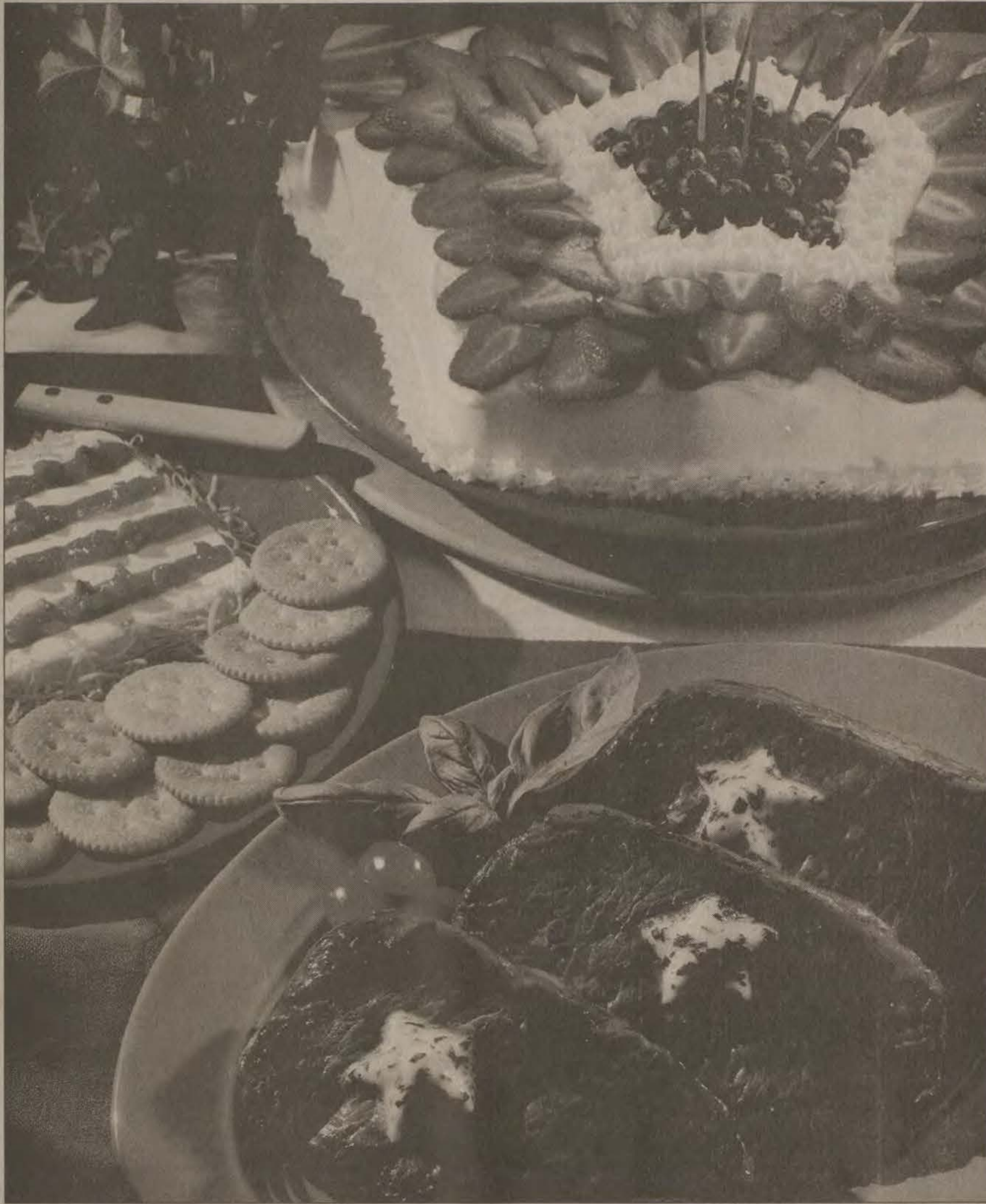
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Clockwise from top: July 4th Cake, Strip Steaks With Basil Butter and Grand Old Flag Cheese Spread

Fourth of July ... the birthday of our great nation. For generations, Americans have celebrated the holiday and the freedoms we enjoy by gathering with family and friends for flag-waving, fireworks and feasting. And nothing says the 4th of July like a good old-fashioned cookout. Throughout history, Fourth of July fare has traditionally been served outdoors and has included appealing appetizers, hot-off-the-grill meats, tasty side dishes and, of course, delicious desserts.

That Fourth of July tradition continues this year with a renewed sense of patriotism and pride. Why not plan a patriotic picnic and surprise your guests with these fun and easy-to-prepare recipes. Start out by serving an all-American appetizer like Grand Old Flag Cheese Spread served with buttery Ritz Crackers. For the main course, try Omaha Steaks' ultimate cookout steak—the boneless strip—and top it with a star-shaped pat of steak butter. And for a star-studded dessert that's sure to dazzle, try a July 4th Cake. It's a snap to make using a star-shaped pan from Wilton Enterprises.

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Quick Tips for No-Fuss Fourth of July Entertaining

Appetizers...

- ★ Always keep cream cheese and sour cream on hand as they can quickly be combined with salsa, condiments, shredded cheese or seasonings to create delicious dips or spreads.
- ★ To create visual appeal, serve prepared spreads in hollowed out fresh peppers, artichokes or cabbage heads.

Steaks...

- ★ Grilling gives delicious flavor to steak as the high heat cooking seals in the juices. To determine the doneness of a steak, make a small slit near the bone and check the color or use a meat thermometer.
- ★ When turning steaks, use long-handled tongs. Do not use a fork as piercing the beef allows flavorful juices to escape.

Desserts and More...

- ★ To personalize desserts or party favors, use cookie cutters, cookie pop pans, candy or lollipop molds and single-sized baking pans to prepare individual portions. These can be arranged as your centerpiece before being enjoyed.
- ★ For festive-themed food items, use shaped cake pans to make unique and spectacular desserts (cakes, gelatin or mousse), salads or sandwich breads.

July 4th Cake

Prep: 25 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes

- 1 Wilton Star Cake Pan
- 1 box (2-layer size) cake mix, any flavor
- 1-2 cans (16 ounces) ready-to-spread white frosting
- 1 quart fresh strawberries
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 1/3 cup currant or apricot jelly, melted (optional)

GREASE cake pan. Coat lightly with flour; set aside.

PREPARE cake mix as directed on package. Spread batter into prepared pan.

BAKE at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

PLACE cake on serving plate. Ice cake with frosting. Cut strawberries lengthwise into 1/4-inch thick slices. Arrange on top of cake as shown in photo.

PIPE remaining frosting through star decorating tip to outline a smaller star shape on top center of cake. Pipe a second row of stars next to the first. Place blueberries inside frosting outline. Pipe additional frosting through star tip for border on cake as pictured. Brush fruit with jelly if desired. Makes 12 servings.

How to Make Stars: Using disposable decorating bag and star decorating tip, hold bag straight up-and-down, 1/8 inch above surface. Squeeze until star is formed, then stop pressure and pull tip away. Stars will be neatly formed if you stop squeezing before you pull tip away.

Grand Old Flag Cheese Spread

Prep: 15 minutes

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar and Monterey Jack Mexican style cheese
- 2 tablespoons sliced black olives
- 1/4 cup salsa
- Ritz Crackers, Original or Cheese

PLACE cream cheese between 2 pieces of wax paper. Roll out to 6x4-inch rectangle with rolling pin. Remove top sheet of wax paper; coat top and sides of cream cheese with shredded cheese. Invert onto serving plate. Remove wax paper.

ARRANGE 4 rows of olives in top left corner of short side of cream cheese rectangle for "stars." Make 4 (1/4-inch deep) rows, using rounded end of 1/4 teaspoon measuring spoon for "stripes," leaving 1/4-inch space between rows. Fill rows with salsa as shown in photo. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

SERVE as a spread with crackers. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

Strip Steaks With Basil Butter

Prep: 5 minutes

Grill: 8 to 12 minutes

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh basil
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- Salt
- Ground black pepper
- 4 Omaha Steaks Boneless Strip Steaks (10 ounces each)

MIX butter, basil, lemon juice and garlic. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Shape into 3-inch round. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap; refrigerate until ready to use.

GRILL steaks 4 to 6 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 140° to 150°F for medium doneness.

CUT seasoned butter round into 4 wedges. Serve one wedge on each grilled steak. Makes 4 servings.

Special Extra: Prepare butter mixture as directed. Press evenly into 4 small butter molds. Refrigerate until firm. Serve one on each grilled steak.

Filet Mignon With Peppercorn-Herb Rub

Prep: 10 minutes

Grill: 12 to 16 minutes

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1-1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
- Salt to taste
- 4 Omaha Steaks Beef Filet Mignons (8 ounces each)

MIX oil and seasonings. Rub mixture evenly onto both sides of steaks.

GRILL 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 140° to 150°F for medium doneness. Makes 4 servings.

Spinach & Artichoke Spread

Prep: 10 minutes plus refrigerating

- 1 container (16 ounces) sour cream
- 1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained, chopped
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
- 1-1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 envelope (0.7 ounce) dried Italian salad dressing mix
- Ritz Crackers, Original or Cheese

MIX all ingredients except crackers until well blended; cover. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

SERVE as a spread with crackers. Makes 5 cups.

American Cobbler

Prep: 20 minutes

Bake: 1 hour 10 minutes

- 4 Granny Smith apples (about 1-1/4 pounds), peeled, cored and sliced
- 4 Bartlett pears (about 1-1/4 pounds), peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 1 pint fresh raspberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 Wilton Star Cake Pan
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 package (15 ounces) refrigerated pie crust (2 crusts)
- Whipped cream (optional)

TOSS apples, pears, blueberries and raspberries with lemon juice in large bowl. Mix sugar and flour. Add to fruit mixture; mix lightly.

SPOON fruit mixture into greased cake pan. Dot with butter. Toss walnuts with powdered sugar; sprinkle over fruit filling.

CUT out stars from pie crust dough, using assorted sizes of star-shaped cookie cutters. Arrange over fruit filling.

BAKE at 350°F for 60 to 70 minutes or until pastry is golden brown and filling is hot and bubbly. Serve warm with whipped cream. Makes 12 servings.

Walking trails replace deadly road through Cumberland Gap

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLESBORO - Older maps still show a crooked line that denoted a paved road over the Cumberland Gap.

That's about the only evidence left of a 3.2-mile stretch of U.S. 25E that had earned a reputation for being one of the most dangerous roads in the Appalachian Mountains.

The ribbon of asphalt has been ripped away, dirt has been hauled in to restore the natural grade, and now signs of new life are springing up on the mountain that had come to epitomize death for families who lost relatives in traffic crashes.

"It's unbelievable to realize there was a road there less than eight months ago," said Sue Richards, owner of The RidgeRunner bed and breakfast in Middlesboro. "You can't tell. The grass is growing, trees are growing. It's absolutely gorgeous."

Walking trails now meander through the area that came to be

known locally as Massacre Mountain. The sounds of revving engines and squealing brakes have given way to singing birds and chattering tourists.

"The difference really is remarkable," said Park Ranger Matthew Graham, standing near a trailhead on the Kentucky side of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park that straddles the borders with Tennessee and Virginia.

"The road came right through here," Graham said, looking at the narrow strip of grass beneath his feet. "You wouldn't dare stand here before the road closed, unless you had a death wish."

The Federal Highway Administration spent about \$5 million to remove all traces of the road on the Kentucky-Virginia border, where an average of five people a year were killed in traffic accidents before it closed about five years ago.

Officials with the National Park Service cited the high death rate when they lobbied for money to dig twin tunnels through the

mountain. Those tunnels were completed in 1996 at a cost of \$240 million.

When the tunnels opened, 18,000 motorists who crossed the mountain each day were rerouted and the road closed. Middlesboro police Chief Jeff Sharpe said that ended the melee on the mountain. Not one fatal crash has occurred since the tunnels opened, he said.

Work crews, using descriptions from old journals and maps for direction, have restored the Cumberland Gap to nearly the same appearance it had when Daniel Boone and 30 men first marked a trail across in 1775 to open the nation's midsection for settlement.

"It's so much more peaceful now," said Arthur Boggs of Harlan, who visited Cumberland Gap and toured the Gap Cave a week ago. "The last time I was here, cars and big trucks were passing right by the entrance to the cave."

Motorists were so close they could actually look into the entrance as they drove by. Now, people have to walk about 10 minutes from the closest parking area for a guided tour of the cavern, formerly known as Cudjo's Cave.

Graham said the Shawnee, Cherokee and other Indian tribes used the cave for shelter. During the Civil War, it was used alternately by both Union and Confederate troops who never fought for its control.

All the bloodshed came much later, when the modern road was

built through the gap.

"It was an engineering feat at the time to get a road across that mountain," Sharpe said. "They had to make some pretty sharp curves, and that's what made it

dangerous."

Sharpe, who witnessed the carnage of many of the car and truck crashes, said some families may have seen the removal of the road in the same way a family of a mur-

der victim might see a killer being put to death.

"It's a comfort to them to know that someone else won't have to face the same thing they've gone through," he said.

State pension funds would lose millions on WorldCom stock

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Pension funds for Kentucky teachers and government workers invested about \$59 million in WorldCom Inc., all but a fraction of which would be lost if their stock in the company suddenly were sold, managers said Thursday.

Instead, the funds will hold onto WorldCom stock. "There's some dim prospect that the company's prospects will improve," Stuart Reagan, chief investment officer of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, said in an interview.

Reagan said the system paid \$42.9 million for a bit more than 1 million WorldCom shares on behalf of its 80,000 teachers and retirees.

Its "unrealized loss" would be about \$42 million, since WorldCom Group stock was down to 83 cents a share when trading was halted Wednesday.

Stock prices plunged after a disclosure that the telecommunications giant, owner of long-distance provider MCI, hid \$3.8 billion in expenses from its investors. That meant the company reported a profit when it actually may have lost hundreds of millions of dollars. The government has charged the company with fraud.

Robert Leggett, asset manager for the Kentucky Retirement Systems, said what started as \$8.4 million in WorldCom stock was worth about \$492,000 Thursday morning. But he noted, "Until you actually sell it, you haven't lost it."

In a separate investment, Leggett said his agency bought a WorldCom bond for \$6.8 million.

Its value was down to about \$4.4 million.

Kentucky Retirement Systems is an umbrella agency for multiple retirement systems of state, city, county employees and Kentucky State Police employees. It has about 230,000 active members and beneficiaries.

Leggett and Reagan said their agencies each had more than \$12 billion in assets, and their members were unlikely to feel any effects of the WorldCom losses.

"Our unrealized loss is sizable, and we're disappointed in the way the company has conducted itself," Reagan said. On the other hand, Leggett said his agency bought a WorldCom bond for \$6.8 million.

Miners

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Dakota coal camp and called to talk. He proposed a feature on his family, but after an hour, Gardner had bigger plans. Dozens of pages Armstead had already written soon led to interviews and research.

In the mines, Armstead had been a laborer, shoveling spilled coal and setting timber roof supports, before moving on to shuttle car driver, foreman and safety inspector.

He passed on some jobs, too, repeatedly refusing to become the operator of a continuous mining machine.

"Eight or 10 years ago, they wouldn't have even offered me this job because I was black," he wrote. "If I'd been ambitious and gone after the job, they wouldn't have given it to me because I was black. So I wouldn't do it now. Pride? Yes. But that's how I

felt."

By 1969, however, he'd decided to study for the test that eventually made him a foreman. At the time, he was one of only 10 blacks in a mine with 440 men. Later, at another mine, he became the lone black foreman to 600 men.

Armstead retired in 1987, succumbing to lung cancer on Dec. 9, 1998.

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"Hate is not in my vocabulary. I can honestly say that I've never hated anyone. I sometimes felt resentment for things said or done to me, but I never let anyone see my resentment, and I rarely spoke of it. ... I knew from a young age that life was too precious to carry around the burden of hatred and bitterness, so I chose not to do it."

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Bluegrass Speedway to host dirt track championship

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARDSTOWN — One of America's most tradition-rich Dirt Late Model events is coming to Bluegrass Speedway as Carl Short and Bluegrass Speedway track promoters David and Anita Ferrell will

present the 22nd Annual Dirt Track World Championship on Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20 at the high-banked dirt oval located just minutes outside of beautiful and historic Bardstown. "We are extremely honored to have Carl Short come to us

and want our track to host one of the most tradition-laden Dirt Late Model events in the United States," commented Bluegrass Speedway track promoters David and Anita Ferrell. "We feel with our location and facilities, the drivers and fans will enjoy a very memorable

and pleasant weekend of racing. We intend on working very closely with Mr. Short to try and make this edition of the DTWC the best ever, along with showcasing the wonderful community where our track is located." The Dirt World Championship has been held for many years at

the legendary Pennsboro Speedway in Pennsboro, West Virginia, with guest appearances for the event in the past also at West Virginia Motor Speedway in Mineral Wells, W.Va. and at the Thunder Ridge



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Bentley's Comments

The Season: Bluegrass Basketball

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

ESPN wrapped up The Season: Bluegrass Basketball on Tuesday night, with a few surprises and an hour that nearly matched the first one two weeks earlier.

For the last three Tuesdays evenings, the worldwide leader in sports has devoted an hour to high school basketball in this hoops crazy commonwealth, and save a slight lull in week two, it has played out as smoothly as the Paintsville Tigers



in any given March. This Tuesday's focus was on the Sweet 16, which is exactly as it should be if you're taking on the overwhelming task of documenting an entire year of prep basketball in this state.

But the undisputed highlight of

(See SEASON, page three)

Auto racing

NASCAR Winston Cup Series

DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Sterling Marlin2,198.
2. Mark Martin2,136.
3. Jeff Gordon.....2,116.
4. Jimmie Johnson2,112.
5. Tony Stewart.....2,110.
6. Rusty Wallace2,054.
7. Ricky Rudd.....2,050.
8. Matt Kenseth2,020.
9. Kurt Busch2,003.
10. Bill Elliott.....1,972.
11. Dale Jarrett.....1,921.
12. Jeff Burton1,885.
13. Ricky Craven1,835.
14. Michael Waltrip.....1,793.
15. Ryan Newman1,786.
16. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.1,726.
17. Terry Labonte1,682.
18. Kyle Petty.....1,674.
19. Dave Blaney.....1,672.
20. Bobby Labonte1,630.

Bass Fishing

Staten wins Ohio River tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — On June 23, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its fourth tournament of the 2002 season on the Ohio River in Ashland. The club had 14 boats compete in the tournament, with angler Brandon Staten finishing first in the event.

The river was muddy and swift in the week prior to the tournament. The Corp. must have had the gates on the lock wide open just letting the water run straight through. Although it wasn't high, it would fluctuate a couple of feet in a day. By the tournament day, the river had started clearing up and was not quiet as swift as the previous weekend. The barge traffic was fairly heavy which made the riding kind of rough. Those rollers are killers. The club weighed in 23 legal

(See FISHING, page three)

O U T D O O R S



file photo

Canoeing in Kentucky grows in popularity during the warmer spring and summer months.

CANOEING IN MAMMOTH CAVE

by STEVE VANTREESE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For information on specific paddle trips, contact Mammoth Cave Canoe & Kayak at 877/592-2663 or 270/773-3366.

PADUCAH — One of the better ways to experience Kentucky's cave country is to paddle through the heart of it.

The upper Green River that runs through Mammoth Cave National Park is a top Kentucky float stream that bisects beautiful, remote wilderness along its winding path. The biologically diverse river matches up with the lush hills and bluffs of the park that flank it to make a scenic and natural route for recreational and "eco-touring" by canoe.

"It's an ideal paddle trip for families," said Larry Bull, who manages Mammoth Cave Canoe and Kayak, an outfitter based on the edge of the national park near Cave City.

The most popular run is a half-day trip — three to four hours, or longer pending stops to explore or play — from Dennison Ferry to Green River Ferry in the midsection of the park near its Visitor Center, Bull said.

The 7.5-mile stretch has mild current

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Winston Cup drivers accept road racing

by TOM GARDNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SONOMA, Calif. — It's taken some time, but most Winston Cup drivers are conceding that the two road course dates on the series' oval-intensive 36-race schedule are here to stay. Some even like them. "Everybody used to hate

road course racing, but now everybody is finally realizing that you've got to like it," Rusty Wallace said. "They're all out here testing, but the competition has really gotten compacted big time."

Wallace tamed Sears Point Raceway in 1996 and 1990 and Watkins Glen International in 1987 and 1989.

While Dale Jarrett still struggles with the right turns, he says it's fun.

"It's something totally different. When you're here or at Watkins Glen you have to forget everything you normally do in a race car," Jarrett said.

"My dad did it back in the early '60s. It's just a part of NASCAR."

NASCAR first turned right

at Watkins Glen in 1957 and started racing there annually in 1986. The first Sears Point race was held in 1989, the year after the final one at Riverside International, which held events from 1958 through 1988.

While Jeff Gordon has dominated the road courses recently with six straight victories and seven overall since

Watkins Glen in 1997, the events have produced Winston Cup drivers with a flair for the road. Wallace, Mark Martin and Ricky Rudd have all won four, Ernie Irvin had three, and Tony Stewart has a first and a second at Sears Point, where Rudd won on Sunday.

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All-Star Spotlight

James Spurlock is a member of the Harold-Allen-Prater 9-10-year-old All-Stars. The Times will spotlight area Little League All-Stars throughout this year's tournaments.

courtesy photo

Millard product signs to play two sports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — It certainly wasn't the spring Jarrod Adkins hoped to have, and as it played itself out, he

wondered to himself if his opportunity to play college athletics wasn't passing him by.

But in the end, that chance will still be there for

the Millard High School graduate, who signed on Tuesday to play both baseball and basketball at

(See MILLARD, page four)

MARTIAL ARTS

Smith competes in national martial arts event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Magoffin County native Lonnie Smith fought in a national taekwon do event last month in May. Although looking to come away with a near-the-top finish, Smith didn't fare quite as well as he would have liked.

He was beaten 6-5 by a 5th degree Master black belt, Joe Reeder of Oklahoma.

The first round was 1-1 tie, at the end of the 2nd round he had a lead 3-2.

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BASKETBALL

Honeycutt named new KCC coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Jeff Honeycutt has been hired as basketball coach at KCC. The Patriot boys' basketball program owns seven regional titles in 28 seasons of competition. Knott County Central won its last regional crown in 1992.

Honeycutt takes over for Danny Adams who resigned the position in the spring. Adams served two seasons as the head coach of the boys' basketball program at the only high school in

(See KCC, page four)

Briefs

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians figured they had no chance to win this season...

The disappointing Indians traded Colon to the surprising Expos for first baseman Lee Stevens...

Cleveland sent Colon and a player to be named — said to be minor league pitcher Tim Drew — and cash to the Expos for Stevens...

NEW YORK — Mets pitcher Mark Corey admitted he smoked marijuana shortly before he had a seizure and collapsed on a street near Shea Stadium after a game Wednesday night...

The New York reliever said he was to meet Friday with Mets psychiatrist Allan Lans, coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program...

ST. LOUIS — Daryl Kile never gave the St. Louis Cardinals any indication of past medical problems in his family, the team physician said...

The preliminary coroner's report listed the possible cause of death as an 80-90 percent blockage of two of the coronary arteries.

NEW YORK — Frank Robinson, the 66-year-old Montreal manager, was picked to be an NL coach for the All-Star Game on July 9 at Miller Park...

Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy also was chosen as a coach by NL manager Bob Brenly of Arizona.

Managers Mike Scioscia of Anaheim and Charlie Manuel of Cleveland will be coaches for AL manager Joe Torre of the New York Yankees.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England — A day after three of the tournament's biggest names were beaten, top-seeded Layton Hewitt and Venus Williams restored some order at Wimbledon...

Also advancing was Tim Henman, who moved up his latest bid to become the first British player to win the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936 by beating Australian qualifier Scott Draper in four sets.

Fifth-seeded Kim Clijsters, Hewitt's girlfriend, became the biggest upset victim of the women's draw so far, losing 7-6 (5), 6-2 to No. 48 Elena Likhovtseva of Russia.

And 98th-ranked American Jeff Morrison ousted ninth-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero on Centre Court.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There's a good reason why Venus and Serena Williams are not playing for the United States in the Fed Cup...

They chose not to, King said. The Williams sisters, ranked 1-2 in the world, might have been represented if the Americans' match against Israel next month had not been in the United States, King said.

WIMBLEDON, England — The ATP Tour will begin blood testing for the banned endurance-enhancing substance EPO in August or September, pending approval by the players' council.

GOLF

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — R.W. Eaks, who has never won a PGA event of any kind, shot a 7-under-par 64 to tie the U.S. Senior Open record...

Eaks had an eagle, eight birdies and three bogeys on a difficult Caves Valley course that yielded only nine sub-par rounds on a sweltering day.

Play was suspended for the day by lightning with 33 players left on the course.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Glen Hnatik and Tim Petrovic shot 6-under-par 65s and took a one-stroke lead over a tightly bunched leaderboard in the suspended first round of the St. Jude Classic.

Afternoon thunderstorms delayed play for more than three hours, and play stopped at 8:39 p.m. EDT, due to weather just before darkness, with 78 players still on the TPC at Southwind course.

CORK, Ireland — Fred Funk shot a 5-under-par 66 and shared the first-round lead at the Irish Open with Nick Dougherty, Joakim Haeggman, Eduardo Romero and Peter O'Malley.

SOCCER

NEW YORK — The New York Power, in last place in the WUSA, fired coach Pat Farmer and promoted assistant Charlie Duccillo interim head coach for the remainder of the season...

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY — Lawyers for Salt Lake City's once-indicted bid leaders are trying to negotiate a financial settlement for the two men before the Salt Lake Organizing Committee goes out of business.

Max Wheeler, a lawyer for bid executive Dave Johnson, said the talks involve compensation for the fired executives and payment of their legal fees.

Tom Welch served as president of the Salt Lake bid and organizing committees, and Johnson was vice president.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CHICAGO — Jay Bewanger, who won the first Heisman Trophy in 1935 and became the first player ever drafted by the NFL, died of lung cancer after a long illness. He was 88.

Bewanger was the first player ever selected in the NFL draft. Chicago Bears owner and coach George Halas acquired Bewanger's signing rights from the Philadelphia Eagles. But the notoriously frugal Halas balked at meeting Bewanger's demand for \$25,000 over two years.

CYCLING

BIEL, Switzerland — Veteran Swiss cyclist Alex Zuelle finished third in the final time trial and won the Tour de Suisse.

Tobias Steinhauser of Germany won the 21.6-mile time trial from Lyss to Biel. American Bobby Julich was second, and Zuelle finished third.

BASKETBALL

DALLAS — With smiles, laughter and high hopes, Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag successfully donated a kidney to his younger sister, whose kidneys failed in March.

SPORTSBOARD

at Tampa Bay (W.Alvarez 1-2), 7:15 p.m. Houston (Oswalt 7-5), 8:05 p.m. at Texas (Park 3-3), 8:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Sheets 4-8) at Minnesota (Santana 2-1), 8:05 p.m. San Diego (Lawrence 7-4) at Kansas City (Asencio 1-1), 8:05 p.m. Colorado (Jennings 8-3) at Seattle (Pineiro 7-3), 10:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Ashby 7-6) at Anaheim (Appier 6-6), 10:05 p.m. San Francisco (L.Hernandez 6-8) at Oakland (Mulder 8-4), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 1:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, 1:15 p.m. Montreal at Toronto, 4:05 p.m. San Francisco at Oakland, 4:05 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m. Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m. Arizona at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m. San Diego at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m. Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Colorado at Seattle, 9:05 p.m. Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Today's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 1:05 p.m. Montreal at Toronto, 1:05 p.m. Arizona at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m. Milwaukee at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 2:05 p.m. San Diego at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m. San Francisco at Oakland, 4:05 p.m. Colorado at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. Los Angeles at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m. Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Auto racing

Winston Cup The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

FEBRUARY

Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton) Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

MARCH

March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin) March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart) March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin) March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)

APRIL

April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth) April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte) April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson)

MAY

May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart) May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin)

JUNE

June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson) June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett) June 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Matt Kenseth) June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

JULY

July 6 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 14 — Tropicana 400, Cicero, Ill. July 21 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond.

AUGUST

Aug. 4 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. Aug. 11 — Sirius Satellite Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug. 18 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich. Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va. Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

OCTOBER

Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala. Oct. 13 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C. Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va. Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C. Nov. 10 — Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 17 — Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

Basketball

Women's National Basketball Association Standings

Table with columns: EASTERN CONFERENCE, WESTERN CONFERENCE, Washington, Orlando, New York, Charlotte, Cleveland, Indiana, Miami, Detroit.

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OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Tom Watson doesn't know much about R.W. Eaks, the first-round leader

in the U.S. Senior Open.

"All I know is that he can hit the ball through plywood," Watson said.

Besides establishing himself as a heavy hitter, Eaks hasn't done much else of note during an unimpressive career. But he put his name in the record book Thursday by shooting a 7-under-par 64.

Eaks, who has never won a PGA event of any kind, led Watson by three shots after carding an eagle, eight birdies and three bogeys on a difficult Caves Valley course that yielded only nine sub-par rounds on a sweltering day.

Play was suspended for the day because of lightning with 33 players still left on the course — none in position to overtake Eaks.

"I'm kind of disappointed I didn't shoot a 63, actually," said Eaks, whose 64 tied the record for lowest round in the U.S. Senior Open.

Watson's bogey-free 67 put him one shot ahead of James Mason and Jose Maria Canizares.

"Playing here in the Senior Open, it gets my juices flowing. I love it," said Watson, a two-time Masters and U.S. Open champion. "I just hope to continue to play well here."

Arnold Palmer thrilled the crowd by opening with six straight pars. He then made a double-bogey and a quadruple-bogey and finished with an 82.

Much of Eaks' pro career has been spent on the Buy.Com Tour, golf's version of the minor leagues. But after one round of one of the senior tour's most prestigious tournaments, he found himself in the lead and ahead of one of the game's great golfers.

"I've seen his name on the board before, but it's been occasionally," Watson said. "You always remember Eaks; it's an unusual name. But I don't know him well enough to know about his struggle."

While Watson has amassed more than \$10 million playing golf, the \$450,000 top prize for winning this tournament would more than double Eaks' career earnings.

Eaks has played 258 Buy.com tournaments, second on the career list. He also played in 74 PGA Tour events, but managed only two top-10 finishes before his career was temporarily curtailed in 1998 by a serious hip injury.

"It's been a long and tedious recovery, but I think we've made it now," he said.

Last week, however, Eaks tied for 71st at the Greater Baltimore Classic after his back gave out on the second hole of the 54-hole tournament.

But his second hole Thursday proved to be the springboard for a record-tying round. Starting on the back nine, Eaks made an 8-foot putt on No. 11 to spark a string of five birdies in six holes. A poor chip and an errant putt from 6 feet resulted in a bogey on 17.

He rebounded with a 4-foot birdie putt on No. 1 and a 25-footer for birdie on 2, then made a mark-worthy eagle on the par-5, 515-yard third hole. After a solid drive, Eaks used a 6-iron to get within 14 feet of the cup and drained the putt.

"I got to 8-under par and started thinking about, man, maybe I can shoot a 59 today," he said. "That was probably the wrong thing to do, but you have to think that way if you're going to shoot low."

A par on No. 4 and bogeys on Nos. 5 and 7 ruined his bid for a 59, but a birdie on No. 8 enabled Eaks to tie three players — Orville Moody, Bruce Fleisher and Jay Sigel — for the lowest 18-hole score in U.S. Senior Open history.

"It's always nice to have your name somewhere," Eaks said.

That's not been a problem for Watson, whose list of accomplishments also includes five British Open titles. This year he's finished second in three senior events and is 15th on the money list.

"Today I had a good, solid round of golf," Watson said. "This year, although I haven't won, things are going well for me on the senior tour. I still have a little bit of life left in me."

College

New Mexico State slugger is newest college homer king

Eight baseball student-athletes stepped up to the plate at the opening ceremonies of the Men's College World Series to compete in the third annual NCAA Home Run Challenge.

Ryan Kenning from New Mexico State University took home the title by defeating Nate Gold from Gonzaga University in the finals.

Those assisting with the festivities included Tommy Lasorda, Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member and manager of the 2000 Olympic Gold Medal baseball team; Hall of Famer Bob Gibson; and Ted Sizemore, Major League Baseball Rookie of the Year in 1969 and now a Rawlings Sporting Goods Co. executive. The event was presented by Rawlings.

The participants, all of whom were seniors with no eligibility remaining, were selected from all three NCAA divisions based on their total home runs for the season and also the number of home runs hit per game. Participants must have played in a minimum of 75 percent of their team's total games, and the qualifying figures did not include the championships or regional competitions of any of the divisions.

The other participants, in alphabetical order by institution, were: Todd Meyer, Averna College; Heath Mason, Carson-Newman College; Brad Eldred, Florida International University; Bubba Lavender, Morehead State University; Shaun Rice, Ohio Wesleyan University; and Junior Medina, Stonehill College.

Members of the eight teams that qualified for the Men's College World Series were not eligible to participate.

As winner of the contest, New Mexico State's Kenning took home two round-trip domestic airline tickets from Delta Airlines, hotel accommodations, a \$500 gift certificate from Sears and a Sony Playstation with a game pack. Rawlings also will provide a two-year equipment and apparel contract to New Mexico State, and each participant's institution will receive a \$10,000 donation from Rawlings to their general scholarship fund.

Race celebrates 150 years of rivalry

This year, Harvard University and Yale University celebrated what's believed to be the anniversary of intercollegiate athletics' oldest event with the 150th Harvard-Yale men's rowing race.

Harvard won this year's race, a four-mile contest, with a time of 19:02.5 (vs Yale's 19:43.8).

The two institutions are said to have first met each other in athletics competition on August 3, 1852, on New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee after a group of Yale rowers challenged Harvard rowers.

The competition became an annual contest in 1864 and permanently moved to the Thames River in New London, Connecticut, in 1878.

This year's meeting was the 137th in the series, which Harvard leads, 84-53.

In its heyday, the race attracted 100,000 spectators, including U.S. presidents and leaders of corporate America.

Hall of Champions opens traveling exhibit

The NCAA Hall of Champions, located next to the national office in Indianapolis, opened its first traveling exhibit June 10 with "Discover Greatness," presented by the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.

The exhibit, which runs through July 16, features a variety of materials to portray life in Negro Leagues Baseball, including photographs and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, lockers and game posters.

Cill Robinson, a batboy for the MLB Indianapolis Clowns from 1946 to 1949, will make a special appearance at the exhibit July 6 to talk about his years with the team.

Many MLB players got their start in college. Some of those prominent players include Jackie Robinson, a multi sport athlete at the University of California, Los Angeles; and Ken Frea, Al Smith and Tom Alston of North Carolina A&T State University.

— Compiled by Kay Hawes, www.ncaa.com

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP Rolando Arroj on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 17. Recalled RHP Sun Woo Kim from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded RHP Bartolo Colon and future considerations to Montreal for 1B Lee Stevens, SS Brandon Phillips, LHP Cliff Lee and OF Grady Sizemore. Released RHP Marlin Vargas and sold his rights to Chunichi of Japan's Central League. Announced RHP Nerio Rodriguez has cleared waivers and has been sent outright to Buffalo of the International League.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated RHP Orlando Hernandez from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Karim Garcia from Columbus of the International League. Optioned LHP Randy Choate and OF Marcus Thames to Columbus. Transferred LHP Randy Keister from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Activated RHP Jeff Nelson from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Mark Watson to Tacoma of the PCL National League.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Activated RHP Matt Mantel from the 60-day disabled list. Transferred OF Danny Bautista from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed RHP Albie Lopez on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Tim Lincecum from Richmond of the International League.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Purchased the contract of RHP Pete Munro from New Orleans of the PCL. Optioned RHP Scott Linebrink to New Orleans. Moved RHP T.J. Mathews from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Mark Corey on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 26. Recalled LHP Jaime Cerda from Norfolk of the International League.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed SS Nick Bourgeois. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Signed RHP Matthew Cain.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Traded the draft rights to C Mario Kasun to Orlando for future considerations.

MIAMI HEAT — Waived F Chris Gatling. PHOENIX SUNS — Exercised their 2002-03 option on the contract of F Alton Ford.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR Michael Coleman. BUFFALO BILLS — Released WR Edward Dangerfield.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LB Greg White and DT Ahmad Miller.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS — Re-signed F Jeff Cowan and D Andy Sutton. BUFFALO SABRES — Re-signed D Jay McKee and C Curtis Brown.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed LW Darren Langton to a two-year contract. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Re-signed LW Bob Probert and goaltending consultant Vladislav Tretiak.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Re-signed G Marc Dennis to a multiyear contract. DALLAS STARS — Signed LW Manny Malhotra to a two-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Announced D Steve Duchesne has exercised his option for the 2002-03 season. FLORIDA PANTHERS — Named Scott Allen assistant coach of San Antonio of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Exercised their contract option on G Felix Potvin. MINNESOTA WILD — Signed D Travis Roche.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Guy Charron assistant coach. OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed D Joel Kwiatkowski to a multiyear contract.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Exercised their contract options on G Brent Johnson, RW Reed Lou, C Mike Eastwood and F Eric Boguniecki.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Named Mile Palmateer amateur scout.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Exercised options on F Trevor Letowski, G Peter Skudra and D Zanith Komarnicki.

Hockey

Canucks exercise contract options on C Letowski, two others

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks on Thursday exercised the contract options on center Trevor Letowski, goaltender Peter Skudra and defenseman Zanith Komarnicki for the 2002-03 season.

After being acquired from Phoenix in December, Letowski recorded seven goals and 19 assists in 42 games with the Canucks. In six playoff games, Letowski had one assist. Prior to the deal, the 25-year-old had two goals and six assists in 33 contests with the Coyotes.

Skudra attended training camp with the New York Rangers last season, but after failing to make the team, he signed with the Canucks as a free agent. In 23 games, the 29-year-old Russian posted a 10-8-2 record with one shutout and a 2.42 goals-against average.

Komarnicki, 23, spent last season with the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League, recording five goals and 20 assists in 77 games with 153 penalty minutes. The Edmonton native appeared in 18 games for Vancouver in 1999-2000, notching a goal and an assist.

Duchesne exercises option

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Defenseman Steve Duchesne has exercised his option with the Detroit Red Wings for next season, general manager Ken Holland said Thursday.

Duchesne will earn \$1 million in the 2002-03 season, which will be his fourth with Detroit.

Last week, the Red Wings decided not to exercise their \$1.6 million option for next season on Duchesne, who turns 37 on Sunday. Had he declined the option, he would have become an unrestricted free agent Monday.

Duchesne won the first Stanley Cup of his 16-season career this year with Detroit. He had three goals and 15 assists in 64 games during the regular season and had six assists in 23 playoff games.

The Red Wings signed Duchesne as a free agent on Sept. 4, 1999.

Duchesne previously played with the Los Angeles Kings, Philadelphia Flyers, Quebec Nordiques (now the Colorado Avalanche), St. Louis Blues and Ottawa Senators. He had two stints each with Los Angeles, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

Duchesne has 227 goals and 525 assists for 752 points in 1,113 career games.

Booker gets seven-year, \$28 million deal with Bears

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears resigned wide receiver Marty Booker, who set a team record with 100 receptions last season, to a seven-year, \$28 million contract.

Booker, a restricted free agent who agreed to the deal Friday, accumulated 1,071 receiving yards and scored eight touchdowns last season to help Chicago win the NFC Central and make the playoffs.

Booker got a \$5.5 million signing bonus and will get a base salary of \$1 million this season, with another \$1 million reporting bonus.

Northwest Louisiana, where he became a receiver after playing quarterback in high school.

Against Tampa Bay last November, he had a breakout game with 165 yards receiving and three touchdown catches to spark a victory over the Bucs.

The 6-foot-4, 210-pound Booker caught 47 passes for 490 yards and two touchdowns in 2000, after catching 19 passes for 219 yards and three touchdowns as a rookie.

Soccer

Major League Soccer Standings

Season

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this series wasn't about this year's state tournament, but the one played 46 years earlier.

Somewhat, ESPN scored a rare, on camera interview with the greatest player Kentucky ever produced, "King" Kelly Coleman. This was a huge coup for the network, and we have to wonder if they realized what a big deal this was. The King rarely speaks to the media these days.

Coleman's story has been well documented. He led the Wayland Wasps to the state tournament in 1956 and was named the state's first Mr. Basketball. But fans of the commonwealth apparently didn't appreciate his style or flare, and booed him lustily in all four of his games.

The records he established that week still stand, and if you look at the record books 100 years from now, they likely still will. Yes, the vaunted Carr

Creek turned Wayland away in the semifinals, but the star of this tournament was easily the brute from Floyd County.

For those wondering how Carr Creek sophomore Jim Calhoun "stopped" Coleman in the state semifinals, consider this: The three-guard rotation that focused on the star "stopped" him with a mere 28 points that night.

The only other time I ever heard it said that someone was stopped with nearly 30 was the last high school game played by Ervin Stepp, himself a Mr. Basketball in 1980.

Coleman was not happy with Lexington, and boasted to sportswriter Billy Thompson that he would give them a show like they'd never seen, predicting he'd score 60 on Bell County.

He then tossed in 68, and thumbed his nose at the awards

ceremony that night.

And his quote was probably the strongest ever spoken by a high school player, "And Billy, you can tell them for me to drop dead."

Oh, the legend of "King" Kelly Coleman.

This episode would have been a good time for narrator Ashley Judd to repeat at least part of her series-opening salvo about it being different than it is in California, New York, Indiana and Pennsylvania. A subtle reminder that this was an all-encompassing tournament, so casual observers in, say, Oklahoma would have been reminded that the class system isn't used in Kentucky.

Clearly the focus of the series had been on Eastern Kentucky, and more specifically, small schools in our hills. During the first two weeks, nary a mention of the state as it extends west of

Lexington, save the casual remark about Louisville's Male High. And Lexington was only included in sparse droppings where it concerned Lexington Catholic, so that the seed could

be planted that we would hear more of this school in the state tournament.

Episode Three opened with the title game from the 15th Region, as Paintsville had to try

to rebound from its emotional win the night before over South Floyd. The Raiders led by as many as 27 in the second half

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mumme faces opposition at Southeastern

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMMOND, La. — Hal Mumme's quest to become the first coach of Southeastern Louisiana's newly restored football program has run into heavy opposition from a couple of key school supporters.

State Sen. John Hainkel, R-New Orleans, and Gino Marino, a member of the school's selection committee, said that NCAA rules violations that led to Mumme's resignation at Kentucky last year make him the wrong choice for the Hammond school.

"I am perhaps extraordinarily sensitive to the message that Louisiana sends out," said Hainkel, who has helped secure millions of dollars in state funds for Southeastern "Deserved or not, we've had a bad reputation for political corruption and ill dealings and so forth. . . . Simply given the time and place, I don't think we ought to take a chance."

Marino, who played football at SLU in the early 70s, said opposition to Mumme's hiring is widespread.

"Believe me, everybody's been talking," said Marino, who

helped secure a \$1 million donation for the football program. "I think it's a concern of a lot of people — alumni, coaches, ex-players."

Mumme is one of five candidates for the job of reviving the SLU football program, set to resume competition in 2003, 17 years after it was shut down for financial reasons. With the school expected to announce its choice Friday, no other candidate has created as much excitement or opposition as Mumme.

The excitement stems from on-field success: In four seasons at Kentucky, Mumme led the Wildcats to two bowl games.

The opposition stems from off-the-field problems: The NCAA placed Kentucky on probation for three years and stripped the football program of 19 scholarships for more than

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Track

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Entertainment Complex in Prestonsburg. "We are extremely proud to get to be part of this event and want to build on the already great tradition of this event that has already been established by the fine citizens and race fans of the state of West Virginia," stated track media contact Michael Despain.

The event will be the traditional 100 laps, with the winner taking home \$50,000 for their efforts. The list of winners of the previous Dirt Track World Championship events reads as a list of who's who in the Dirt Late Model racing industry, going back to the late Jim Dunn's miraculous victory in the first event in 1981, to the late Jack Boggs three wins, multiple wins by Billy Moyer, Jr. and Ronnie Johnson, and, of course, Freddy Smith, who owns the most DTWC wins with five. Other DTWC winners include Charlie Swartz, John Mason, Donnie Moran, Marshall Green, Steve Francis, and Wendell Wallace. Second-generation racer Bart Hartman of Zanesville, Ohio is the defending Dirt Track World Championship event winner.

Activities for the weekend will see time trials and heats on Saturday, October 19 for the Late Models, with last chance and the 100 lap, \$50,000 to win DTWC on Sunday, October 20. The Open-Wheel Modifieds will provide support division action for this event, with purse structure for the Modifieds to be announced. Also, more details concerning this great race in general will be released shortly.

The DTWC is the second highest paying to win Dirt Late Model race in the country, second only

to the The Dream 100 at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. Former NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers Cale Yarborough, Rodney Combs, Jeff Purvis, and the late Neil Bonnett have all competed in past editions of this race.

Bluegrass Speedway is located at exit 21 of the Bluegrass Parkway just outside of Bardstown, KY and is owned by Charles Hamilton and promoted by David and Anita Ferrell and is in its eighth season of competition. For more information about Bluegrass Speedway, visit our website at www.bluegrass-speedway.com.

PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

2001:	Bart Hartman, Zanesville, Ohio
2000:	Wendell Wallace, Batesville, Ark.
1999:	Steve Francis, Ashland
1998:	Freddy Smith, Knoxville, Tenn.
1997:	Marshall Green, Dalton, Ga.
1996:	Billy Moyer, Batesville, Ark.
1995:	Jack Boggs, Grayson
1994:	Ronnie Johnson, Chattanooga, Tenn.
1993:	Freddy Smith, Baton Rouge, La.
1992:	Ronnie Johnson, Chattanooga, Tenn.
1991:	Freddy Smith, Kings Mountain
1990:	Jack Boggs, Grayson
1989:	John Mason, Millersburg, Ohio
1988:	Donnie Moran, Frazeyburg, Ohio
1987:	Larry Moore, Dayton, Ohio
1986:	Billy Moyer Jr., Batesville, Ark.
1985:	Freddy Smith, Kings Mountain, N.C.
1984:	Jack Boggs, Webbville
1983:	Freddy Smith, Kings Mountain, N.C.
1982:	Charlie Swartz, Ashland

Canoeing

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and enough shoals to make for entertaining paddling, but there are no rapids. All Class I water on the river-runners' International Scale of Difficulty, it is recommended for children

and beginning canoeists or kayakers, he said.

"We have a lot of families with kids, and we get a lot of Scout troops and church groups that canoe with us," Bull said.

There are other options through Mammoth Cave Canoe and Kayak and other trip outfitters in the park area. Another longer scenic run is downstream from Green River Ferry to Houchins Ferry, a 12-mile paddle in slower current between limestone bluffs. Still longer outings with a bit faster water and slightly more lively shoal riffles are available upon arrangement.

Paddlers can combine day floats to put together trips with overnight camping on islands or bars along the river. Camping in the park is free but requires a no-cost backcountry use permit from the National Park Service or through an outfitter.

Canoeing and fishing are a workable combination, too. The river has been cataloged to support more than 150 species of fish, Bull said. Largemouth bass are predominant in the park area, while smallmouth bass are more common farther upstream.

The bread-and-butter run between Dennison and Green River ferries is one that entertains droves of paddlers during the warm season, but the gives canoeists a sense of solitude, nevertheless. A recent float down the popular section provided no encounters with other canoeists, and a meeting with a single powered johnboat heading upstream.

A cave with an influx of spring water greets canoeists on the shore a short distance from the put-in at Dennison Ferry. The cozy cavern is one place along the river where paddlers can go canoeing and caving at the same time. The depth of the penetrable opening is relatively short, but it is a paddle-in cave.

This section of the Green River is wild enough in its setting to enthrall any canoeist, while the nature of the river is forgiving enough for a first-time paddler. With local concessionaires providing ready access to thousands of Mammoth Cave National Park visitors, the upper Green is one of the state's most-paddled stretches and one that provides an introduction to canoeing and kayaking for many.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcat point guard academically ineligible this fall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky junior point guard Cliff Hawkins will be academically ineligible next semester, according to Brooks Downing, the school's sports information director.

Downing talked about Hawkins' eligibility on coach Tubby Smith's radio show Thursday night. "I talked with Tubby about 5 p.m. (Thursday), and he said, 'Let's go ahead and make it official.'" Downing said. "Hawkins is ineligible for the fall semester."

Downing said Smith would address the media concerning Hawkins when he announces the hiring of an assistant coach to replace Mike Sutton, who became head coach at Tennessee Tech. That isn't expected for a week or so, Downing said.

Hawkins, a native of Dumfries, Va., started 29 games last season, including the last 26. He averaged 7.1 points and led the Wildcats in assists (136) and steals (95). At times he struggled with his shooting, hit-

ting just 39 percent from the field, although he made the game-winner in a 51-50 victory at South Carolina.

Despite his academic status, Hawkins will be allowed to practice with the team and could rejoin the lineup in the spring semester.

"He can use the fall semester to get back in good standing," Downing said.

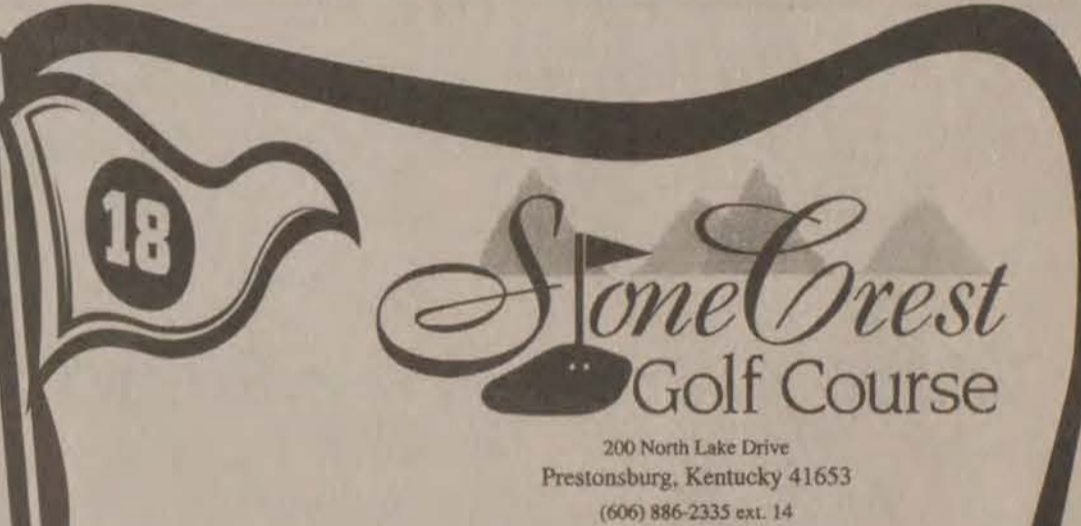
Hawkins' absence will leave the Cats without an experienced point guard. J.P. Blevins used up his eligibility, and Adam Chiles was released from the team.

Junior Gerald Fitch could be asked to play to points as he did last season when Blevins missed 10 games with an injury.

UK incoming freshman Brandon Stockton of Glasgow High School is a true point guard and could be called upon early.

Freshman walk-ons Ravi Moss from Hopkinsville and Preston LeMaster from Bourbon County also could vie for backup time. Junior-college transfer Antwain Barbour might also see action at the point.





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Camp 2 July 30th and 31st, 8:30-11:30—\$60.00

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EKU's Bell suffers season-ending knee injury

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University senior Jeremiah Bell tore the patella ten-

don in his left knee and underwent successful surgery to repair the knee Friday morning (June 21), head football coach Roy Kidd announced today.

Bell, a 6-1 1/2, 191-pound defensive back, injured the knee Wednesday night (June 19) in a pick-up basketball game in his hometown of Winchester, KY.

Team physician Dr. Mary Lloyd Ireland performed surgery Friday morning. EKV athletic trainer Bobby Barton said rehabilitation for this type of injury is at least six months, which will cause Bell to miss the entire 2002 season. Barton added that Bell will likely apply for a medical redshirt and could gain an additional year of eligibility.

"Jeremiah is such a leader and this is a big loss for our football team," said Kidd. "He does so many little things for our team. He is in the office every day studying film and talking to the coaches. He makes sure everybody is lined up on defense, plays special teams and blocks punts. We are going to miss his athletic ability, but we're going to miss his leadership even more."

Bell was honored earlier this year by Street & Smith's when he was named to its preseason Division I-AA All-America Team.

At the recent EKV football banquet, Bell, a two-time first-team All-OVC player, was recognized for his All-American first-team notice by Associated Press, AFCA and Don Hansen's Football Gazette; First-Team All-OVC; OVC Defensive Player of the Year; made the EKV Winners Club on both defense and special teams; selected Player of the Year among defensive backs; and chosen EKV's Most Valuable Player on Defense. He has also been named a three-time All-American and 2001 Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Bell also received a certificate noting his second team All-American selection by The Sports Network and being a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, signifying I-AA football's top defensive player of 2001.

The Eastern Kentucky University Colonel Club has announced its officers for the

upcoming year, as elected by the membership.

The new officers are John Hamilton, President; Karl Kuhn, Vice President; Joe Schwendeman, President-elect; and Charlotte Tanara, Secretary. Immediate Past President Brent Baldwin will serve as an advisor to the board for the upcoming year. Also serving on the board for the 2002-03 year as appointed members will be Rich Middleton, Hardy Tribble, Chad Gordon and Pat MacSwords.

The Colonel Club is EKV's athletic booster organization designed in 1978 to further enhance Eastern's commitment to a quality NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics program that encompasses 16 varsity sports for men and women.

The new officers officially take office on Monday.

BC South has high hopes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Beaver Creek South Rebels, a Junior Division Little League All-Star of players ages 13-14, enter this year's tournament under the guid-

ance of manager Dale McKinney. A baseball veteran, McKinney manages the Rebels. Stevie Jacobs, Rex Music, Frank Reffett and Craig Kidd serve as assistant coaches for the team.

Team members, with ages listed in parenthesis include Jordan

Bentley (13), Corey Click (14), Eric Crum (14), Ryan Collins (13), Ryan Hammonds (14), Bobby Hughes (13), Justin Jacobs (14), Brock Kidd (13), Josh McKinney (14), Nick Music (14), Ed Osborne (14), Justin Reffett (13), Tyler Turner (14) and Robbie Vanderpool (14).

The Beaver South team was scheduled to take on Prestonsburg yesterday evening at 6 p.m. in the first round of the tournament. Results were unavailable. Other teams in first round action yesterday included Paintsville, Beaver North, Martin County, Morgan County. The Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) squad had a first round bye and will not play until later this week.

KCC

Knott County. The Patriot boys' basketball program has already busied itself, like most other state hoops programs, with summer play. Knott Central faces a tough 14th Region schedule with the likes of Perry County Central, Hazard and June

Buchanan. In other 14th Region breaking news, Whitesburg High product Brandon Brock has announced that he will attend the University of Kentucky where he will walk-on and play baseball for the Bat Cats and Coach Keith Madison.

Smith

Midway into the third round Smith took the lead 5-3, when he almost knocked Reeder out after landing a solid axe kick right between his eyes. Reeder then came back and tied the fight, 5-5, with a standing eight-count to his favor which would

have given Smith the win, but with 15 seconds left he was scored a point which gave him a 6-5 win.

"I should have went after him earlier in the fight and I think I would have pulled it out," added Smith.

Reeder was then defeated by a 5th degree Master from Illinois, 8-7. The Illinois participant went on to win the gold by defeating a 3rd degree from Minnesota, 10-5.

"I thought I had the fight and was on my way to a national medal, but looks like I will have to wait for new Orleans next year," Smith commented.

A graduate of Magoffin County High School, Smith now resides in Huntington, W.Va.

"I didn't fair as well as I hoped," said Smith. "I had to settle for 9th place, and that's not what I had hoped to finish."

I fought well, an most importantly I learned a lot to take in to future fights."

Smith definitely learned from the fight.

"It's hard for a first degree black belt to win in his first few years but I will have my chance again."

Racing

Dale Earnhardt, no fan of road courses, won at Sears Point in 1995.

Some teams turn to experienced road course drivers twice a year. Boris Said was riding in the top five before hitting the wall on Sunday and Ron Fellows finished 25th, but on the lead lap.

Jerry Nadeau is a Winston Cup free-lancer but raced in the Formula Opel European series. He was running away with the race on Sunday before a rear end gear expired with three laps to go.

Stewart scoffs at the part-timers.

"If they really want to impress me, they can come to Richmond or Bristol and show me what they can do there. To come in and cherry-pick an event is one thing, but let's see what they can do at another NASCAR event," he said.

Gordon also sides with the veteran teams.

"I love racing with some of these road racers because they know what they're doing and I get to learn from them. But I still put a lot of faith in race teams like ours and the guys that are up front in points always seem to find a way to get the most out of their cars and drivers no matter where they go."

Jeff Burton deftly finessed a question about how the better NASCAR road racers would fare in a Formula One car, and vice versa.

"Because NASCAR Winston Cup racing has been on road courses for such a long time now, I think we certainly have made a lot of headway and we can hold our own. If you put the best road course driver in the world in these cars, then it becomes an equalizer because we understand these cars much more than they do."

"But I don't think Michael Schumacher could go to Rockingham and perform at the same level that he could perform here."

Driving a vanload of observers around the serpentine course in Sonoma, Bobby Labonte said the demands of the track take a toll on the driver.

"This is a pretty tough track for me," he said. "It's more physically demanding than some of the places we go because you use different muscles than you do everywhere else because you're turning to the right. At Martinsville if I turn to the right, I'm going out the gate."

"Come Monday, I got muscles on the right side of my body that are sore."

Along with wear and tear on drivers, road courses put unaccustomed demands on the cars. Larger teams have a designated road course car; others just rearrange the setups on an oval car. Gordon and Terry Labonte both had new cars for Sunday's race.

"I would like to see maybe two more road courses on the schedule, because we have these cars that are just sitting around most of the year," Jarrett said.

There's at least one driver who would prefer two fewer road races.

"I think Watkins Glen and Sears Point, if I had my options, I would clear the facilities and use both of 'em as bomb-testing sites," Jimmy Spencer said recently.

Mumme

three dozen recruiting violations committed during Mumme's tenure.

Frank Pergolizzi, SLU's athletic director, downplayed the significance of the NCAA violations.

"Lots of people have violations," Pergolizzi said. "We had a secondary violation that we came upon in one of our programs yesterday. It's just a part of life."

"The question is, did you deal with it, did you learn from it, are you confident it's not going to happen again?"

Though declining to specifically discuss Mumme, Pergolizzi said the school interviewed candidates only after exhaustive research, which included calls to the NCAA.

"We would not have proceed-

Millard

Pikeville College.

Adkins story is well documented, with an injury suffered just two nights before he was to play in the 59th District tournament not only costing him his basketball postseason but also nearly all of baseball season.

He returned near the end of the baseball campaign, and when Kevin Justice's squad took the field in the championship game against Pikeville, it was Adkins who took the mound for his team.

Adkins averaged 23.3 points and 8.9 rebounds per game for Joe Marson's Mustangs, helping lead them to the second-seed in the district basketball tournament. While he missed nearly all of his senior baseball season, his .367 batting average as a junior was enough to impress the college coaches.

"Jarrod has worked very hard to improve his game, and he's a young man who has earned the opportunity," said Randy McCoy, head basketball coach at Pikeville College. "We look forward to adding him to our program and to what we have happening here right now."

"I've been hearing about this kid for a few years now, and had looked forward to watching him play as a senior," said Johnnie LeMaster, coach of the baseball team. "But we'd heard so many good things about him, we wanted to take the chance on him and add him to our roster. We believe he will be a positive addition to us both on and off the field."

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ed with any of our candidates if we did not have a comfort level with their history relative to NCAA compliance, as well as their attitude and their commitment to that," Pergolizzi said.

Mumme has said he broke no rules but failed to monitor Kentucky's recruiting coordinator.

The other candidates for the SLU job are: Frank Monica, head coach at St. Charles Catholic High, who has worked as a Tulane assistant coach and Jesuit High's head coach; Sam Goodwin, Henderson State athletic director and former Northwestern State coach; Steve Ensminger, head coach at Central High in Baton Rouge and a former LSU quarterback; and Norm Joseph, offensive coordinator at San Jose State.

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child individually how proud he was of them, he told them how important they were to him and the program he has built.

Finally, Runyon told his seniors they were special, and for what reason? "Because you've put up with a guy like me."

The Season ended on Tuesday with a city celebrating the first state title for Lexington Catholic. Only weeks later, Danny Haney resigned from his alma mater and moved to Florida. The players at the high school he'll coach this winter got a sneak preview of what they're in for in this series.

Says here, if they'll listen to him, they too can be trimming the nets soon.

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before the Tigers came roaring back to advance to the finals.

But Bill Mike Runyon's team couldn't overcome Shelby Valley. In the end, Rodney Rowe's club had enough desire to put away the Tigers, who had little left in the tank in the second half.

No doubt, the coach who will be remembered from this series could be altered some, but Bill Mike Runyon carries the pride of his entire small town on his sleeve when he walks on the court each winter's night. He proudly carries the banner for not only his current players, but also those who have past, such as John Pelphrey, J.R. VanHoose and Josh Greiner.

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and determination will also be recalled as highlights of the last three weeks.

Apparently some viewers have been stunned at Runyon's handling of his team, saying he verbally abuses players and uses scare tactics instead of other motivation skills.

To that, I say hogwash.

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for medical transcriptionists, an MT is "...a medical language specialist who interprets and transcribes dictation by physicians and other healthcare professionals in order to document patient care and facilitate delivery of healthcare services." The curriculum includes 35 credit hours.

Students may take national certification exam to become nationally certified.

For more information, call Student Affairs at (606) 436-5721 Extension 8310.

EKU receives \$620,704 grant to address lack of BSN nurses

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University has received a three-year, \$620,704 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address the shortage of baccalaureate degree nurses in eastern and southeastern Kentucky.

EKU has partnered with Southeast Community College (SECC) to offer courses in its RN to BSN Degree Completion Program beginning this fall at SECC campuses in Cumberland and Middlesboro.

"Nurses in that area have never before had easy access to a BSN degree," said Dr. Deborah Whitehouse, chair of EKU's Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing and co-director of the grant project along with Dr. Judy Short. "As a result, there is a dire shortage of BSN nurses in the area."

At the four hospitals in Harlan, Bell and Letcher counties, only 3 percent of the approximately 300 RNs have baccalaureate degrees.

Many of the RNs in the area earned associate degrees at Southeast or other community colleges in the region, Whitehouse noted, and are excited about the opportunity to further their education.

"Baccalaureate-prepared nurses will greatly benefit this region of the state," said Milton

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NISOD recipients are, from left to right, Germaine Shaffer, Emline Montgomery, Lamarr Ritchie, and Randall Bryant. The faculty members from Hazard Community and Technical Colleges were honored for excellence in teaching

HCC and HTC's 'Best Four' honored for excellence in teaching

A national institute has honored four faculty members at Hazard Community and Technical Colleges for Excellence in Teaching. Honored by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) for 2002 are Germaine Shaffer,

associate director of the Knott County Branch; Randy Bryant of the Lees College Campus of HCC; and Emline Montgomery and Lamarr Ritchie of Hazard Technical College.

Ms. Shaffer began in 1998 at the Knott County Branch where she teaches three sec-

tions of GE 100, teaches Introduction to College, provides academic advising, and assists in the running of the branch. For five years prior to that, she was the Director of Student Support Services at the college and

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photo by Amanda M. Arnett

This yellow box, located at the Market Place in Prestonsburg, will eventually be filled with the fall schedules of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College. The boxes will be located at many central locations in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties.

PCC takes it to the street

by AMANDA M. ARNETT
STAFF WRITER

BIG SANDY REGION — In the past, Prestonsburg Community College has used the newspaper to keep its students up-to-date on the college's schedules.

Linda Lyon, the director of public relations and marketing at PCC, said that an idea for a new method of distribution of the school's schedules came out of a brainstorming session.

"We really wanted to enhance our delivery system and make our schedules more available to our students," Lyon stated.

Bright yellow boxes with the logos of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College are being placed throughout the five-county district. Within these boxes, students will be able to obtain a schedule for the Big Sandy Community Technical College District, the soon-to-be consolidated Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College.

The boxes will be located at each of the four campuses, which include the Pikeville campus and the Hager Hill campus as well as the PCC and Mayo Technical College campuses, Wal-Mart, local gas stations, and many other central locations within Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin and Magoffin counties.

HCC and HTC faculty earn promotions

Several faculty members at Hazard Community and Technical Colleges have been promoted following a review process of their work and teaching. Those promoted to full professor include: Debbie Campbell, Scott May, Sue Riddle, Robert Hilton, Anna Napier, and Leila Smith.

Those promoted to Associate Professor include: Don Barnes, Amy Handshoe, Sharon Stewart, Randy Bryant, Flo Stephens, and Jeremy Wood.

Those promoted to Assistant Professor include:

Doug Adams, Mark Fields, Stephanie Vergne, Tom Watts, Jeremiah Bryant, David Frazier, Beth Miller, and Donna Sparkman.

"I've been very impressed by the caliber and credentials of the faculty we have. I am especially pleased to see so many who have worked toward their own professional development in an effort to better reach our students. Having this high number of promoted faculty speaks well for the college," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, President/CEO of Hazard Community College.

Agreement to provide West Virginians access to Kentucky online courses

CHARLESTON — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and the Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU) have entered into a partnership to provide as many as 400 students enrolled in West Virginia community and technical colleges

with access to Kentucky's distance learning courses beginning next fall. KCTCS and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, which includes KYVU, today signed an agreement with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to establish the partnership. The online academic and training programs, accessed through KYVU with delivery provided by KCTCS, will be offered to West Virginia students at a reasonable out-of-state tuition rate. West Virginia students will register for the online courses and receive credit through their home institutions.

West Virginians may take the courses through the KYVU website from the comfort of their homes. Coursework will be completed online, and students will have access to KYVU call center,

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KCTCS colleges receive grants to promote IT education

Hazard Community College is one of three colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to receive \$25,000 grants to enhance the delivery of information technology education.

President Michael B. McCall announced that KCTCS awarded the grants to Hazard Community College as well as Elizabethtown Technical College and Hopkinsville Community College for 2002. The grants will enable the colleges to make additional degree or certificate programs available to students.

The \$25,000 awarded to each college will assist in establishment of information technology laboratories. Also, the Kentucky Information Technology

Center (KITCenter) will provide training and mentoring for IT faculty members. The grants, which are funded by the KCTCS System Office, are awarded in conjunction with the KITCenter project. The KITCenter project is enabling two-year colleges in the Commonwealth to prepare skilled information technology workers to fill high-paying jobs with existing and new companies. The KITCenter comprises an Internet-based virtual training center, an actual center at Jefferson Community College-Southwest Campus, and mobile labs. Goals of the KITCenter - a cooperative venture between KCTCS and the University of

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of Eastern Kentucky, are able to keep our roots in a place we know as home.

"Economic development is anything that improves the quality of lives for the citizens of our district, and as long as it's environmentally responsible, we need to examine and aggressively recruit these businesses," said David Pelphrey, the director of economic innovation for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District. "We can increase the quality of life and raise income through economic opportunity,

training and education."

Pelphrey serves as an economic development information clearinghouse for the counties that compose the Big Sandy District and enhances their economic development efforts by actively recruiting new businesses to the area as well as assisting in marketing commercial real estate. He also assists businesses with expansion plans, identifies training opportunities, and works with other existing agencies to coordinate all eco-

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RACHELLE BURCHETT

Honored

before then she utilized her law degree by teaching business law classes as an adjunct faculty member for five years. She also has served as an adjunct instructor for Sue Bennet College, teaching five different courses. She practiced law for three years at Cook Law Offices and prior to that received her law degree from the University of Louisville. She holds a master of arts degree from Webster University, a bachelor's degree from McKendree College and an associate degree from Elizabethtown Community College. "I enjoy seeing students make positive changes in their lives," Ms. Shaffer said, adding that the job is also very rewarding. Ms. Shaffer lives at Letcher. Both daughters, Melissa Shaffer and Jenna Watts, live in Louisville.

Also honored was Randall Bryant, assistant professor of psychology at Lees, who began in August 1996. He taught at Lees from 1989 to May 1992 when the school was Lees College. He worked for three years as a Mental Health Clinician at Kentucky River Community Care. He holds a master's degree in psychology degree from West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia, a bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Kentucky University and an associate degree from Lees Junior

College which he earned in 1975. "I enjoy seeing students learn; I enjoy seeing a noticeable change in their understanding," he said. "I like to see students take an active interest in the courses I teach," noted the professor. "It's important to teach in a way to encourage their own thinking. It's also rewarding to see how students can understand a concept that applies to real life."

Mr. Bryant has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers after being nominated by three different students. He and his wife, Renee, have been involved in starting a new organization, the Jackson Rotary Club. They live in Breathitt County.

Professor Emline Montgomery is the Division Chair of Business and Related Technologies Division and teaches in the Medical Office Technology Program. She has taught in the Business Technology Program since 1973. She holds a master's degree in Business Education from Morehead State

University and a bachelor's degree in Business Education from Eastern Kentucky University. Her associate degree was earned from Lees Junior College in 1971. Ms. Montgomery has a Rank I (6th year of college) for Supervision and Administration (Secondary School Principal). This is 30

credit hours beyond the Masters in Business Education. She has also completed CISCO Internetworking classes, Web Page Design, business education and she holds a certificate for Administration, Supervision, and Coordinator of Vocational Education and an endorsement for Secondary School Principal. She serves in numerous activities for the colleges, as well as on statewide committees. Besides teaching credit classes, she has taught continuing education classes such as "Computers for Chickens." Her professional organizations include the Kentucky Business Education Association and she has served as either as an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) or PBL (Phi Beta Lambda) advisor since 1973. In 1999, Ms. Montgomery received the Outstanding PBL Advisor award. She is the mother of two children, Heather Collins and Michael Montgomery. She has one grandchild, Dalton Collins.

Lamarr W. Ritchie, Associate Professor, Electronics with Hazard Technical College holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in addition to more than 45 semester hours in teacher education courses, five semester hours in microprocessor update courses and three

semester hours in Robotics update courses. He also has furthered his education by attending workshops relating to his field. Ritchie's licenses and certifications include: Journeyman CET (Certified Electronics Technician), FCC General Class Radiotelephone License, Certification Administrator for ETA (Electronics Technicians Association), IS CET (International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians) and ATCA (Appliance Technician Certification Association). He is also certified to administer the FCC examinations. He has taught for the last 25 years at Hazard Technical College. His other job experience include working in radio and television engineering and operating a repair business. He has also co-authored three books in the consumer electronics field — Television, Troubleshooting and Repair, VCR Troubleshooting and Repair and Audio Troubleshooting and Repair, published by Howard W. Sams. He is a published author with numerous articles in various electronics magazines and is also a regular contributing author for Electronics Servicing and Technology, a magazine having one of the largest circulations in the consumer electronics field. "What I enjoy most about teaching is the satisfaction that comes from working with people in a way that makes a meaningful difference in their lives," Ritchie said.

Ritchie and his wife, Maudie, live in Hazard. They have three children, Jody, Becky and Shannon, and two grandchildren, Cody Allen Ritchie and Briana Faith Young.

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KCTCS will award grants to colleges during each of the three years of the KITCenter project. The three grants awarded in the first round of funding

are designed to spread IT education to more regions of the state. At Hazard Community College, faculty member David Frazier will coordinate

the addition of programs in Database Administration and Instructional Systems Support.

President McCall said the grants will assist colleges in meeting the needs of students and employers. "Our goal is to expand information technology offerings throughout KCTCS," McCall said.

"Over the next few years, computer-related jobs will grow faster than any other category of openings. Our colleges will be positioned to train people to fill those jobs."



■ Kendra Bailey



■ Julia Taylor

Floyd students earn MSU Regional Honors Scholarships

Morehead State University has announced that three students from Floyd County are among those receiving a Regional Honors Scholarship for the fall semester.

Kendra Bailey, the daughter of Stephen and Deborah Bailey, of Langley, is a graduate of Allen Central High School. Recipient of the Top Junior Award, she was active in Science Olympiad, the Academic Team, Safe Trick or Treat, Adopt-a-Child and campus beautification projects.

Julia Taylor, the daughter of Dennis and Beverly Oxford, of Prestonsburg, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. An All-American Scholar, she has been named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," and to the National Honor Roll. She is a member of the Irene Cole First Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Lynn Thornsberry, the daughter of Gregory Thornsberry, is a graduate of Allen Central High

School. Active in Science Olympiad and Beta Club, she received ACHS's Anatomy Award. She works within her community by participating in the Adopt-a-Child program, singing to the elderly and working at the local animal shelter.

To be eligible for the Regional Honors Scholarship, applicants must be admitted to MSU as entering freshmen, be a graduate of a high school within the MSU's Kentucky service region, be recommended by their high school, be the highest or second highest ranking academic achiever coming to MSU from that high school and have at least a cumulative 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) based on seven semesters of work.

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).

EKU

Borntrager, coordinator of SECC's Associate Degree Nursing Program. "The BSN degree will provide nurses with the broad knowledge base needed to work in complex settings.

"The BSN degree will enhance nursing skills in managing patient care in acute care settings, as well as provide leadership skills for nurses in administrative positions," Borntrager added. "The degree will also provide additional opportunities for upward mobility in the profession ... and will certainly benefit community and public health nursing."

The program will be delivered via interactive television through the Kentucky Telelinking Network (KTLN) and through supervised clinical experiences in the outreach areas.

The project also includes an aggressive recruiting campaign to interest students in careers in the health care professions and academic intervention strategies to help students who need extra help. The strategies include study skills workshops, supplemental instruction and peer tutoring, faculty-led elective courses and flexible scheduling. Eastern has offered off-

campus baccalaureate nursing classes throughout the region for about 13 years, Whitehouse said. ECU courses already are available at the University's three extended campus centers in Corbin, Manchester and Danville, as well as at community colleges in Hazard and Somerset.

The vast majority of graduates have stayed in their home communities, according to Whitehouse, improving the quality of health care throughout medically underserved eastern and southeastern Kentucky.

"Because of job and family responsibilities," Whitehouse explained, "many of them have told us they could not have gotten their baccalaureate degree if we had not made it easily accessible."

Whitehouse said SECC officials were very instrumental in the acquisition of the grant and have cooperated closely to offer facilities and logistical support.

Last year, ECU's baccalaureate and graduate degree nursing programs received a full 10-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Eastern graduates more health care professionals at the undergraduate level than any

institution in the Commonwealth.

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Access

technical help desk and virtual library.

"KCTCS is pleased to participate in this partnership, which efficiently expands access to quality courses and programs," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "KCTCS and the Kentucky Virtual University are fast becoming national leaders in distance education, and this agreement further cements our leadership role."

Daniel Rabuzzi, CEO of KYVU, said, the partnership is an example of how agencies can work together to meet the needs of citizens. "KYVU is pleased to partner with KCTCS and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to provide anytime, anywhere postsecondary education to West Virginians," he said.

All of West Virginia's public community and technical colleges will participate in the course offerings.

"This agreement will provide

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additional access for the citizens of West Virginia to pursue higher education opportunities," West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor J. Michael Mullen said. "The unique part of this agreement is that students won't have to leave their homes to earn college credit."

KCTCS comprises more than 50 campuses that operate in 16 seamless districts. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning. The KCTCS web site is www.kctcs.edu.

Campus

economic development efforts. Pelphrey, a native of Johnson County, father and husband, clearly understands the importance of economic growth in the Big Sandy area and aims to focus on sustainable businesses rather than short-term extractive industries. He feels that by providing opportunities and training, our work 21st century.

Jackie Bowling, the coordinator of the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, also realizes the importance of economic growth. The center focuses on community education classes such as photography, crafts, karate, line dancing, driver education and many more. Additionally, the center offers customized short-term business training, such as computers, management, marketing and any other programs that may be needed by local businesses or industry.

To better serve the businesses, the workforce computer lab has just completed renovation receiving state-of-the-art computers and equipment.

"This center would not be so successful," Jackie said, "if the faculty, staff, and community professionals didn't graciously volunteer their time."

Working alongside Pelphrey and Bowling is Harold Burton, the coordinator of economic and workforce development and head of the Continuing Education Program on the Mayo Campus. Raising a fami-

ly ranging in stages from elementary school to college gives him a unique perspective of education in Eastern Kentucky.

"Our goal is to broaden the opportunities in Eastern Kentucky and to be able to educate and provide more jobs," said Burton.

As coordinator, Burton puts together a slate of classes for the community, such as recertification classes and upgrade classes for companies or individual businesses.

Burton is also the local project chairman of renovation for the Mayo Campus. He said that approximately \$7.5 million would be spent in renovating the Paintsville-Mayo Campus. The renovations include housing all student services in one location, locating classes that are similar in the same area allowing instructors to collaborate and enhance learning. The cosmetology department will also receive a new modernized classroom with all the facilities to provide students with the best education.

As you can see, the Big Sandy Community and Technical Colleges are focused toward enhancing economic growth in our communities and our future in a place we call home.

Remember to visit us on line at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu or visit one of our campuses. We want to be the student's choice for success!

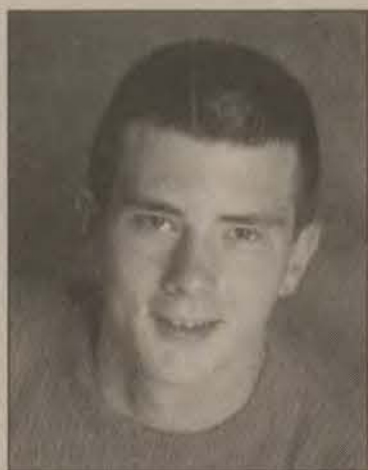
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■ Stephanie LeeAnn Hall



■ Reynold Alan Hall



■ Zachary Forrest Slone

Local graduates earn MSU Regents Scholarships

Morehead State University has announced that three students from Floyd County are among those receiving a Regents Scholarship for the fall semester.

Stephanie LeeAnn Hall, the daughter of Zenith and Robin Hall, of Bevinville, is a graduate of South Floyd High School. An All-American Scholar, she was listed on the National Honor Roll and in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Reynold Alan Hall, the son of Renny and Regina Lynn Hall, of

Prestonsburg, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. An All-American Scholar, he was selected an Outstanding Student of America and a Music Ambassador. A member of the National Honor Society, he was a volunteer at a local nursing home.

Zachary F. Slone, the son of Ronnie and Tammy C. Slone, of Prestonsburg, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. President of his junior and senior class, he was selected a member of the National Honor Society. He was an umpire for

the Prestonsburg Little League and a junior basketball referee and junior volleyball assistant.

To be eligible for the Regents Scholarship, applicants must be admitted to MSU as entering freshmen holding an admissions index of 500 or more and having a minimum ACT composite of 20.

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).



■ Pelphrey



■ Burton



■ Bowling

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The days of the all-green \$20 bill are numbered

by JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Andrew Jackson is first in line for a makeover, and we're not talking wrinkle removal.

The \$20 bill — which carries Jackson's image — will get color and possibly other new features as part of an effort to foil high-tech counterfeiters.

The new twenty could be put into circulation as early as the fall of 2003, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing said Thursday.

The \$20 bill is the most counterfeited note in the United States and the second-most commonly used bill behind the \$1. Jackson's last makeover was in 1998.

"Redesigning notes is going

to become a way of life for modern currencies around the world to stay ahead of technology, which is just exploding and providing increased threats to security," bureau Director Thomas Ferguson said in an interview.

After the new twenty debuts, redesigned \$100 bills — which are the most knocked off outside the country — and \$50

bills will follow in 12 to 18 months, the bureau said. But the bureau hasn't decided which of those notes will roll out first.

In the last redesign of the nation's paper currency, Benjamin Franklin, whose face is on the \$100 bill, got the first makeover in 1996. He was followed by Ulysses S. Grant on the \$50 bill in 1997.

The nation's money makers are still mulling whether \$5s and \$10s — which were last redesigned in 2000 — will get facelifts this time around.

As with the last redesign, there are no plans to alter George Washington, whose visage is on the dollar, because counterfeiters don't bother with such small stuff. The same goes for the obscure \$2 bill.

The new notes will include "subtle background colors," the bureau said. Green and black ink is now used on neutral-colored paper. Color would be added in the neutral areas. Ferguson wouldn't say which colors will be used, but said they will vary by denomination. "The primary images, the

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

A Medigap policy is a health insurance policy sold by private insurance companies to help you pay some of the medical costs that Medicare does not cover.

Q Can my Medigap insurance company drop me?

A In most cases, no. If you bought your Medigap policy after 1990, the law says that your insurance company must let you renew your Medigap policy as long as you pay your premium. This means that the policy is guaranteed renewable. Your insurance company can drop you if you lie (for example, you commit fraud under the policy). Other than that, there is only one situation where you may lose a Medigap guaranteed renewable policy: if the insurance company goes bankrupt. If this happens, and state law does not make some other coverage available, you have the right to buy Medigap plan A, B, C, or F that is sold in your state.

Q If I have an older Medigap policy do I have to switch to one of the standardized plans?

A No. If you have an older Medigap policy, you can keep it. But, if you decide to switch your Medigap policy, you will not be able to go back to your older Medigap policy if you bought it before 1992 when standardized policies were first sold.

Q If I make the decision to switch Medigap policies, what should I do before?

A Before switching policies, compare benefits and premiums. Some of the older Medigap policies may offer better coverage, especially for prescription drugs and long-term care. On the other hand, older Medigap policies may have bigger premium increases than newer standardized Medigap policies. It's always a good idea to talk with someone you trust in the insurance business before switching any type of insurance policy. Never cancel your current policy until you have the new policy in hand.

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Jackie Conley, a native of Garrett, has joined the sales staff of Childers & Venters in Pikeville. Conley has several years' experience in sales and has been working at Childers & Venters for about a month. "I would like to invite all my friends and neighbors to come see me," Conley said.

Town of Rocky Mount receives "Award of Excellence"

Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) recently announced the selection of the Town of Rocky Mount for the 2002 Award of Excellence. Rocky Mount was selected from a pool of 28 deserving candidates during the Virginia Local Government Financing Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 8.

This year's Award of Excellence from the VRA was given in honor of Rocky Mount's Franklin Heights water/wastewater project, which extended water and sewer lines into the recently annexed section of Franklin County. As part of the annexation agreement between Franklin County and the Town of Rocky Mount, the Town was required to provide reliable water and sewer services for the residents of the subdivision.

Assisting the Town of Rocky Mount in this endeavor was Thompson+Litton Inc. Engineers, Architects, and Planners of Radford, Virginia, led by Project Manager David Denny and Project Engineer Greg Hurst. Thompson+Litton was retained by the Town of Rocky Mount to provide the professional engineering services related to the Franklin

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B U S I N E S S M I R R O R

How much regulation should be imposed on the accounting industry?

by ALAN CLENDENNING
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK - It seems like everyone in Washington, D.C., wants to crack down on the accounting industry.

After Arthur Andersen was convicted this month of obstructing justice by trying to

thwart federal regulators investigating Enron's collapse, no less than three plans had emerged to increase oversight of the firms that audit publicly traded companies.

The Securities & Exchange Commission unveiled one plan. The Senate proposed another. And the House had

already developed its own version.

All the proposals call for the creation of a new board that could discipline auditors, replacing the current system in which the industry largely polices itself. The board could also fine auditors or accounting firms or suspend or bar

them from practicing.

While the various proposals differ in how the board would be formed and how much power it would have, accounting experts say one outcome is clear: Much more scrutiny for accounting firms.

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Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation to receive Governor's Safety and Health Award

FRANKFORT- Kentucky Labor Secretary Joe Norsworthy announced today that Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. and the Graphics Communication Workers Local 527-S will receive the Kentucky Governor's Safety and Health Award for achieving 564,490 hours

of work without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. According to Secretary Norsworthy, "This elite award demonstrates the continued commitment to occupational safety and health by both labor and management at this facility." Kentucky's 2001 Annual Survey of

Injuries and Illnesses indicates that industries similar to Smurfit-Stone experienced an average of 2.6 lost-time injuries or illnesses per 100 workers. The Governor's Safety and Health Award will be presented at a ceremony at the Smurfit-Stone facility located at 170 Lisle

Industrial Avenue, Lexington, KY on Thursday June 27th

beginning at 11:30 a.m. Anthony Russell, Director of OSH Education & Training will make the presentation on behalf of Governor Paul E. Patton and Secretary Joe Norsworthy.

Consumers asked to report telemarketing violations

FRANKFORT — Legislation to limit telemarketing calls to Kentuckians goes into effect July 15. After that date the calls to people who have signed up on the Attorney General's "No Call" list should drop significantly.

But what if the calls keep on coming? What can the consumer do about it?

Attorney General Ben Chandler is

beginning an effort to inform citizens on the "No Call" list about how to report companies that make illegal calls.

The current "No Call" list contains 610, 273 phone numbers. The people to whom those numbers belong will receive a mailing this week confirming they are on the list and giving them information on how to file a complaint

and what types of calls are exempt under the law.

"In order for the new anti-telemarketing law to truly be effective, we have to take action against those who violate the law," said Chandler. "To do that, we need the help of consumers who get these calls."

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PAIKY advises motorists about summer car maintenance

This year, more than ever, Americans will be hitting the highways and interstates on the way to their vacation destinations, one of the lingering outcomes of September 11, and a growing aversion to air travel. The Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky (PAIKY) offers a few helpful automobile maintenance tips for summer travelers.

- Perform a fluid check—including antifreeze/coolant, transmission fluid, engine oil, brake fluid, washer fluid, power steering fluid and gasoline. Also change any necessary filters, like gas, oil and/or transmission.

- Perform a cooling system check. Test engine coolant and replace as necessary, but also perform a system pressure test to identify potential leaks.

- Perform a lubrication job to ensure proper operation of all mechanical components.

- Rotate your tires and perform a wheel alignment to ensure long-lasting tires and a smooth ride.

- Check the air pressure in your tires, as well as the condition of your spare tire.

- Be sure to carry extra fluids, such as oil, coolant and water, as well as first-aid kit for passengers.

- Check your battery, as warm weather causes additional

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Imposed

"Whichever of these proposals come through will be a huge step to creating a better auditing environment," said April Klein, an accounting professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

Essentially, accounting firms will be required to defend how they do business in front of a panel that has the power to impose penalties.

"It's definitely an improvement to them overlooking each other," Klein said. "They've never really had to open up

their audits to an outside group."

Perhaps more threatening than the prospect of facing the board itself is the publicity that an appearance would create.

Headlines about corporate accounting gimmicks have now been front page news for more than six months, and no big accounting firm wants to find itself in the crosshairs of the media for auditing irregularities.

But it's unclear whether the attention will last.

"This is amazing for a busi-

ness story to last this long, and the profession itself could remain in the spotlight," said Art Bowman, editor of Bowman's Accounting Report, a trade magazine. "But I think these issues aren't going to be the issues people are talking about eight months down the road.

Andersen's rapid demise jolted the firm's competitors, meaning they are either putting measures in place to make sure they don't suffer the same fate or will soon do so.

"I have to believe all of the other firms have looked at their internal controls," said Randolph Beatty, dean of the Leventhal School of Accounting at the University of Southern California-Marshall. "My guess is that many of the things investors would like to see happen have already happened."

Critics fault the SEC for allowing the private sector to create the new oversight board, while the Senate plan would have the SEC appoint the new board's members.

"There will be oversight, but to begin with, we will have a panel that will be highly suspect, and it's a question of trust and appearance," said Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University's business school.

The Senate plan would restrict accounting firms from doing some lucrative consulting services for companies they audit, to keep them from being too cozy. SEC officials

have said the agency would propose an auditor independence plan this summer.

In the end, Sharav and others believe the SEC and Congress will end up with a compromise.

While the issue is a hot political topic now attracting the attention of lawmakers, it's an open question as to whether it will remain in the forefront later this year.

For now, politicians "perceive that the general public is interested and it's an issue that will get them elected or re-elected," Bowman said.

But he predicted the SEC will ultimately craft a final plan that will take effect later this year.

"The others, I suspect, will be gathering cobwebs."

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Horse owners want to open new track in southeastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON - A pair of racehorse owners from Louisville say they want to build a \$20 million track in southeastern Kentucky that would sponsor three days of quarterhorse racing a year.

Tim McCall, co-owner of Southern Bluegrass Racing with David Holloway, told the Kentucky Racing Commission on Tuesday that they have reached an agreement with the American Quarter Horse Association to hold a meet at the proposed track in Williamsburg.

There currently is no quarterhorse racing in Kentucky, although the sport is popular in

Texas and other western states.

The track plan hinges on whether the racing commission grants a license and whether it gives the track any racing dates for 2003. Kentucky has eight tracks, with a license available for one more.

McCall said they would hold horse shows in addition to racing.



McDowell ARH June employee of the month

McDowell ARH is pleased to announce that Greta Martin has been selected as the June Employee of the Month. Greta is a clerk in the Materials Management department and has worked at ARH for nine years. She has previously held positions as a Homemaker and a Certified Nurse Aide with the Home Health Services department and as a nursing aide with the facility's Skilled Nursing Facility.

Greta and her husband, Jeffrey, are residents of Hi Hat in Floyd County. They have two sons, Gerald, age 17 and Justin, age 13.

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The law applies only to calls made to sell a product or service. After July 15, telemarketers cannot call people on the "No Call" list to sell something unless:

- The call is from someone who has a prior or existing relationship with the consumer;
- The caller has received an express request from the consumer to call them;
- The call is about an existing debt or contract; or
- The call is soliciting only donations for a charity.

"We have worked very hard to strengthen the law so that Kentuckians can have privacy in their homes," said Chandler. "Now we want consumers to know what to do to be fully protected by the law."

The material being mailed includes a complaint form, which consumers can complete and return, as well as the toll free number, 1-866-877-STOP, and web site, www.kycall0.com that consumers can contact to report violations.

"We want consumers to know what information we need in order to investigate a complaint," said Chandler. "It is important that consumers provide at least the name, address or telephone number of the telemarketing company when they report a suspected violation."

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make sure that motorists do all they can to protect their automobiles and the families who'll be riding in them for a safe, enjoyable summer."

The Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky is a statewide trade association established in 1938, to continually improve the quality and workmanship of asphalt construction and performance. PAIKY members provide 95 percent of the hot mix asphalt used in Kentucky. Members own and operate more than 130 hot mix asphalt plants throughout the commonwealth.

PAIKY

strain.

■ Check windshield wiper blades, turn signals and headlights to ensure that you have good vision and the ability to communicate your intentions with other motorists.

■ Perform a brake test, replacing or repairing as needed.

"The hot mix asphalt industry does all that it can to make sure that the highways and interstates carrying motorists to and from their destinations are durable, smooth and safe," said Dean Blake, executive director of PAIKY. "We also want to

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Ferguson said. He declined to provide details.

Final designs must be approved by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. The new \$20 won't be publicly unveiled until early next year.

In the last redesign, the most noticeable change was that portraits were made bigger and moved slightly off center. That led to a number of nicknames for the notes, including Monopoly Money.

Over the years, counterfeiters have graduated from offset printing to increasingly sophisticated color copiers, computer scanners, color ink jet printers and publishing-grade software — all readily available.

In the 2001 fiscal year, \$47.5 million in counterfeit bills got into circulation in the United States, the Secret Service says. Of that amount, \$18.4 million — or 39 percent — were phony computer-generated notes.

When new bills are issued, the old bills remain in circulation until they wear out. The government is working with industry to make sure new bills can be read by ATMs and vending machines.

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Award

Heights project including system design and construction administration.

This prestigious award, the only one of its kind in Virginia, recognizes the Commonwealth's best practices in project planning, design and financing of local government infrastructure, rewarding creativity and excellence in this important realm of projects.

"We are extremely honored to have been selected as the recipient off the 2002 VRA Award of Excellence. We may be a small town, but we have some big ideas," said Town Manager, Keith Holland. "The Rocky Mount Town Council has shown great vision in the planning, financing, and direction of the Franklin Heights/40 East/Grassy Hill Utility Project. The residents and businesses to be served from this project are well aware of its need and importance, and we are thrilled that our peers throughout the Commonwealth were also impressed enough to judge us as the outstanding project in 2002."

Virginia Resources Authority has provided infrastructure financing to Virginia's localities for more than 16 years. In that time, the VRA Bond Program and state revolving loan funds have financed more than \$1.4 billion dollars in infrastructure projects throughout the State.

Jobs available

PRESTONSBURG — The Department for Employment Services has the following job openings:

■ LPN, Floyd County, salary depends on experience, no experience necessary, certification required.

■ Photographer, Floyd County, salary depends on experience, no experience necessary, high school education required.

■ Teacher, Floyd County, salary depends on experience, no experience necessary, college education required.

■ Accountant, Floyd County, salary depends on experience, no experience necessary, college education required.

■ Counselor, Johnson County, salary depends on experience, 48 months experience, master's degree required.

■ U/G Mine Electrician, Martin County, \$18.50 an hour, 60 months experience and high school education required.

■ H/AC Tech, Floyd County, salary depends on experience, no experience necessary, 10th-grade education.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions you need to go to the Department for Employment Services located at 686 North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, or our offices in Paintsville or Salyersville. No phone call please.

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Announces the addition of

Jackie Conley to their Sales Team

Jackie would like to invite all his friends and neighbors to stop by Childers & Venters, so he can share the great savings Childers & Venters has for you!



Money

traditional look and feel will remain with the addition of subtle background colors," Ferguson said. "We think people will be pleased."

The United States has had colorful money before. Some bills of the late 1860s were so colorful they were called Rainbow Notes, experts say.

The bureau said color will help people identify the different denominations. By itself,

the addition of color isn't a security feature, but its use provides the opportunity to add more features that could deter bogus bill makers, the bureau said.

Ferguson wouldn't identify those new features. The addition of technology that looks like 3-D holograms is on the table, but no decisions have been made, he said.

Another change may include using more distinct color-shifting ink. In the last redesign, color-shifting ink that looks green when viewed straight on but black at an angle was used in a spot on some notes.

Some anti-counterfeiting features included in the last redesign will be retained, the bureau said. They include watermarks that are visible when held up to a light; embedded security threads that glow a color when exposed to an ultraviolet light; and very tiny images, visible with a magnifying glass, known as microprinting.

The size of the notes will not change and the same faces will appear on the same bills. But the portraits and buildings may be presented differently,



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Medicare

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A No, but the length of time you had your policy will affect how your new policy covers you for pre-existing conditions. Your new Medigap policy generally must cover all pre-existing conditions if you've had your current policy at least six months. Your new Medigap policy might not cover all pre-existing conditions if you've had your current Medigap policy less than six months. However, the amount of

time you've had your current Medigap policy must count toward the amount of time you must wait before your new policy covers your pre-existing condition.

Your Kentucky Department of Insurance is an excellent resource to help with your general questions about Medigap policies! Their toll free number is 1-800-595-6053.

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

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Donna's
Day Creative
family fun

by Donna Erickson

Game-show
family fun

There's no question about it — get-rich-quick TV game shows have captured the attention of all ages. Turn the format of your favorite show into your own family game with categories and questions based on your family history, trivia from vacation memories and quirky attributes of relatives and friends. Set aside family game night and play together. You might not become a millionaire, but if the grand prize is a double-dip chocolate sundae, the

Mushrooms add
elegance to grilling

For some of us, grilling is a way of cooking throughout the year. For others, as soon as the weather mellows, out comes the grilling equipment. On the other hand, there are apartment dwellers and people who still prefer conventional oven broilers. And let's not forget the new compact indoor grills that do a good job.

Variety is an essential ingredient always, but it's even more important in outdoor meals because we do tend to get too casual, filling up on franks, burgers, steak, ribs and chicken. We slap them on a bun or bread and forget the veggies.

Today we have two meaty mushroom recipes that turn casual into elegant. The Sherry Grilled Mushrooms can top your burger for a classy change or be a side dish. The Hobo Pack with Mushrooms Italian can be a surprise. The alluring scent that escapes when the pack is opened will summon diners. Either can be served on toasted bread slices or sturdy crackers as hors d'oeuvres, and both can be cooked indoors or out.

GRILLED SHERRY MUSHROOMS

1 pound small to medium-sized fresh white mushrooms
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

3 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh garlic
1/4 cup dry sherry
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

THE
CHOPPING
BLOCK
by Philomena
Corradeno

Preheat grill or broiler. Trim mushroom stems; halve mushrooms. In a medium bowl, combine oil, salt and pepper; add mushrooms and toss well. Transfer mushrooms to a vegetable grill basket or rack in a broiler pan; grill or broil until lightly browned and softened, turning occasionally, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, melt butter. Add garlic; cook and stir until softened and pale gold, about 1 minute. Add sherry; simmer 1 minute. Stir in mushrooms and parsley; toss well. Serve over hamburgers, or on toasted French or Italian bread as an appetizer. Makes 6 portions, about 3 cups.

HOBO PACK WITH
MUSHROOMS ITALIAN

1 pound small fresh white mushrooms
1 large red onion, cut in thin wedges (1 cup)
1/4 pound thinly sliced Prosciutto di Parma or smoked ham, cut into thin strips
2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil

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Top this...

The name for this outrageous dessert came right from the men who tried it. Each one took a big bite, then smiled and said, "This is better than candy." That's saying a lot!

BETTER-THAN-CANDY PIE

1 cup diced banana
1 (6-ounce) purchased chocolate-flavored pie crust
1/4 cup chopped dry roasted

peanuts
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1 1/4 cups water
2 tablespoons reduced-fat peanut butter
3/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

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Comfort foods

Made fast
and
healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

DAVID
LAROUELLE

competition will keep everyone on their toes!

Our family still likes to create our own version of TV's "Jeopardy." Here's how: Cut flaps off of standard envelopes, label each envelope with point amounts such as 10, 20 and 30, and glue in four vertical columns on poster board. Above each envelope write four different categories, such as "Our Trip to Disney World," "Our Pets" or "Things in Grandpa's Barn." Choose a family member to write questions and answers that relate to the categories on index cards.

To play, place cards in the envelope pockets, divide into teams and let the question writer be the quiz-show host. One contestant requests a question from a category, such as "Family Bike Rides in 2002" for 10 points. The host reads the card in the pocket, and players raise their hands to be the first to answer. When an answer is correct, award points or use play money. When all questions are asked, provide a bonus question all players try to answer on paper. Assist preschoolers in writing or drawing the answer on paper.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Putting things into perspective

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Nothing like a terrorist act against several thousand innocent people to put your life into perspective. I was worried about a lot of things a week ago, but for the life of me, I can't seem to remember what those things were. Something about money and not having enough of it, I suspect. One of our credit cards is a little high. I was probably worried about that. But then I saw the millions of pieces of paper blown out of the World Trade Center offices, representing the financial lives of thousands of people. The Manhattan streets looked

like the devil threw a ticker-tape parade. Except, instead of confetti, the sky was filled with stock orders, inventory lists, personal checkbooks, savings accounts and, who knows, maybe even a laundry list. And as important as those little pieces of paper had been just days before, they were the farthest things from the minds of the victims' families, friends and the rescuers.

So I must be wrong. I couldn't have been worried about one little credit-card statement. One piece of paper. That would be absurd.

Maybe I was worried about the heat. It has been awfully hot in Hawaii the

past few weeks. But watching those firemen clad in stifling, heavy, protective coats, climbing up and down tons of cement and steel rubble, frying in the heat at Ground Zero, I knew I must be wrong. I couldn't possibly have been worried about the heat.

Maybe I was worried that we had not had a good heavy rain in a long time. We need rain badly. But then I thought about the worries there that it would start raining. The rain would interfere with the rescue operation, possibly making a dangerous situation even worse. Suddenly, lack of rain seemed like a good thing.

I might have been worried about my health. I used to be a pretty good

hypochondriac. As I've gotten older, I'm not really able to focus as well, at least not the kind of focus it takes to convince yourself that you've got a tumor growing somewhere on your body or are going through the early stages of mad cow disease. That's a young hypochondriac's game. But how could I have been worrying about my health at all when, unlike the thousands of victims of the World Trade Center destruction, I was still alive.

Being alive is good. Being alive is something to be thankful for. You shouldn't waste being alive worrying that you might be putting on a few pounds, or feeling guilty about having an extra slice of pizza.

I might have been worried about some argument I had with my wife. But is that possible? When two people live

together for more than 20 years, something's going to get on someone else's nerves, especially if that first someone is me. But a long, loving relationship is something to celebrate, and only an idiot would worry about a few bumps along the way.

A week ago, life was one big worry. Funny, today it's a blessing.

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Distributed by King Features SyndicateDear Diane...
A caring friend

DEAR DIANE:

A friend of mine has a dilemma. "Brenda" has been dating "Barney" for more than a few years, and things were going fine, she thinks, but (and it's really none of my business) they don't spend any time together except sexually.

Brenda says she can tell Barney has feelings for her, but I don't just want to come out and say the only thing he wants her for is to be in the bedroom.

Anyway, a guy in Brenda's past has resurfaced, and she says he's saying all of the right things, and she's thinking she should take him up on starting a relationship. This guy had a huge crush on her when they were younger, and she liked him too. He lives out of town, and he came to see her last month.

Immediately Barney was feeling trapped because he's not so sure of Brenda's feelings. I told Brenda she deserves better than a few years in bed, and that's it.

This new guy is willing to share whatever and spend time with her and wants to be with her and is not being shy about his feelings, while Barney is not saying what he feels. I can only say so much, but I think Brenda deserves to have everything because she is a sweet and genuine person.

— CARING IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CARING:

If all Barney wants Brenda for is sex, and this new guy is sincere in his feelings for Brenda, then you must tell Brenda to dump Barney and test the romantic waters with this Man From The Past.

Barney is just playing Brenda, and I'm sure Brenda knows this but doesn't want to admit it to herself.

Give your friend the push she needs in the right direction. I'm sure she'll thank you for it.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features
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No-sweat practice

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

My uncle told me that I could become a better hitter if I close my eyes and pretend I am hitting the ball. That sounds far-out to me. If you say it works, I'll try it. It sounds a lot easier than practicing. — B.P.

ANSWER:

It does work. It's called visualization. It is no-sweat practice.

Relax in a chair. Close your eyes. Mentally go through the motions of hitting a ball just as you would during practice or a game.

This works for all sports, not only baseball. A high-diver can visualize jumping off the tower. A tennis player can imagine hitting a backhand shot time after time.

The more senses you involve in visualization, the greater the impression it makes on the brain. Feel the bat in your hands. Hear the smack of bat hitting ball.

The brain accepts these vivid pictures almost as much as it accepts the training that comes from actual practice. Visualization establishes a link between brain and muscles so that muscles react in the same way during play as they did while you were relaxed and imagining the actions.

Five to 10 minutes of visualization every day for one month ought to show results. You can spend more time doing it, but five to 10 minutes is the minimum amount of time needed.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

(See HEALTH, page six)

Books: "Of Cats and Men: Stories"

Of Cats and Men: Stories
By Nina de Gramont
(Dial Press, \$19.95)
Reviewed by David Cohea

Nina de Gramont's impressive first collection of stories treats the significant two- and four-footed others in her heroines' lives with equal parts amazement, humor and rue.

In each of these stories, a woman triangulates love with her man and their cat(s) within

the confines of a house. These are intimate, domestic stories, warm with cooking ovens and a shared couch or bed. And yet de Gramont finds plenty of elbow-room to weave her tales.

There's quite a smorgasbord of men in this collection: plumber, ranch hand, birdwatcher, home builder, new father, even a dead husband. Their emotional larder is variously stocked — always something good, something lacking. De Gramont's leading ladies sam-

ple this bestiary of guys in a cat-like, toying rhythm, unearthing their possibilities as they hover near the threshold of commitment and flight.

For cat lovers, "Of Cats and Men" is a special treat, because the cats here are truer than the men. A fluffy, privileged Himalayan faces off with a scruffy, long-abandoned cat trying to make its way back into a house; a Siamese isn't sure what to do with a newborn child; an attention-starved barn cat fas-

tens itself to the screen door, begging entrance.

Just like their real-life counterparts, these felines are always close by, not exactly involved in our human dramas, but nevertheless passionately engaged in that hot heart-space we call home.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I am a single, 28-year-old man. It has been more than three years since my last serious relationship. A few months ago I met "Carla," and we hit it off big time. I am totally in love with her, and she feels exactly the same about me.

Lately, we have been spending the night together, and here's where the problem comes in. I can't stand sharing Carla's bed with her. I guess I'm used to sleeping alone, but it's been a couple weeks and things haven't

A symptom of incompatibility?

gotten any better. I like to take up the whole bed, and Carla is just in the way. Will I get over this, or is this a symptom that maybe Carla and I aren't meant for each other?

— SLEEPLESS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS

DAVE SAYS:

I don't think this is a symptom of incompatibility. I think your first guess is more on the money. You just aren't used to sharing a bed. Don't think that you can undo three years of habit in only a few weeks. These things take time. Have you tried having Carla share YOUR bed? If not, give that a try. Who knows? Maybe the culprit is the mattress. You never know.

Also, it could be that her bed

is simply too small. If you are really serious about Carla, and she feels the same about you, maybe you should consider going in on a newer, bigger bed for the two of you. Good Luck. And Sweet Dreams.

SAM SAYS:

I agree with Dave that it's not a question of incompatibility; if the rest of your relationship is fine, I wouldn't go reading signs of doom into relatively harmless problems. The suggestion to try a bigger bed is a good one — maybe you just don't have enough space.

However, it's possible that you just might never get used to sharing a bed — and there's nothing wrong with that. Nowhere is it written in stone

that couples must sleep in the same bed all the time. In fact, sleeping in separate beds and even rooms has been the norm in many periods of history.

This doesn't mean you can't BE in bed together. Lying together in bed is a great opportunity for intimacy (and I don't necessarily mean the physical kind), and there's no reason for you to miss out on that. Just find your own place when it comes time for sleeping.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at asksamanddave@mindspring.com.

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Stretching builds flexibility



Aerobic and resistance training are key components in a successful fitness program, but another element is often overlooked — stretching. Increasing your flexibility through stretching can greatly improve your overall fitness level and make everyday tasks a lot easier.

Muscles are shortened (contracted) during exercise, specifically during resistance training. The continuous shortening of the muscles needs to be opposed by a slow and consistent stretching regimen.

A stretching routine before and after your exercise program can increase the range of motion around joints, improve balance and decrease stiffness and soreness. In addition, stretching will lengthen muscles, which can help to prevent injuries caused by poor flexibility.

Many everyday tasks such as bending down to tie your shoes, reaching up to shelves or picking up items from the floor can also be improved through stretching.

Here are some basic guidelines for adding a stretching routine to your lifestyle at work and at home:

- Take adequate time throughout your day for your stretching routine. Five-minute snack/stretch breaks can bring great results. On the other hand, a quick 5-second side bend or trunk twist won't do the job.
- Warm up with light aerobic exercise (walking, cycling) for 5-7 minutes before stretching. If you're at work, try a light walk up a couple flights of stairs.
- Incorporate all muscle groups — including legs, arms, back, stomach, shoulders, neck, hands and feet.

- Hold stretches for 10-30 seconds and repeat until you feel progress in the flexibility of your muscles. Take your time.
- Breathe and relax. Breathing allows oxygen to get to the muscles, encouraging flexibility; when you relax, you allow your muscles to stretch. (This is also a good method to relieve stress.)

Try this simple stretch for the back and hip: While seated and with legs bent, place your right ankle on top of your lower left thigh (knee area). Slowly lean forward until you feel a stretch in your back and right hip. Hold for 10-30 seconds. Breathe. Repeat as many times as necessary, then switch legs.

Normal, everyday activities can be greatly improved by incorporating a stretching program into your lifestyle. Your muscles will thank you for it!

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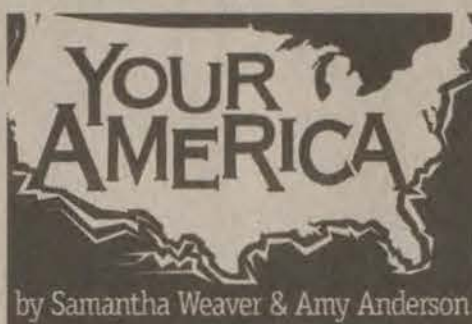
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Join the Redneck Olympics

Water sloshes around the sides of a giant plastic bucket as a fully grown man thrusts his head down and comes up victorious, grasping a fleshy nub in his teeth. He's been bobbing for pigs' feet. An overall-clad young buck emits a feral yell and dives headfirst into an 8-foot puddle of mud. His belly smacks the ground and sends a wet, reddish-brown spray on to an adoring crowd: He's a contestant in the Mudpit Belly Flop Contest.

It goes on and on, seed-spitting contests, a hubcap hurl, dumpster diving and — the ladies' favorite — the armpit serenade. These are the contests you will find at the 7th Annual Redneck Olympics on July 6 in East Dublin, Ga.

Sure, it sounds stereotypical; I mean, who ever heard of bobbing for pigs' feet? But, stereotypes are what brought about the redneck games — in a way.



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

Back in 1996, Atlanta hosted the Summer Olympics, and more than once, it was heard in the press that the Olympics would be run by rednecks. Well, the people at WQZY Y-96 Country thought, "if you want rednecks, we'll give you rednecks!" So they did.

The radio station set up a spoof on the regular Summer Games that has since drawn large

crowds and television coverage from MTV, "The Today Show" and others. Now it is a yearly event that locals and not-so-locals look forward to — a way to have a little summer fun and thumb their noses at what people might expect from Southerners.

It all starts with the Oconee River Redneck Raft Race and continues in Buckeye Park for the traditional games. Bo Whaley, Dublin local and author of "How to Love Yankees With a Clear Conscience," will be the Master of Ceremonies. There'll be live music and plenty of concessions. The evening is kicked off by the "best-known redneck in Middle Georgia" — El Bow — who lights the ceremonial barbecue grill with his "propane torch." Stick around for the fireworks afterward.

For more information contact WQZY at 1-800-688-0096 or on the Web at www.wqzy.com.

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The United States has 246 billionaires

- Add to the list of ridiculous headlines: "Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told."

- When figured on a per-participant basis, pole vaulting has the highest mortality rate of any sport. Between 1982 and 1998, there were 16 reported deaths among about 25,000 athletes.

- The name "Hong Kong" comes from the local "heang-keang," which means "fragrant waters."

- Before they became successful, the Beatles were turned down by four record companies. A spokesperson for the Decca Recording Company is quoted as saying in 1962, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out."

Strange BUT TRUE

- For the most populous nation on Earth, it may seem strange that China has only one billionaire. With 246, the United States has more billionaires than any other country.

- In 1982, David Grundman was killed by a cactus in the desert near Phoenix. For reasons unknown, he decided to shoot a giant saguaro cactus measuring 23 feet tall. After firing two shots at it, the plant fell over on top of Grundman and crushed him to death.

- Do you remember the song "Pop Goes the Weasel" from when you were a child? Did you have any idea what it was about? Well, most people don't — it has nothing to do with animals at all. It is thought to have originated with hat makers in London. To a hat maker, a "weasel" was one of the tools of his trade, and "to pop" once meant "to pawn." Whenever a hat maker needed some extra cash, he would "pop his weasel."

- In 1897, Typhoon II won that quintessential event in the horseracing world, the Kentucky Derby. Oddly, though, he ended his career by pulling milk wagons in Indianapolis.

Thought for the Day:

"He who speaks the truth must have one foot in the stirrup." — Bruce Babbitt

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INFOLINK — A story about a non-story

A conservative so-called "think tank" called the Alexis de Tocqueville Institute (ADTI) recently announced they were about to publish a study indicating that open-source software such as Linux is "inherently less secure" than proprietary software such as

Microsoft Windows, CNet.com says.

Open-source software has a small niche on household computers, but where it's really popular is on the Web. Many Web managers prefer open source because of its low cost and stability. And because

many Web managers are control freaks, they like the fact that open-source software can be tinkered with and tweaked.

Let's not discuss the actual substance of the upcoming study. After all, CNet didn't. Why would Cnet even publish a story about a study yet to be published, anyway? And the study's blatant one-sidedness just adds insult to injury. It fails to include even the obligatory other-side-of-the-story.

Instead, CNet gave ADTI the floor, allowing them to arbitrarily announce the study's conclusions without factual basis. To wait until the paper was actually published so its merits could be weighed in the light of day would have been the proper thing to do.

You don't have to be a tech to remain unconvinced of the study's merits. News stories abound of viruses and worms designed to exploit security holes in Microsoft, not open-

source, products.

Security is why open-source software caught on in the first place. Organizations and governments around the world explain that they want to avoid "monocultures" of computing equipment — the reliance on a single type of technology vulnerable to a single security risk.

What's a political think tank doing publishing a study on technical issues, anyway? What ideological group (other than anarchists) advocates that software should NOT be more secure?

Open-source fans were quick to cry foul, claiming that the study was funded by Microsoft. It's hard not to be paranoid, since ADTI has been sympathetic toward Microsoft's legal battles and has been critical of AOL/Time-Warner, its biggest rival. It makes Cnet.com look bad as well; at best, it gives the impression of media bias.

Top

2 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham crackers, made into fine crumbs

Layer bananas in pie crust. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons peanuts evenly over bananas. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in peanut butter until mixture is smooth. Spread pudding mixture evenly into pie crust. Refrigerate 5 minutes. Spread whipped topping evenly over set filling. In a small bowl, combine remaining 2 tablespoons

peanuts and cracker crumbs. Evenly sprinkle crumb mixture over top of pie. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 pieces.

Each serving equals: 217 Calories, 9 g Fat, 5 g Protein, 29 g Carb., 324 mg Sodium, 1 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Meat.

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Block

1 (10 ounce) bag pre-washed spinach

Preheat grill or oven to 425 F. Lay 2 sheets of heavy-duty foil, each 24 inches long, on top of each other. Trim mushroom stems. Combine mushrooms, onion, prosciutto and garlic in center of foil; arrange spinach leaves on top; lay a

third length of heavy-duty foil on top. Fold the edges of foil sheets to securely close pack. Grill or cook on center rack in oven until vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes. Serve over slices of grilled or toasted Italian bread, if desired. Makes 4 portions, about 3-1/2 cups.

Health

essary to make it effective. Let's not get carried away. In spite of my enthusiasm, there is nothing like real practice for improving skills. Still, this is a nice way to spend your time and make some progress.

If you are wondering how to get started on a training program, the fitness report can give you many ideas. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 12W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the printed name and address of the recipient. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am a man, but I have a problem that I thought only women would have. After I run, my nipples are so sore that I can barely stand it. Is this a

common male complaint? — J.A.

ANSWER: It's a very common male and female complaint. A sweat-soaked shirt rubbing against nipples is a perfect irritant. Before running, apply petroleum jelly to the nipples. If the petroleum jelly by itself doesn't solve the problem, a Band-Aid over the nipples almost certainly will.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Children



Adams Middle School time capsule.



Young Authors judges



As you roam the hallways at Adams Middle School you see many bulletin boards and banners, one's eye is caught by one with special meaning. "The future begins in the classroom — one group leaves and one comes in." Shown in the photo above are Kim Reynolds, media specialist; Carolyn Rowe, secretary; and Gaye Hatfield, office manager.



Young Authors

Mrs. Nadine H. Hicks, parent involvement coordinator, has been a supporter of the Young Authors program since it began. She was one of the original parent volunteers who took boxes of cardboard home to cut into backs for the children's books when the books were first sewn with needle and thread. During recent years, she has been actively involved by assisting to coordinate the activities and the work that has brought parent participation and school participation. She speaks of her enjoyment and her love of the "kiddos" as her reason for continuing the efforts.



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ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Seniors Sarah Noble and Leslie Martin

Noble and Martin place in state Science Olympiad for second time

Seniors Sarah Noble and Leslie Martin of Allen Central High School have placed second in the state Science Olympiad competition for the second year in a row. Their event, "Write It, Do It," is one that Sarah has placed in three times and been state champion in once. In two years of doing this event,

Leslie has placed second in the state both time. They were accompanied to the state competition by their entire team, which qualified to attend for the third year in a row. The Allen Central High School Science Olympiad team is coached by Patricia Allen-Mayton, who is assisted by Robert Mayton.



TAG SHOWCASE



Art winners honored at board meeting
Allen Central High School winners of the Floyd County Art Show were honored at a meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. Those students recognized were those place in the top 10 in the county and the first-place school winners. The top 10 county winners were Terry Moore, Josh Conley, Donald Bentley and Brandy Parson. The first-place school winners were Z.W. Chaffins, Chris Owens and Erica Sexton.



Allen Central students in regional art exhibit

Allen Central High School students were recently part of the Alice Lloyd Lyonal Williams Memorial Regional Art Exhibition. Their work was shown at the Whitaker Athletic Center in Hazard as part of an exhibit from local high school students in Floyd, Leslie, Letcher, Perry and Knott counties. Winners in the show were Terry Moore, Nick Hoover and Josh Conley.



Floyd County art show workshops



Allen Central High School art students had their work on display at the Mountain Arts Center during the month of May. The show includes a variety of media. Students who had their art in the exhibit were Brandy Parsons, Terri Ann Mullins, Erica Sexton, Eva Duncan, Tabitha Caudill, Tameka Moore, Drew Lance, Terry Moore, Dustin Stumbo, Josh Conley, Zack Stone, Chris Owens, Z.W. Chaffins, Nolan Stone, James Meade, John Little and Donald Bentley.





This is a picture of the Allen Central High School team on the Western Kentucky University campus on April 20 as they attended Science Olympiad competition.



Allen Central High School art exhibit

**ACHS
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SHOW**



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**ADAMS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Back-Dana Fields, Tommy Goble;

Front-Kim Williams, Nick Lafferty, Caitlin Hale, Ashanti Risner

Not pictured-Caitlin Newsome)

Adams Forensics Team Takes High Honors at State

The Adams Middle School Forensics Team competed in the Kentucky High School Speech League State Tournament on March 15th and 16th. Students were judged individually in 3 rounds. The top 18 students were then advanced to Semi-Finals where students competed for the right to advance to the top 6 in Finals.

4 students from Adams advanced to Semi-Finals: Kim Williams in Prose and Oratorical Declamation, Caitlin Hale in Prose, Nick Lafferty in Interpretation of Literature and Ashanti Risner in Solo Acting. Kim Williams and Nick Lafferty also advanced to Finals. Kim placed 6th in Prose and Nick earned 3rd place in

Interp. Of Lit. with the performances of all students Adams was able to earn 1st place in the Horizon Award, an award given based on the performances of a team's students as compared to the number of entries. The team also earned 12th place overall in the State. They are coached by Stephanie Stamper.



Left: Kim Reynolds, Media Specialist at Adams Middle School demonstrating the newly installed technology to be used by students of the 2002-2003 school year. "We are looking forward to the new year offering opportunities for higher level use for instruction. The center will soon be re-carpeted with red carpet and returning students will see a face-lift in the AMS media center," said Kim Reynolds.



Adams Middle School time capsule.

Adams Middle School



Gaye Hatfield office Manager at Adams Middle Schools stated the wall was done to honor outgoing 8th graders. The wall provided a place to say something humorous about the staff and to count down to the end of the school year.



Principal
Dauida Bickford

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**ALLEN
CENTRAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Thank You!

Allen Central Middle School would like to thank this opportunity to thank Mrs. Linda Bolen for all the assistance and support that she has provided the staff of ACMS during her assignment as our Highly Skilled Educator. She is truly an inspiration.

■ Mrs. Linda Bolen



Allen Central Middle School Youth Service Center provided the student body with magical entertainment. Kal Kotter entertained the students with his amazing abilities.

STAR PARTY...

When you gaze up into the night sky, you may only recognize a few of the wonders of our solar system, but when students and parents of Allen Central Middle School gathered for their Star Party, the stars and planets came into view.

During this Star Party, it was possible for all planets to be viewed in a single evening using high-powered telescopes. This event will not take place for another 70 years. Mr. Greg Nichols, 8th grade sci-

ence teacher, and two NASA certified individuals were on hand to help locate the planets and other phenomena of our solar system for the parents and students.

Those students who were not busy looking through the telescopes, were treated to a cookout by ACMS Youth Service Center and the Bridges program. They were also provided with Moon Pies, Milky Way candy bars, Mars Bars, and Starburst candies.

SPOTLIGHT... LUAAU

Allen Central Middle School celebrated the achievements of the students of the month with a Spotlight Ceremony in Luau fashion. The students and their parents were provided vocal entertainment by Mr. David Gearheart and by Mr. Brad Short both teachers at ACMS. The parents and students were also invited to participate some line dancing activities.



■ Todd Ward and Sabrina Howard

As a part of the Gear-Up program, the 7th and 8th grade students at Allen Central Middle School students participated in the Achieva Study Skills Program. Achieva is designed to give students strategies and tools they need to pursue academic success. It includes interactive, online lessons that introduce student to a variety of techniques for studying, learning and testing. ACMS was extremely proud of the first two students to complete this program. Todd Ward and Sabrina Howard were awarded a T-shirt provided by the Gear-Up program. Congratulations Todd and Sabrina.



Math Day...

To assist with transition from elementary to middle school, Allen Central Middle invited the fifth graders from their two feeder schools, James A. Duff and May Valley Elementary to attend a day of competition and math fun. Students from both schools were partnered to form teams of four and five and then assigned a middle school student mentor. These teams then moved from station to station participating in various math activities that were facilitated by the 8th grade students. Prior to the awards for top honors, the Middle School Band under the direction of Mrs. Cecilia Prater presented the students with a short concert. After the awards, they were then taken on a tour of the school and invited to attend the open house prior to school opening.



Principal
Linda Gearheart

Assistant Principal
Tony Childers

ALLEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Judy Halbert's kindergarten class at Allen Elementary attended the Coal Fair at Pikeville College.



Josh Shepherd, a student at Allen Elementary, along with one of his eighth-grade helpers, took on the responsibility to put the flag out each morning and take it down before the bell rang each afternoon. Josh is shown here with Justin Conley, taking the flag down for the last time before their graduation that night.



Spelling Bee winner

Evan Spears, a seventh-grade student at Allen Elementary, was the school Spelling Bee winner. Evan is the son of Kathy Spears and Fred Spears.



Allen seventh-grade students recently attended the KY-NEED Energy Workshop at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Front row: David Morrison, Tasha Jarrell and Lucian Conn. Second row: Mrs. Skeens, Angel Boyd and Heather Travis.

Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Linda Gearheart, principal at Allen Elementary, and assistant principal Tony Childers are shown with Mrs. Jennifer Skeens after she was awarded the Teacher of the Year Award from Wal-Mart. She received a Wal-Mart vest and a \$500 check from the Wal-Mart Foundation.



Principal
Sheila Calhoun

Assistant Principal
Glenna Childers

BETSY LAYNE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Braxton Branham, winner of Robinson Scholarship.



Brooke Boyd, Top 8th grade student.



Dustin Layne-Lawson, 1st place winner at Cedar Coal Fair in 5-8 Art. 1st place winner overall in all categories 5th-8th grade.



Principal
Margaret Vaughn

Assistant Principal
Shawn Ousley



■ Betsy Layne High School

Betsy Layne High School Students Service Learning Project

On Tuesday, April 2, students from Betsy Layne High School made their third annual Service Learning visit to Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Students delivered gift bags full of toys, games, and other activities to the pediatric floor for distribution to children during their hospital stay. The students and the Youth Service Center purchased the items. Also while there, Dana King, Volunteer services coordinator, placed all the students in various departments throughout the

hospital where they spent time volunteering their services. Some of the students spent time in the pharmacy learning how medicine is dispensed; others delivered mail and packages, while others saw how administration dealt with the wealth of paperwork. Overall the visit was well received by both hospital staff and students. The project and visit were made possible through a service learning grant from the Floyd County Public Schools Community Service Coordinator, Beverly Crisman.



Principal
Elizabeth Allen

Vice Principal
Tonya Goodman



Duff Bulldawgs Academic Team #1 in District and Regional Competitions

The Duff Elementary Academic Team recently participated in a Regional competition event held March 22nd & 23rd, 2002, at Duff Elementary after placing first in District Competition held at Stumbo Elementary.

Participating in the event were fifteen schools representing both Floyd and Knott Counties, along with Mountain Christian Academy and the June Buchanan School.

Students from each school competed in the categories of math, science, social studies, language arts, general knowledge, English composition, future problem solving, and quick recall.

The following students from Duff Elementary placed as follows:

Mathematics-3rd place: Elizabeth Hughes, English composition-1st place: Hannah Howard, 3rd place: Elizabeth Hughes, Social Studies-2nd place: Chelsie Cordial, 5th place: Evan Lawson, General Knowledge-2nd

place: Michaela Tussey, 5th place: Chelsie Cordial.

The team took 1st place in Future Problem Solving. Team members include: Elizabeth Hughes, Evan Lawson, Lindsay Webb, and Lauren Moore. The coach is Billie O'Quinn.

The Quick Recall Team received 2nd place. Team members include: Hannah Howard, Chelsie Cordial, Evan Lawson, Chad Nelson, and Lauren Lawson.

The Duff Elementary Academic Team also won the Katherine Humes Sportsmanship Award which is voted on by one representative from each school.

The Duff Elementary Academic Team Coaches are Roxanne Huff and Bridget Vanover.

We would like to thank the following for donations and support to our academic team: Reno's, Food City, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Dairy Queen, and Duff Elementary parents and staff.



Michaela Tussey singing, "My Old Kentucky Home".



Classroom winners of the Best Jockey Costume and Derby Hat.

Students Honored at the Floyd County Art Show

Congratulations to the following students for being honored at the Floyd County Art Show:

Cody Conley, Misti Conley, Seth Bentley, John Thomas Justice, Travis Adkins, Chelsie Cordial, Rita Martin, Jack Holthouse, Jon Hudspeth, Arron Conley.

Duff Derby Days a big success

On Friday, May 3, Duff Elementary participated in their 1st annual Derby Day. Students and teachers arrived at school either wearing hats or jockey silks. Their day began with a Derby breakfast of biscuits and gravy.

In class, students participated in various activities centered around the Derby and the bluegrass region. Contests were held for the best dressed boy and girl in class. An art contest was also held for the best horse and/or jockey design.

The big event of the day was the "Mock Derby". Students enjoyed a "hat parade" made up of the students who won the best dressed contest. Next, 4th grader, Michaela Tussey, sang, "My Old Kentucky Home", while teachers riding stick horses walked

to the track. After being introduced, the horses were called to post. Then, it was an actual "Run for the Roses!"

The race was won by, Dust Commander, ridden by Mrs. Charlotte

Case. The horse was given the traditional blanket of roses while the jockey received the trophy.

A special thank you goes out to each and everyone who was involved.



Duff Jockeys

L-R: Karen Hall, Charlotte Case, Cindy Pack, Kelly Duncan, Audreyetta Lawson, Stephanie Lawson, Bridget Vanover, and Anna Wells.



Principal
Carole Combs

Assistant Principal
Tonya Williams

MAY VALLEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Career Day at May Valley Elementary. Floyd County Conservation District information booth.

CAREER DAY

May Valley Elementary May 29, 2002



Career Day at May Valley Elementary with recent graduate from UK college of Architecture Pamela Goble Clements instructing Mrs. Kathy Shepherd's class on the designing of a community.



Career Day at May Valley Elementary special guests Dr. Paul Fanning and Dr. Zella Wells.

Career Day at May Valley Elementary with Downtown Drug information booth with Pharmacist Charla Bartrum.



Career Day at May Valley Elementary with Kentucky State police Trooper Rick Conn on hand to answer questions.



Career Day at May Valley Elementary with recent UK college of Architecture graduate Pamela Goble Clements instructing Mrs. Kathy Shepherd's class about community.



Principal
Jerri Turner

MCDOWELL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Election results of 2002-03 McDowell SBDM Council

- Brenda Howell, parent.
- Tammy Gayheart, parent.
- Merlene Dingus, teacher.
- Greg Johnson, teacher.
- Janet Pack, teacher.
- Jerri Turner, chairperson.

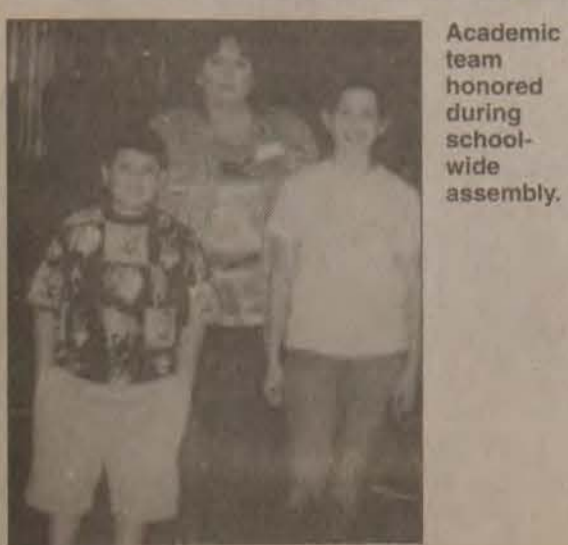


Greg Jowaisas provided students and staff with folk music.

Ruth Hamilton, fourth-grade teacher, was honored at a recent school staff dinner. Ms. Hamilton completed the 2001-02 school year with perfect attendance. Principal Jerri Turner presented her with a gift as an acknowledgement of her accomplishment. Brenda Johnson, photo not available, was also honored. Ms. Johnson completed the year with the best attendance for classified personnel employed at the school. She was also presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for dedication to the



■ Ruth Hamilton



Academic team honored during school-wide assembly.



Fifth-grade students learn how to read blood pressure in science. Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital demonstrates.



McDowell RESPECT party held in FRC library May 13.



Sexual harassment program for sixth-grade students presented by Lisa Hamilton of Mountain Comprehensive Care.



Mr. Wicker agreed to have his head shaved by barber Scott Shannon if students had 95 percent attendance each day during testing.



"The Story Wizard" by Mad Cap Productions Puppet Theatre, sponsored by McDowell Family Resource Center.



■ Sandra Slone

Sandra Slone, teacher at McDowell Elementary, was recently honored by the school staff for her years of service as a teacher in the Floyd County School System.



CATS kickoff presented April 15 by Quality Kids and Monroe.



'Pickin and a Grinin'



Rick Arnold was at the McDowell Family Resource Center to discuss "Follow Your Dream". His program (sponsored by McDowell FRC) discussed the importance of following your dreams. He used art & music to stress his points and entertain students. Above, Ms. Dingus and Mrs. Gearheart help "The Rick Arnold Band."

"The Rick Arnold Band," composed of students from McDowell Elementary.



P4 Classes Compete in 7th Annual Multiplication Tournament

On Tuesday, May 28th, a multiplication tournament between the three P4 classes was held in the McDowell Elementary's Media Center.

The event is held annually as an incentive to help students master their multiplication

facts in a fun way. This also helps the students be better prepared for fourth grade.

The P4 classes were divided into teams consisting of four students on each class team.

Congratulations to all winners and good luck in fourth grade.



Mrs. Stephanie Gearheart's team of Zachary Howell, Kim Mullins, Cody Collins, and Brandon Marson won a 2nd place trophy.

Mrs. Wanda Johnson's team of Laken Hamilton, Whitney Hall, Jonathan Slone and Cory Bentley won a 1st place trophy.



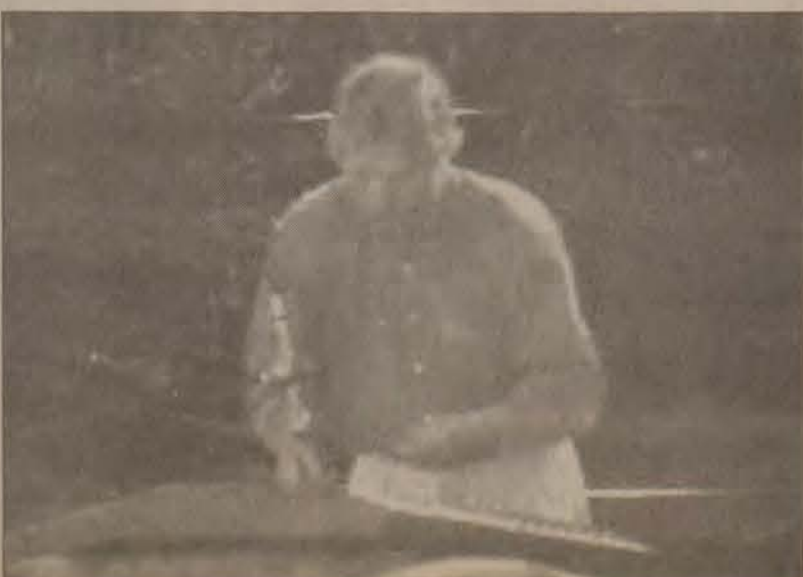
Mrs. Alisa Howell's team of Holly Goble, Casey Johnson, Steven Harris, and Max Turner won a 3rd place trophy.



American Folk Music program



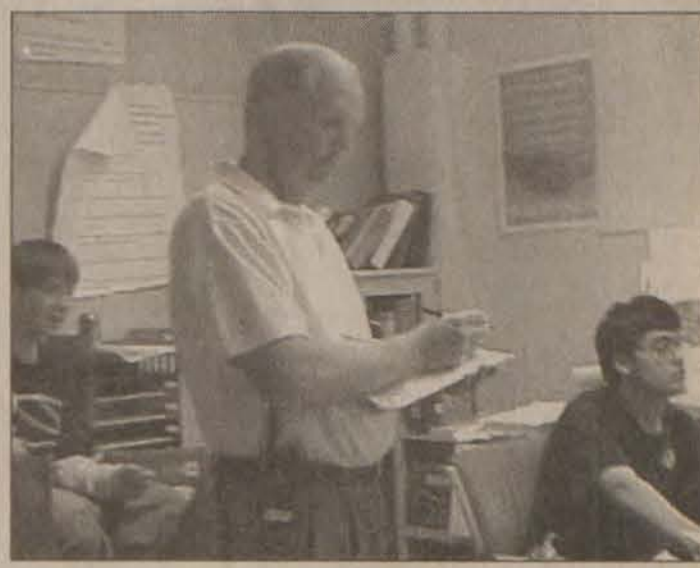
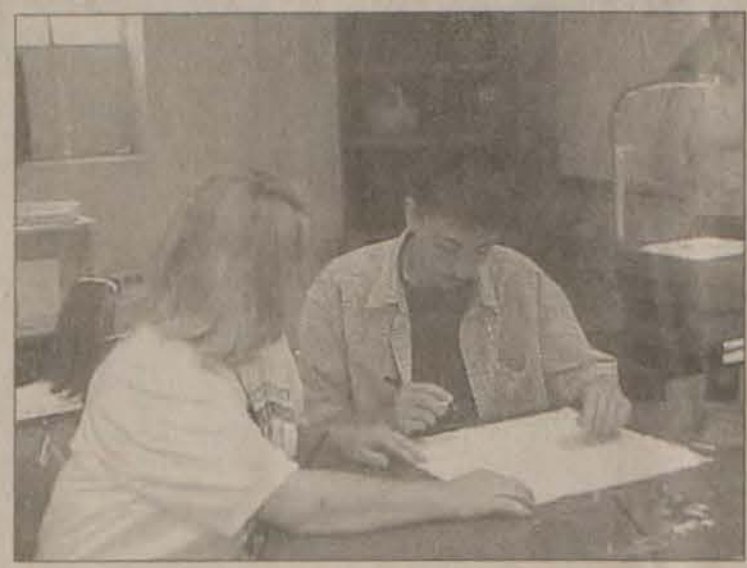
American Folk Music program by Greg Jowaisas. Mr. Jowaisas played numerous folk instruments. The program was sponsored by the McDowell Family Resource Center.





Principal
Bonita Compton

OPPORTUNITIES
UNLIMITED



OU students work on CEDAR projects

Opportunities Unlimited students have worked hard to complete their projects for the CEDAR program. This has been a group effort and the students have shown talent in completing their projects.

Development and Resource, is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation which began in July 1993 as a partnership between the coal industry, business community, educators and the Kentucky Coal Council. The purpose of the partnership is

to improve the image of the coal industry. CEDAR's mission is to facilitate the increase of knowledge and understanding of the many benefits the coal industry provides in our daily lives by providing financial resources and coal education materi-

als to implement its study in the school curriculum. The target group is grades K-12 in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Martin and Johnson counties. Students are invited to enter coal projects in one of several categories — sci-

ence, math, English-literature, art, music, technology-multimedia or social studies — to be judged. The projects are displayed at the local fair, with selected groups invited to participate in the regional fair.



Principal
Gwen Hale-Frazier

Vice Principal
Sherrie Slone

PRESTONSBURG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



District academic team: Cody McCoy, Jacob Burchett, Brittany Coyer, Micaya Canterbury, Tasha Wallen, Nick Conn, Bradley Stanley and Victoria Petry. Sponsors, Joan Cornett and Betty Minix.

Art TAG and county art winners: Front row: Megan Hall, Janet Meade, Matthew Crum and Warren Blackburn. Back row: Bradley Sheherd, Cody McCoy, Elizabeth Baldrige, Chris Sammons, Anthony Hallam and Steven Patrick. Sponsor, Wendy Poe.



Presidential academic fitness: Luke Sturgill, Christopher Schoolcraft and Alyssa Allen. Sponsor, Debra Holland.



Winners of bicycles for Accelerated Reader: Lanora Johnson, K-3, and Chris Martin, 4-5.

LET THE FUN BEGIN

The second-grade classes at Prestonsburg Elementary ended the 2001-02 school year with a ... Frizzle?

The second-grade teachers at Prestonsburg Elementary decided to do something a little different to try to keep the attention of the anxious second-graders waiting for that summer break to begin.

For the last week of school, the second-grade teachers got together and planned a week of fun. Tuesday was "Dress like your favorite book character" Day. The students dressed like their favorite book character and read a book with that character in it. They then discussed why they like that character. There were several characters to visit the school, including Junie B. Jones, Cinderella, Harry Potter and Miss Frizzle, to name a few.

Thursday there was a sleepover held in the second-grade classrooms. The students, including the teachers, wore their favorite PJs. They did several activities, such as study constellations and stars on the ceiling while lying in their sleeping bags. They also sat in a circle and told their favorite "scary story" and ate cotton candy. As a reflection of their day, they wrote about their sleepover in little "tent books" that they made.



Duke University MAP program participants
First row: Devin Clifton, Nicholas Conn, Micaya Canterbury, Cody McCoy and Shayne Poynter. Second row: Luke Sturgill, Bethany Adams, Savannah Reno and Leslie Ousley. Sponsor, Leslie Ousley, counselor.





Presidential Physical Fitness Grade 3-5

Warren Blackburn, Josh Craynon, Seth Setser, Bradley Stanley

Sponsor: Bridget Clay



Forensics team: Savannah Reno, Rachael Hall, Victoria Petry, Brittany Peppi and Linsey Fields. Sponsor, JoAnn Conn.

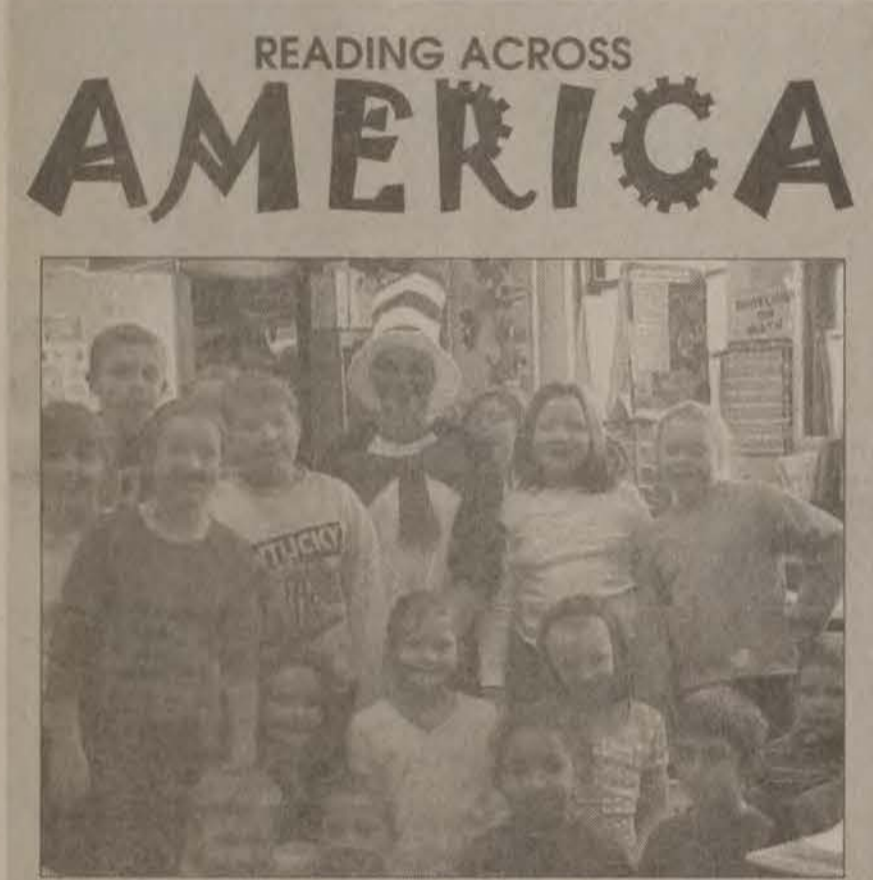


Future problem-solving team: Jacob Burchett, Victoria Petry, Cody McCoy and Nick Conn. Sponsor, Leslie Ousley.



Future Problem-Solving Club

First row: Samantha Osborne, Pam Gibson, Shayne Poynter, Allen Craynor, Micaya Canterbury, Jeff Searls, Cody McCoy, Nicholas Conn and Brittany Coyer. **Second row:** Rachel Gobie, Chris Martin, Sarah Crider, Colten Wills, Seth Setser, Luke Sturgill, Savannah Reno. Sponsor, Leslie Ousley, counselor.



Read Across America was observed at Prestonsburg Elementary on Friday, March 1. Judge Julie Paxton conducted the swearing-in of all students as readers and read a book to the students. Community readers then read to individual classrooms. Shown here is Breanne Harmon as "The Cat in the Hat," who passed out bookmarks to every student. What a great way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday!



Reading is Fun!!!



National physical fitness, grades 3-5

First row: Robbie Thacker and Ashley Poston. **Second row:** Victoria Petry, Halle Hall, Julie Compton, Madison Nunnery and Shanna Hunt. **Third row:** Randy Reynolds, Josh Blackburn, Anthony Hallam, Shane Poynter, Chris Sammons, Ashley Skeens and Tori Hunt. **Fourth row:** Zachary Taulbee, Brandon Hayton, Johnathan Hackworth, Lindsay Fields, Steven Patrick, Chris Schoolcraft and Bridget Clay. Sponsor, Bridget Clay.



Students from Prestonsburg Elementary participated in Jump Rope for Heart, an event to raise money for the American Heart Association. Students in grades first through fifth raised \$722.68 by collecting pledges for jumping rope. It was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved. Students also earned prizes for their hard work. Participating students were Royce Compton, Elizabeth Collins, Tommy Osborne, Rachel Dingus, Mitch Fields, Cheyenne Clifton, Bethany Scarberry, Kala Jarrell, Hannah Walker, Briana Collins, Brittany Davis, Julie Compton, Allison Adams, Craig Cooley, Chris Schoolcraft and Lindsey Fields.



Duke University MAP Program Qualifiers

First row: Chris Martin, Elizabeth baldridge, Victoria Petry, Brad Stanley. **Second Row:** Rachel Gobie, Amber Johnson, Cari Gayheart, Seth Setser, Chris Schoolcraft, Leslie Ousley



Shown here is Royce Compton, top money winner in the Jump Rope for Heart. With her are Mrs. Glendine Hale and Ms. Bridgette Clay, sponsors.

Jump Rope for Heart



Left: Accelerated Reader grade level winners: Jessica Hall, kindergarten; Bethany Scarberry, first grade; and Zachary Meade, second grade. Sponsor, Marthan Damron, library media specialist.

Prestonsburg Reading Winners



Left: Accelerated Reader grade level winners: Lanora Johnson, third grade; Kellie Maynard, fourth grade; and Chris Martin, fifth grade. Sponsor, Marthan Damron, library media specialist.



PRIDE Club, 2001-02: Amanda Miller, Rachel Poston, Jeff Searls, Shawna Riley, Elizabeth Baldrige, Savannah Reno, Sarah Webb, Levi Plummer, Micaya Canterbury, Brittany Coyer, Chris Sammons and Chris Schoolcraft. Sponsor, Phyllis Allison.



The fourth-grade classes at Prestonsburg Elementary visited the State Capitol on Friday, May 3. They also toured the Old Capitol, Daniel Boone's grave and the Vietnam Memorial. Thanks to Rep. Greg Stumbo and Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, who sponsored the picture, and to Ms. Tracie, the bus driver.



Fourth and fifth grade library assistants. Sponsor, Marthan Damron, library media specialist.



Safety patrol, 2001-02: Savannah Reno, Luke Sturgill, Matt Sword, Matt Parsons, Rachael Hall, Reannah Johnson, Christopher Schoolcraft, Alyssa Allen, Linsey Fields, Jacob Burchett, Chris Martin and Sarah Crider. Sponsor, Debra Holland.

CEDAR Coal Fair winners, grades K-2: Mitch Fields, Hannah Hitchcock, Charlie Joseph, Jessica Hall, Elizabeth Collins and Ashley Hayton. Sponsor, Phyllis Allison.



CEDAR Coal Fair winners, grades 3-5: Tyler Whitt, Cassie Whitt, Tori Hunt and Wil Allen. Sponsor, Phyllis Allison.

CEDAR Coal Fair winners



Principal
Ron Hampton

Assistant Principal
Jerry Butcher

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

PHS Vocational Department

Recognizing that students will enter careers lasting 40-plus years, the Prestonsburg High School Vocational Department will assist all students in selecting and preparing for future careers in areas of their choice by the following:

1. Provide students with the skills to succeed and prosper in the real world (practical living/vocational skills).
2. Provide skills to further their education (preparation for further study for certificates, vocational schools and colleges).
3. Provide student opportunities for "hands-on" experience in the use of technology.
4. Provide students leadership opportunities and experience through vocational clubs.
5. Provide awareness that students will have to update and modify skills throughout their careers.

The Business Department at PHS offers a variety of courses related to computer applications, as well as other technology-related curriculum, such as web page design and technology help desk. Financial services I and accounting I are also offered for those students who have an interest in business and banking.

Electronic office provides instruction in office basics and gives students a chance to further develop their skills in using Microsoft Office in realistic business situations.

Students who pursue a concentration of specific courses may qualify for a career major in administrative support services, financial services or general office services, as provided by the Kentucky Department of Education.



Successful completion of a state-administered skills standards test permits students to receive state certification in administrative support services and financial services. These certificates benefit students in their pursuit of a career or postsecondary education in a business-related field.

The Agriculture Department at PHS offers three career areas — horticulture, forestry and natural resources, and production agriculture.

Classes offered in the area of horticulture are landscaping, greenhouse production, floral design, and agriculture business management.

Classes are offered in the three-year rotation for forestry and natural resources are forestry, wildlife management, and soil and water conservation.

Classes for production agriculture are animal technology, horse science, small

animal technology and conservation.

Other classes that will count in any major area are agriscience and technology (a freshman introductory class that covers generalized plant and animal science, along with leadership development), agronomy/botany/zoology integration, agriculture employability skills and others as needed, depending upon the makeup of the class.

In web page design, students develop web pages using basic HTML editors with additional software support. Throughout the course, students learn hypertext markup language (HTML), internet technologies, web design fundamentals and website hosting.

Students participating in the Floyd County Technology Help Desk are responsible for providing technology support and generating work orders for the entities of the Floyd County School

System. Students also provide in-house troubleshooting and support at Prestonsburg High School.

The Prestonsburg High School Vocational Department is composed of four teachers. They are Terri McCoy, Suzanne Stumbo, Tommy Poe and Judy Combs.

Suzanne Stumbo has taught for 24 years and holds a bachelor's degree in horticulture, master's degree in agriculture education, Rank I in vocational education, multiple hours toward a doctorate in vocational education and certification for vocational administration of supervision.

Previously selected as an Outstanding Young Educator by the Kentucky Jaycees, she serves as agriscience and technology teacher, vocational team leader for Floyd County, vocational department chair, professional development coordinator and FFA advisor, as well as serving on multi-

ple committees for school and community. Suzanne teaches landscaping, greenhouse production, floral design, agriculture business management, forestry, wildlife management, soil and water conservation, animal production technology, horse science, small (pet) animal technology, conservation, agronomy/botany and others as needed.

Terri McCoy has taught for 16 years and has an associate's degree in business management (PCC, high distinction), bachelor's degree in business education (Pikeville College, magna cum laude), and a master's degree in secondary education (Morehead State University). Terri received nomination from Who's Who Among America's Teachers the past two years. College students that feel a teacher has made a positive impact on their education may nominate them for this honor. She presently teaches business math, financial services and keyboarding applications/career choices. Terri is the sponsor of Blackcat Bank and co-sponsor of Future Business Leaders of America. She serves on the school and county budget committees.

Judy Combs has a bachelor's degree in business education from the University of Kentucky. She earned a master of business education from Morehead State University and has a Rank I in supervision. She has taught 21 years in Floyd County.

Tommy Poe graduated from Morehead State University in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in comprehensive business education and in 2002 with a master's in business administration with an area of concentration in computer information systems.

PHS Math Department...



The Prestonsburg High School Math Department is composed of six teachers. They are, from left to right, Terry Music, Nellie Hamilton, Sharon Vaughn, Finnicia Compton and Russell Shepherd. Classes offered at PHS include basic algebra, algebra I, algebra II, basic geometry, geometry, probability and statistics, pre-calculus and AP calculus.



T.C. Hatfield has successfully completed a career major in horticulture by completing courses in landscaping, horse and small animal technology, forestry and wildlife management. He has served as an FFA officer and competed in multiple local, regional and state FFA activities, including speech and judging competitions. He received a certificate of recognition for mastering horticulture skills standards.



Gary Whitt finished in fourth place in tractor driving at the UK FFA Field Day. A tractor and wagon must be maneuvered through an obstacle course, pulled into and backed out of a simulated barn, and then parked in a simulated shed. Measurements are taken to determine accuracy of maneuvering the wagon.



Jacob Shepherd won the Computers in Agriculture competition at the UK Spring Competition. This is a contest on using the internet to research a problem, then from information gathered proposing a solution and summary. Jacob plans to pursue a career in forestry.



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