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Driver robbed by hitchhiker

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

SYCAMORE — An Ashcamp man has been charged with first-degree robbery for allegedly taking a Draffin man's money and his car after he "gave him a ride".

According to court documents, Cas Walter Kilgore, 27, was arrested on April 9, pursuant to a criminal complaint sworn by Jeffrey Stewart.

Stewart alleges that he gave Kilgore a ride on March 27 from Sycamore to Ashcamp. The complaint states that Kilgore pulled a gun on Stewart and demanded he pull over and give him his money.

Stewart claims that after Kilgore took \$850 of his money, he then put him out of his vehicle and took it.

The vehicle has since been retrieved.

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Tom Lemaster, 40, of Salyersville, was escorted from his tobacco and grocery store by Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn during his arrest in Garrett Monday morning. Police say undercover investigations revealed that Lemaster and one of his employees allegedly sold drugs out of the store.

Floyd drug task force rounds up 36 suspects

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Tom Lemaster could only watch as several wide-eyed customers left his Garrett tobacco and grocery store in a hurry Monday morning.

Men grabbed their cups of coffee and filed past the four or five police cruisers parked out front, while down the street a crowd of curious onlookers had already gathered outside the post office.

Moments later, the store owner was escorted out the front door, handcuffed but smiling, and reminding police officers to lock his store.

"Store's closed," said Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and turned the sign on the front door before tossing the store keys into the lap of Lemaster's employee, 26-year-old Jason Hicks, of Garrett, who was also handcuffed and smiling from the back of another police cruiser.

Blackburn said investigations suggested that Lemaster, 40, of Salyersville, and Hicks had been selling drugs out of the store, adding that his deputies found an assortment of methadone and Valium tablets in the store owner's front pants pocket during the arrest.

Lemaster and Hicks were arrested on the indictment



West Garrett couple Brian Chaffins and Kristi Evans were among the 36 people accused of dealing drugs arrested Monday morning in the county's largest drug roundup to date. Both Chaffins and Evans were charged with second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, but police say further charges could be pending based on potential evidence found at the scene.

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Officers receive probation, home jail

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A civil rights attorney with the U.S. government, Seth Rosenthal, said Monday that the citizens of Floyd County "could receive assurance that officers are not above the law" as the two who pleaded guilty to violating the rights of Amos Darwin Blackburn during a traffic stop on April 9, 2001, were sentenced to home incarceration and probation in U.S. District Court on Tuesday.

Former Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Bobby Hackworth was sentenced to three years probation, six months of which he will be confined to his home and monitored. He was also charged with a \$2,500 fine.

Hackworth pleaded guilty to violating the rights of Blackburn by allowing Terry Meadows, a Dayton police officer, to use excessive force against Blackburn.

According to witness Montagaile Burkett, the beating of Blackburn occurred while he was handcuffed and face down on the blacktop.

Meadows was sentenced to five years probation, with eight months of that being con-

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Former judge claims vendetta in vote-buying case

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two of the five men recently indicted for allegedly buying votes in Knott County pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court on Tuesday, during an arraignment in which a former Knott County judge, who will be acting as co-counsel for the defendants, proposed that the charges were a result of a vendetta that the FBI had waged against the Slones.

Brady Warren Slone and Ronnie Neal

(See VENDETTA, page three)

Found!

City workers claim \$500 Easter egg prize

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It took only five clues for a trio of city workers to solve The Floyd County Times' Great Easter Egg Hunt.

The newspaper had been conducting a promotion which featured a hunt for one Easter egg hidden somewhere in Floyd County. Inside the egg was a certificate for \$500, and, beginning April 4, the paper offered a new clue as to its where-



From left to right, Wes Collins, Malcolm Slone and David Mike Crisp accepted a \$500 check from Publisher Rod Collins Monday afternoon, after finding the prize egg in The Floyd County Times' Great Easter Egg Hunt.

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Times, three employees sued

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A complaint has been filed in U.S. District Court by Ike Jason England against The Floyd County Times, publisher Rod Collins, managing editor Ralph B. Davis III and staff writer Loretta Blackburn.

England, a resident of Harold, claims that an article in the April 9, edition of the paper did not give a fair and accurate account of the events which transpired in a preliminary hearing for sex abuse charges that had been filed against him.

According to court documents, England, 32, was arrested on March 14, and charged with sexual abuse violations against a woman who alleged she was incapable of consent. The woman further alleged that she had been given a substance that incapacitated her.

In an April 9, article by Loretta Blackburn, the pre-

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■ **ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, Calif.** — Adultery will soon be legal in this small community southwest of Los Angeles.

On Monday, the City Council voted to repeal a 46-year-old ordinance that prohibited immoral conduct, which included extramarital sex. The archaic law, which could result in a \$250 fine or three months in jail, was passed after the city was incorporated in 1957.

Council members weren't endorsing adultery but they took some pleasure in commenting about the ordinance. "So this is a pro-adultery thing?" Councilman James Black joked before the meeting. "Good for us!"

City officials heard about the ordinance after a resident scouring the municipal code mentioned it at a recent forum for City Council candidates. They were unsure if anyone had been cited for breaking the law and couldn't figure out why it was put there in the first place.

"Why this particular law has been dormant and allowed to remain on the books all these years is anyone's guess," City Attorney Mike Jenkins said. "I doubt it had anything to do with the rate of adultery in Rolling Hills."

The ordinance could be formally repealed at the end of May, 30 days after the repeal is given a second reading on April 28.

Rolling Hills Estates, a community of 1,900, is 25 miles southwest of Los Angeles.

■ **CENTER LINE, Mich.** — Although a city ordinance prohibits residents from owning more than 10 pigeons, a man who claims to own special racing pigeons wants a judge to make an exception for his flock of up to 80 birds.

Nikola Dimeski was ticketed after city officials found out about the birds living in a loft in his back yard. They said the birds amounted to a nuisance and a sanitation threat.

But Dimeski has challenged his ticket for two years claiming that he has trained his pigeons to compete in intensive flying

aces that span hundreds of miles.

City officials haven't bought his defense. Judge John Chmura was expected to rule on whether Dimeski's birds are legitimate "racing pigeons" and should be exempt from the ban.

Dimeski could face a \$500 fine or three months in jail if the pigeons are not exempt.

Center Line City Manager Nancy Bourgeois said the city's ordinance was adopted in 1999 after Dimeski's neighbors repeatedly complained about noise and bird droppings. Regardless of whether Dimeski's pigeons are special, Bourgeois said neighbors considered them a nuisance.

■ **GARDNER, Mass.** — A landlord, tired of chasing down tenants who do not pay their rent on time, is giving them a little extra incentive to pony up - the chance to win a free vacation.

Douglas Rau, who has more than 100 tenants across central Massachusetts, held a drawing Friday for all tenants who have paid their rent in full. Resident Pablo Gallero won a four-day, three-night stay for two at a resort in the Bahamas along with \$250 in spending money.

"It's pretty bad that you've got to do this to get people to do what they're already supposed to do on their own accord," Rau said. "But it seems like everybody thinks somebody owes them something."

The vacation package cost Rau about \$1,000, but that pales in comparison to the approximately \$5,000 it can cost to take

a tenant to court to get them evicted and to fix the damage a disgruntled tenant can do to an apartment.

"They don't sweep up and vacuum on their way out the door, if you know what I mean," he said.

Rau said he will hold similar drawings every month, although the prize may not always be as generous.

The gesture already appears to be working. Although some of Rau's tenants were skeptical of the giveaway and called his office to ask what the catch was, four chronically late tenants quickly paid their rent in full after the drawing was announced in March, he said.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — It wasn't lightning that struck twice in the same place; it was a deer.

Workers and patrons at the Curves for Women fitness center saw the deer looking scared and disoriented early Monday.

The animal came running up and went through one window, then exited the same way, manager Tonia O'Hare said. The animal then came back and crashed through a second window, she said.

The deer died after the second crash.

No one in the fitness center was hurt.

■ **LONGMONT, Colo.** — A jury has decided that a 58-year-old woman could go to jail if she doesn't clean up her act.

Betty Rexroad faces up to 180 days in jail and a \$999 fine

after being found guilty of maintaining an offensive property because she refused to clean up trash in her yard and driveway.

"I am very angry," Rexroad said as she left the municipal courthouse Friday. "I am innocent of all charges."

Rexroad's attorney hasn't decided whether to appeal.

Rexroad, who suffers from a neurological disease that limits movement, was fighting an April 2000 ticket. She had previous code violations dating to 1996 when her camper was towed by the city.

Some of the things found in Rexroad's driveway include a wicker shelf and chair, metal frame possibly for a bed, an overturned table with collapsible legs, a wheelchair and lumber.

Rexroad's attorney, George Johnson, told jurors that the debris featured in photos taken by the city didn't bother neighbors and that most of it was ready for a trash pickup while the rest awaited a pickup from a charity.

"She's a nice old lady and she's on oxygen and it takes her a while to get the things out and in shape for pickup," he said.

Sentencing was scheduled for April 24.

■ **VIDOR, Texas** — Curtis Robin Sr. is finally out of the doghouse.

Robin spent each night for the past month - from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. - in a state-owned 2-foot by 3-foot plastic doghouse that prosecutors set up on March 13 in a carport in front of his house.

Robin, 38, was put in the doghouse for whipping his stepson with a car antennae and locking him out of the house during a thunderstorm. He said he still doesn't think the punishment fit the crime.

Police patrolled his house to ensure he was complying with the court order.

He said he was subjected to heckling from passers-by and received a few harassing phone calls and letters. "The worst case was when some people drove by and threw some bottles at me," he said.

The disturbances and curious passers-by kept Robin awake most nights, he said.

As for the punishment, Robin said, "If you want a punishment that fits the crime, then the D.A. needs to come over here and

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 16, the 106th day of 2003. There are 259 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1947, the French ship "Grandcamp" blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the "Highflyer," exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed 576 people.

On this date:

■ In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

■ In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

■ In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

■ In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

■ In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on the NBC Blue Network.

■ In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

■ In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during World War II.

■ In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

■ In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

■ In 1972, "Apollo 16" blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

Ten years ago:

At the White House, President Clinton pressed Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to help ease Japan's persistent trade surplus with the United States. President Clinton received gay and lesbian activists in the Oval Office for a one-hour meeting.

Five years ago:

Paula Jones announced she would ask an appeals court to reinstate her sexual harassment lawsuit against President

Clinton after it was thrown out by a federal judge. Tornadoes claimed 11 lives in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

One year ago:

The Supreme Court overturned two major provisions of the Child Pornography Prevention Act, saying the government went too far in trying to ban "virtual" child pornography. Actor Robert Urich died in Thousand Oaks, Calif., at age 55.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Les Tremayne is 90. Actor Barry Nelson is 83. Actor-director-author Peter Ustinov is 82. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 76. Actress-singer Edie Adams is 74. Jazz musician Herbie Mann is 73. Singer Bobby Vinton is 68. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 63. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 56. Singer Gerry Rafferty is 56. Actress Ellen Barkin is 49. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 40. Rock singer David Piner (Soul Asylum) is 39. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 38. Actor Jon Cryer is 38. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 37. Actor Peter Billingsley is 31. Actor Lukas Haas is 27.

Thought for Today:

"The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved." — Russell Lynes, American editor and author.

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Roundup

warrants for separate counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Earlier in the morning, while apprehending 29-year-old Gary Jacobs at his home in Garrett, police had to contact a court bailiff in Prestonsburg to arrest

Jacobs' wife, Sharon Jacobs, who police learned was appearing in court Monday morning for a traffic violation hearing. Both were charged in separate indictments with individual counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled sub-

stance. This beehive of police activity continued throughout the afternoon, but had started before sunrise.

Blackburn and assisting officers got started on what would eventually become the largest drug roundup in the county's history at the West Garrett residence of Brian Chaffins. Chaffins and his live-in girlfriend, Kristi Evans, were arrested, like the other suspects, on separate indictment warrants on charges of drug trafficking. And like the others, police were confident after a search of their home that additional charges would follow.

"It looks like they've been using this to snort their pills," Blackburn said Monday, displaying two tightly rolled dollar bills, two credit cards and two thin lines of a fine, white powder in a glass ashtray.

This type of evidence could lead to additional charges such as possession of a controlled substance and use or possession of drug paraphernalia, Blackburn said.

As of Tuesday, the couple was charged with individual counts of second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

Prestonsburg Public Safety Operations Manager Stan Farler said Monday afternoon it

seemed the prospects for additional charges stemming from the roundup were better than first imagined.

"We've done real good today," Farler said. "We've got charges far beyond what we even hoped for."

Perhaps one of the more promising instances in this respect came after the arrest of Lancer resident Penny Branham.

Police said that minutes after entering Branham's home, a substantial amount of marijuana was found floating in the toilet and believed she had attempted to dispose of the marijuana when she realized she was about to be arrested. A continued search later produced various smoking pipes, approximately \$1,000 in cash, large amounts of marijuana and other drug-related items.

Branham, whose home sets roughly a block from James D. Adams Middle School, was marched from her home while covering her face with her hands and ultimately charged with two counts of trafficking in marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school and trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, while another charge of use or possession of drug paraphernalia was tacked on after Monday's search.

At the end of the day, mem-

bers of the Floyd County Drug Task Force, led by Blackburn and Prestonsburg Chief-of-Police Mike Omerod, would put 36 people behind bars, executing warrants on 34 alleged drug dealers and taking into custody Franklin McGuire and Harless Marshall, who were arrested on location where warrants were being served and charged with possession of less than eight ounces of marijuana.

Suspects hailed from several areas of the county, including Garrett, Wayland, Maytown, Prestonsburg, Mud Creek, Harold, McDowell, Langley, Martin, Lancer, Banner, Minnie, Estill, East Point and Betsy Layne.

The roundup was triggered after a Floyd County grand jury returned indictments last week based on information gathered during four months of investigative work, Blackburn said.

The indictments, handed down April 8, included charges ranging from selling crystal meth to ecstasy and all but a few of the warrants consisted of class C and D felonies that can result in prison sentences from 1 to 10 years.

Blackburn said that continued support has been a key factor.

"We've been able to increase our undercover investigations and I have to thank the fiscal court for financing to help fight the drugs in Floyd County," Blackburn said Monday evening. "And if the problem continues, then we'll have over 40 more arrests four months from now."

After the task force's first roundup this past December which resulted in 14 arrests, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt

Thompson and the rest of the fiscal court increased the county's support for the task force, providing more resources, including money, vehicles and other equipment, needed to investigate and prosecute alleged drug dealers.

In a statement following the roundup efforts Monday, Thompson said that offering funding for the task force was one sure way to be of help in such an important undertaking.

"The death of one young person from a drug overdose in Floyd County is one death too many," Thompson said. "We have had several such drug-related deaths here lately. We believe that our participation in the Floyd County Drug Task Force is one direct way that the Floyd County Fiscal Court can assist in combating the problem of drug abuse in our county."

Others arrested as of Tuesday include:

■ Sarah Groves, of Eastern, second-degree facilitation to traffic controlled substance.

■ Elizabeth Goble, of Prestonsburg, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance, cultivating marijuana over five plants, possession of marijuana less than eight ounces.

■ Kimberly Mynhier, of Eastern, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ David Greene, of Maytown, first- and second-

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Vendetta

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Slone were the first two of the five to be arraigned, with Jimmy Lee Conley, Jimmy Calhoun and Phillip Slone scheduled to be arraigned on Thursday.

According to Terry D. Jacobs, who served two terms as a Knott County Judge before deciding not to run for re-election, he will be serving as co-counsel for Brady and Ronnie Slone, who are brothers, as well as the uncles of two men convicted in a 1998 vote buying case. Jacobs said that Phillip Slone is of no known relation to the others.

According to Jacobs, the evidence proposed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the same used in the 1998 indictments. He proposed that the bureau neglected to seek charges until the statute of limitations was close to expiring

and appeared to be "playing mind games" with the Slones with the combined indictment.

Jacobs claimed that other information, that he could not disclose at this time, supported his belief that the indictment is part of a vendetta that an agent he did not identify has waged against the Slone family.

Jacobs further stated that the indictments had ruined the reputations of Ronnie and Brady Slone, who had no criminal history. He reported that Brady Slone was a Vietnam veteran who had written a book about his experience.

Entering not guilty pleas for the Slones on Tuesday was Ned Pillarsdorf and Stephen Owens, with the latter saying that he expected the cases to go to trial and that his clients would be exonerated.

Officers

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fined to his home and monitored, for which he would be responsible for paying.

However, Meadows was not fined as an evaluation found that he could not pay one. Meadows' attorney stated that he is no longer in law enforcement.

On behalf of the U.S., Rosenthal filed a downward motion to decrease the sentencing of Meadows, stating that his decision to plead guilty showed that he had accepted responsibility for his behavior and enabled prosecutors to bring a resolution to the case, as his plea also initiated Hackworth's decision to plead.

Rosenthal proposed that an admission of guilt in a case like

this was important to the U.S. government and should not be underestimated, stating that the plea vindicated the testimony of Blackburn and Burkett, as well as the prosecutors' efforts in the case.

In addressing the sensitivity of cases like this, Rosenthal said that as a society people do not want to believe that the people they entrust as police officers break the law.

"When it happens, it is important that they admit it," said Rosenthal.

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liminary hearing for the case was reported upon. The headline of the article, "Officer testifies victim drugged, molested", is part of the complaint filed by England. According to England's complaint, the headline would lead the general public to the conclusion that he was guilty of the crime.

According to the complaint, England alleges that The Times tried to get a negative opinion

formed against him by the public. England says that The Times intentionally withheld the truth from the story and intentionally reported false information. England also says that the article caused great harm to his emotional and mental well being and to his physical well being, character and reputation.

England, who is representing himself, is asking for compensatory damages, punitive damages, loss of future wages, his costs, attorney fees and any other relief that the court deems proper.

The Floyd County Times has not commented on England's complaint at this time.

Found

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abouts in each issue.

Malcolm Slone, Wes Collins and Mike Crisp appeared in The Times' office Monday afternoon with egg in tow to claim their prize.

It was the fifth clue — "Watch out for falling rocks and kudzu" — which tipped off the landscaping workers with the Prestonsburg Public Works Department. Collins said he had spoken to another person who had guessed it could be somewhere near the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center earlier

that day, but he and his coworkers thought it could also be located where they eventually found it at the top of Abbott Mountain.

The three headed to the site on their lunch break, agreeing beforehand to split the money if they found it. And when Slone finally found the egg hidden in a gate post, he remained true to his word.

None of the three men had any immediate plans for their share of the prize.

The five clues Slone, Collins and Crisp used to find the egg were:

- It is in Floyd County.
- It is outside.
- It is on the edge of Prestonsburg city limits.
- Along a road less traveled.
- Watch out for falling rocks and kudzu.

Three clues remained in the contest. They were:

- It is at the top of a mountain.
- You might pass Randy on a rock along the way (a reference to "Randy Rhodes" graffiti spray-painted on a rock overhanging the road on the way up).
- Not Costello, but ... (the answer being "Abbott", of course).

Special housing meeting called

A special-called meeting of the Prestonsburg Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 6 p.m., at the Green Acres Office, in Prestonsburg. The agenda is Capital Funds Program construction.

KSP makes four drug arrests in Pike

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Four Pike Countians were arrested on April 12, at Ramsey trailer park, for trafficking in codeine.

According to court documents, Patrick J. Ethreton, 20, of Lewiston, Michael B. Pepper,

21, of Island Creek, Candi S. Sullivan, 24, of Island Creek, and Tammy M. Hopkins, 31, of Weddington Branch, were all arrested at 3 p.m. by officer Terry Thompson, of Kentucky State Police.

All four were charged with second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Pat Bradley, director of the Mountain Arts Center, helped clean up the area around the MAC on Monday. Bradley, along with several other MAC representatives, cleaned the area around the center and along the highway.

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Guest View

Moore campaign mocks politics

One of the beautiful aspects of American politics is that virtually anyone willing and able to run for elected office can do so.

There exists, however, a line where chasing a dream transforms into a political sideshow that makes a mockery of the electoral process.

State Sen. Virgil Moore, a Leitchfield Republican, has crossed that line. His candidacy for governor has become a distraction to his party and an embarrassment to his region.

Where Moore fails to meet the standards of a legitimate candidate is in how he recently cheapened the electoral process with a bizarre plea to replace his running mate, Don Bell.

For starters, Moore had no business at this hearing trying to piggyback on a significant issue. It should have been an important moment for the Republican Party as it attempted to sort out whether and how U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher would be able to replace Hunter Bates on the ballot.

Beyond being a distraction, Moore raised questions about his credibility and the seriousness of his campaign for what is a very serious office. Moore told Judge William L. Graham that his "running mate is now disabled."

Granted, nobody can truly know what Moore meant by "disabled." But one can take into consideration the words of the man about whom Moore was talking. Bell said he is in "good physical condition" but added in an interview with The Associated Press that he joined the Moore campaign at a "weak moment" and called the decision a "mistake."

Bell's just as culpable as Moore — one must take some responsibility for agreeing on a moment's notice to do something as important as run for lieutenant governor. But at least he's trying to bow out with some dignity.

Moore, however, is pressing on, vowing to continue his campaign with an invisible running mate.

The longer he continues this charade, the more damage he does to his party and a political process in which too many people have already lost interest.

Do everyone a favor, Mr. Moore: Get serious or get out.

— The Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro



Sticks & Stones

Breaking records, building strategy

Before Oxyfest 2001, there weren't a lot of good things to be said about our county's fight against drugs. It was as if before that multi-county effort we were a people in denial, wading around in what we thought to be a knee-deep problem, unaware of how deep the water actually was and without the focus to find real solutions.

Since that time, things have changed. Just a few days after official formation of UNITE, the newest program aimed at eradicating

Eastern Kentucky's rampant drug problem, and less than a month after state police pitched in and made five major arrests in the notoriously drug-infested southern end of the county, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Prestonsburg Police Department donned their Floyd County Drug Task Force hats and went to work Monday morning, arresting 42 county residents suspected of dealing drugs.

And the best part is that all 42 — a record number of arrests for any drug sting in the county's history — have already been indicted by a grand jury.

That's progress. That's as far from wading knee-deep in confusion as one can possibly get.

Police were aware that in order to see the court system make good on their end of the bargain, con-

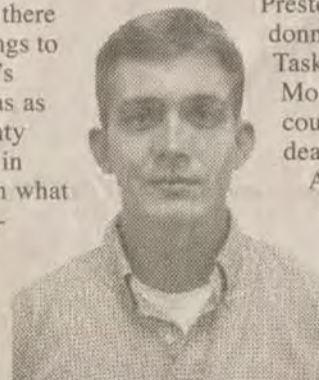
centrated investigations were needed. Again and again there came a call for substantial, if not overwhelming, proof, and police have answered by developing and improving their investigative efforts.

All of this means another step has been made on the long journey toward bringing some sense of civility back into a county that has watched cocaine, meth, heroine, marijuana and prescription drug abuse sweep away our peace of mind.

But these early victories alone will not win the war.

We should continue to raise the bar, strive to make our next goal a little more difficult than the last, just as the drug task force has done.

We should constantly remind ourselves that to fail in these efforts, to relax as we gain ground, could well mean that our children may inherit a county and region that could be, in the end, hardly worth accepting.



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Guest Column

How to free the Iraqis

by SHELDON RICHMAN

In terms of the sheer image, no freedom lover could help but be moved by the scenes of Iraqis stomping on the fallen statue of the vicious dictator Saddam Hussein. Whether or not one thinks the U.S. government should have invaded Iraq (I believe it was an unconstitutional action), one can nevertheless rejoice at the dissolution of a totalitarian state.

President Bush says the goal is to bring freedom to the Iraqi people. I also believe that that is not among the powers delegated to the U.S. central government by the Constitution. But if the president is intent on doing this, I have a suggestion for him: If Iraq has an income tax, abolish it. If Iraq does not have an income tax, do not impose one.

Aside from disbanding Hussein's secret police, almost nothing could advance the freedom of the Iraqi people as much as letting them avoid the snare of an income

tax. When a government has the power to tax incomes, it becomes, in the words of many early American statesmen, "inquisitorial." The last thing the Iraqis need or want is an inquisitorial government.

The power to tax incomes has several necessary implications that would be inconsistent with Iraq's becoming a free country. Taxing incomes logically requires the state to define "income." That may seem straightforward, but it is not. Wages may seem a simple case. But many questions are left to be answered: Should every dollar be taxed? Should there be a personal exemption? An exemption for children? How large? What should be deductible: food, medical care, housing costs, savings? And once government is in the business of defining what is and is not income, it necessarily influences people's behavior. Government then becomes a social engineer — with all the intrusion and political corruption that implies.

Another obvious danger of the income tax is that the government will need to know how much money each person makes and the source of that money. Simply put, the government will not trust the people to tell the truth. There's a

reason for this: few people really believe the government should be able to confiscate their earnings. To be sure, they comply with the law because they fear the consequences of not doing so. But most people eagerly use every provision of the law, and even the gray areas, to keep what they believe is rightfully theirs. That's one of the bad consequences of the income tax: it erodes the otherwise bright line between honesty and dishonesty, between honorable conduct and cheating. The law puts people in the position of having to be dishonest in order to hold on to what is theirs. Once that occurs, some people begin to have trouble making moral distinctions in their dealings with others.

To make sure the taxpayers are telling all, the government will inevitably resort to measures that should discomfort anyone. For example, it will offer bounties to people who snitch on their neighbors. Imagine the government's promising to pay people if they turn in those whom they suspect of not paying taxes! It sounds worthy of Saddam Hussein.

Of course, the tax authorities will also compel third parties to report other people's

income. Banks will have to report interest paid. Corporations will have to report dividends. Even casinos will have to report their customers' winnings. All because the government doesn't want to miss out on a chance to levy its tax.

The upshot is that a major part of the individual's autonomy — financial privacy — disappears if the government taxes incomes. How ironic it would be to overthrow Saddam Hussein's despicable government and then impose (or maintain) an income tax.

I have no doubt that President Bush would like to use our own society as a model of freedom for the Iraqi people, for we Americans enjoy more liberty than almost any other people in the world. Therefore, keeping our shining example in mind, let's make sure the Iraqis are free from the oppressive income tax, because ... Oh, wait — never mind.

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Health Extra

Required eye exams uncovering kids' problems parents didn't suspect

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — Dr. William Reynolds covered the 5-year-old's left eye while the boy read an eye chart. The boy's mother wondered aloud why an exam from an eye specialist was now required to enter Kentucky schools — especially since her

son seemed to see fine.

Then Reynolds covered the boy's other eye, and the youngster piped up, "Oh, that's the eye I don't see out of." Reynolds recalls the stunned mother almost falling out of her chair.

Kentucky's new law, the first in the nation to require a comprehensive vision exam to enter school, meant the boy's problem

was caught in time to cure. Now a study shows that nearly one in seven youngsters examined thanks to the law needed glasses, and an additional 5 percent had major undiagnosed problems.

Lawmakers in other states and Congress are considering similar action to get more youngsters to eye doctors.

An estimated 10 million children age 10 and younger have vision problems. The earlier they're caught, the better. Not only do eye problems hinder learning, but some, such as lazy eye, can lead to virtual blindness if not treated in the first few years of life.

Catching eye problems in pre-schoolers is a tough task for parents and general pediatricians. Like Reynolds' 5-year-old patient, those born with disorders such as nearsightedness, focus problems or lazy eye have no way to know they're not seeing right, and it's easy to miss the subtle signs.

"No child is going to raise their hand and say, 'Mommy, I can't see the TV,'" says Joel Zaba of Virginia Beach, Va., an optometrist and child development specialist who co-authored the Kentucky study with Reynolds.

Instead, kids might squint, or turn their head so the best eye aims at the TV. They might seem restless with books or coloring. Once in school, teachers may report behavior problems that really are bad eyes: If focusing is a strain, "they're going to close the book and kick the kid next to them," Zaba says.

Many children undergo "vision screening" — an eye-chart test, with letters or symbols, to check distance vision — either before school or in early elementary grades.

Often given by a nurse or pediatrician, screenings don't test if eyes focus and shift properly between distances, if eyes work together or are hooked up to the brain correctly to give

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Cardinal Hill telethon to be held April 27

LEXINGTON — Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital will hold its 32nd Annual Telethon Celebration entitled "Celebrate Ability" on Sunday, April 27. The Celebration will be broadcast live on WKYT-TV 27 in Lexington, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on WYMT-TV 57 in Hazard, from 12 to 6 p.m. The goal of the Telethon is to raise \$300,000 in support of the specialty hospital.

Each year Ambassadors are featured during the Telethon. These individuals are current or former patients who represent the nearly 7,000 people treated at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital annually. They also exemplify the spirit of Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital and personify the ideal that individuals with disabilities can live successful and independent lives.

The 2003 Ambassadors include Ben Brown, 21, of Winchester, Ky., who suffered a spinal cord injury while serving in the United States Navy in Naples, Italy; Katlin Kyle, 5, of Lexington, Ky., who lives with Familial Spastic Paraparesis, an inherited spinal cord disorder characterized by gradual development of muscle weakness, spasms and stiffness of the legs; and Joe Hammond, 74, of Wilmore, Ky., who has pulmonary fibrosis, a condition where the air sacs of the lungs are replaced with scar tissue,

which decreases the amount of oxygen transferred into the bloodstream.

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is the largest provider of acute physical rehabilitation in the region-serving patients of any age. The hospital has a 108-bed inpatient facility and a full-service outpatient center, which provides comprehensive medical and nursing care, physical, occupational, speech and respi-

ratory therapies, a preschool and an adult day health program. In 2002, Cardinal Hill provided more than \$730,000 of uncompensated care to patients from 88 of Kentucky's 120 counties as well as the surrounding states. To make a tax-deductible gift by phone, call 859-367-7162, or mail your gift to the Cardinal Hill Foundation, 2050 Versailles Road, Lexington, Ky., 40504.

Less than four weeks remain to register for disaster aid

RICHMOND — Less than four weeks remain for residents of Kentucky's 30 disaster counties to call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Commonwealth of Kentucky to register for disaster assistance. The deadline is May 13.

So far, 3,843 Kentuckians have registered for assistance. FEMA, the SBA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky have approved more than \$5.5 million in loans and grants to help individuals recover from February's winter storms.

Registering is fast and as easy as dialing 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The number is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Those with speech or hearing

impairments may call the TTY line at 1-800-462-7585.

"Even if you think insurance will cover all of your damages, you should still register with FEMA and the Commonwealth as having been impacted by the storm," cautioned Cash Centers, Assistant Director of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. "That will document your situation should hidden damages surface in the months ahead."

Federal and state disaster recovery officials urge those who have not done so to apply as soon as possible. Applicants who were referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration for a low-interest disaster loan are encouraged to return their application packets as soon as possible. There are still two SBA disaster workshops still open in the state to assist home and business owners with their applications. One office is in Lexington, the other in Vanceburg.

"In past disasters, home and business owners discovered uninsured new damages after the deadline had passed", said Thomas J. Costello, FEMA's Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer overseeing Kentucky's recovery. "That makes it more challenging to help them".

The disaster counties are: Anderson, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliot, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Letcher, Leslie, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Woodford.

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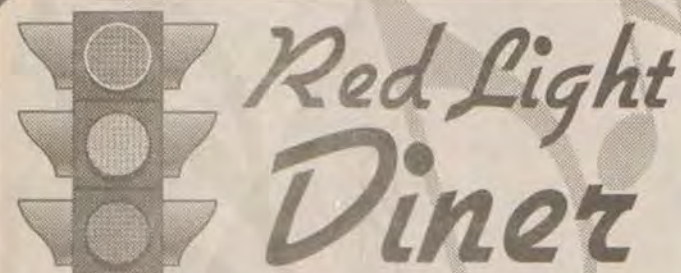
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realistic images. And most only check for nearsightedness when pre-schoolers more often are farsighted, says Reynolds, a Richmond optometrist.

Some pediatricians do additional checks, such as seeing if a baby follows bright objects and if eyes are completely aligned. But there are no strict standards, and only 14 percent of children under age 6 have received a comprehensive eye exam, says the Vision Council of America.

The Kentucky law, which went into effect in July 2000, is sparking interest. Similar legis-

lation has been introduced in New York, and is under consideration in Arkansas, Georgia, Nebraska and New Hampshire, says Reynolds. Federal legislation that would help states fund eye-exam programs is expected to be introduced this spring.

Meanwhile, what should parents do?

An exam from an eye professional by age 3 is a good idea even if a child displays no signs of problems, says Dr. James Donovan of the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans.

Watch for signs of vision

problems, including: an eye that slightly turns in or out; squinting; closing one eye or turning the head when focusing; avoiding coloring or books; clumsiness or becoming easily frustrated during play or, for older children, study.

In the most common form of lazy eye, formally called amblyopia, one eye is weaker than the other and the brain begins ignoring the poorer eye, rendering it

useless.

The signs may be apparent only in retrospect, cautions Sandy Basham of Garfield, Ky. Her granddaughter, MaKailye Thomas, never squinted or acted like she didn't see something pointed out to her, but simple preschool work was exhausting, something Basham now knows was eye strain.

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Odds

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spank me because that's all I did to Zachary. I never made him sleep in a doghouse."

Authorities began investigating Robin after neighbors saw his stepson, Zachary Wieggers, sleeping outside during a heavy rainstorm. Prosecutors said Robin repeatedly locked the child out of the house during the summer of 2001, and on at least one occasion the boy was forced to take shelter in a doghouse.

Zachary, now 13, lives with his father, Rex Wieggers, and stepmother in Hobe Sound, Fla.

■ VALDOSTA, Ga. — It was a first for the bride, the groom and even the judge.

Andrea Boyd and James Evans were married last week by telephone and the couple spent their first day as husband and wife separated by thousands of miles.

The couple met two years ago and Evans, 22, proposed in December shortly before his Air Force squadron was sent to the Middle East. Boyd, 23, said she knew right away that Evans was the one.

"I liked him straight away," Boyd said. "He is everything I ever wanted."

The couple had planned a summer marriage, but Evans decided to do it sooner. He told Boyd, who works at a department store, he wanted her to be taken care of by the military if something happened to him. Evans is part of the 823rd Security Force Squadron based at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta.

On Tuesday, Boyd and Probate Judge Judy Mullis drove to the Air Force base to join Capt. Randy Hicks for the ceremony.

Hicks placed the call to the Middle East, and Mullis performed the ceremony over a speakerphone.

It was a first telephone wedding for Mullis, a judge for 16 years, who said the marriage was legal. The marriage license was signed by Boyd and faxed to Evans, who signed and had it notarized.

Evans had about 30 people on his end of the line. Boyd was joined by a photographer, Mullis and Hicks, who served as a witness. The couple plan another ceremony after Evans returns home.

■ ELKHART, Ind. — It's been two years since Mojo the cat scampered off and vanished, but Lisa Hoogenboom hasn't given up hope that she'll someday find her beloved tabby.

Hoogenboom has placed classified ads with the cat's photo in her local newspaper ever since Mojo disappeared. And to keep tips rolling in, she's also offering a \$1,000 reward to the person who finds the feline.


The black-and-white cat ran off two years ago when the pet carrier Hoogenboom was carrying him in broke between the car and their front door after a trip to the vet.

Mojo bolted and hasn't been seen since.


Although some people have told Hoogenboom she's crazy to care so much about a cat to keep up the search for so long, she said they just don't understand the love that exists between animal owners and their pets.

"We don't have kids that live with us. Pets become your family members. Wouldn't you keep looking for your kid? You wouldn't give up," she explained.

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There will be no county-wide pickup of garbage and/or white goods by the Floyd County Road Department during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup this year, as has been the case in prior years. The Floyd County Fiscal Court **will be paying for tipping fees** at the Garth Transfer Station at Osborn Branch (Garth Hollow), however, **for all non-commercial garbage, white goods and other trash and materials hauled by private citizens** and accepted at the Garth Transfer Station during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup period from April 12, 2003, through April 26, 2003. In addition to paying the tipping fees for such non-commercial items, the Floyd County Fiscal Court will be conducting the following 2003 PRIDE Spring Cleanup projects:

District 1: 1. Dump near mouth of Big Branch of Bull Creek
2. Dump near midpoint of Left Fork of Abbott Creek

District 2: 1. Dump at Estill Bridge
2. Dump on Glo Road

District 3: 1. Dump at head of Neds Fork
2. Dump at head of Frasures Creek

District 4: 1. Dump at Pike-Floyd Hollow
2. Dump near mouth of Little Mud Creek
3. Roadside litter cleanup by volunteers of Kentucky Route 979 at Big Mud Creek

Judge/Executive: 1. Dump at head of Caleb Fork of Weeksbury
2. Assistance in campus cleanup at Prestonsburg Community College

Disaster recovery aid tops \$5 million; nearly one-fifth going to Floyd

RICHMOND — With more than \$5 million in federal and state disaster assistance approved for families affected by February's winter storms, 52 Kentucky counties continue to make strides toward recovery more than a month later.

Here is a summary of assistance to date:

■ Applications for individual assistance have been received from 3,736 residents in the 30 declared counties since President Bush declared the disaster on March 14th.

■ Grants totaling \$5 million dollars have been approved to aid Kentucky families and businesses recover from the February storms.

■ Disaster housing assistance checks totaling \$3.3 million have been approved to assist homeowners and renters with temporary housing and minor home repairs.

■ Checks totaling \$1.6 million have been approved to help with other needs such as medical, dental, funeral, transportation, moving and storage expenses.

■ FEMA inspectors have completed 2,113 property inspections.

■ Officials are currently processing 2,793 requests for Individuals and Households (IHP) assistance. These funds may be used to cover serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other programs.

■ The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$409,400 in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses.

■ To date, 148 applicants have made requests for an estimated \$44 million in reimbursement assistance through FEMA's Public Assistance program for repair of public infrastructure, emergency protective measures, and debris removal.

■ Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available through the Kentucky Department for Employment Services for those who lost income because of the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits. The deadline for filing an application is 30 days after the disaster announcement for a given county.

■ 2,385 residents have called

the FEMA Helpline (1-800-621-3362) for answers to questions about their application.

■ Individuals and businesses can still apply for disaster assistance by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-3362. (TTY: 1-800-462-7585) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The application deadline is May 13.

■ While most assistance offered under government programs covers basic needs only and will not compensate individuals for their entire loss, disaster recovery programs can give a helping hand on the road to recovery.

■ FEMA and Kentucky Emergency Management (KyEM) Mitigation teams continue to work with state and local governments to identify potential projects that will reduce the impact of future disaster damages.

Individual Assistance by County

County	App.	Amount
Anderson	28	\$1,268
Breathitt	64	\$245,055
Carter	299	\$397,183
Clark	31	\$87,664
Clay	32	\$77,197
Elliott	*	\$20,019
Estill	28	\$59,762
Fayette	796	\$222,673
Fleming	*	\$41,382
Floyd	351	\$969,628
Greenup	323	\$326,400
Johnson	122	\$268,022
Knott	44	\$50,737
Knox	90	\$139,382
Lawrence	54	\$146,229
Leslie	48	\$69,292
Letcher	65	\$97,814
Lewis	654	\$382,753
Magoffin	29	\$88,454
Martin	107	\$371,813
Mason	38	\$4,963
Menifee	26	\$85,029
Morgan	24	\$61,004
Nicholas	28	\$9,852
Owsley	*	\$30,102
Perry	83	\$121,673
Pike	180	\$444,744
Powell	27	\$75,022
Rowan	69	\$98,757
Woodford	55	\$10,938.44

(See JUDGES, page ten)

(*Denotes fewer than 20 applicants)

Judge reprimanded for sexual relationship with litigant

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A former Pike County judge has been reprimanded by the Judicial Conduct Commission for engaging in a sexual relationship with a woman involved in a child custody case.

Pike County Circuit Judge Charles E. Lowe Jr. could have been removed from office if he had not already resigned, said Stephen D. Wolnitzek, chairman of the commission.

"The conduct of the judge shocks the conscience of the commission, and it finds unanimously that he disregarded the requirement of absolute impartiality to serve his own personal interests," Wolnitzek wrote in the public reprimand issued Monday.

Lowe gave no reason for his resignation in a one-sentence letter he sent last week to Gov. Paul Patton and Chief Justice Joseph Lambert. The resignation

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Obituaries

Sharon Burke Robinson

Sharon Burke Robinson, 37, of Deane, died Tuesday, April 8, in an ATV accident.

Born January 25, 1966, at Chicago, Illinois, she was a daughter of Evelyn Fields Burke of Beattyville, and the late Joe Burke Sr. She was a caregiver and college student.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher and Kenneth Robinson.

Other survivors include a son, Mark Anthony Mullins of Deane; a step-son, Cody Robinson; a daughter, Clarissa Lynn Mullins of Deane; and three brothers, Joe Burke Jr. of Ermine, Kenneth Wayne Burke and James David Burke II, both of Beattyville.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 11, 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Danny Quillen officiating.

Burial was in Martin Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Thomas Lloyd Spradlin

Thomas Lloyd Spradlin, 78, of Ada, Ohio, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Born December 5, 1924, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Thomas A. and Laura A. (Spradlin) Spradlin.

He was first married to Opal J. Ray on September 27, 1943, and she died on April 23, 1979. He later married Josephine Hackworth Cheney on May 1, 1981, and she died July 30, 1997.

He retired, after 38 years, from Ford Motor Company of Lima, where he worked as a millwright. He was a member of the Ada Masonic Lodge No. 344, F&AM, a member of UAW Local 1219 retirees of Lima, Ohio; and a life member of the Ada VFW Post 9381. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

Survivors include two sons, Gary (Diane) Spradlin of Lima, Ohio, and Larry (Claudia) Spradlin of Ada, Ohio; two stepsons, Bill (Belinda) Cheney, and Ronnie (Brenda) Cheney, both of Ada, Ohio; one sister, June Spradlin Hall of Ada, Ohio; two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 18, 1 p.m., at Hanson-Neeley Funeral Home, Ada, Ohio, with Rev. Gene Webb officiating.

Burial will be in the Preston Cemetery, Alger, Ohio.

Visitation will be at the funeral home, after 5 p.m., on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

(Paid obituary)

Helena Rubestine Clark Hall

Helena Rubestine Clark Hall, 76, of Lexington, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Born in Pike County, June 28, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Nie Clark Clark and Willie E. Clark. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Pikeville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bobby) Hall.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Scott Hall and Dennis Lee Hall, both of Lexington; one brother, William Paris (Billy) Clark of Somerset; three grandchildren, Robert Scott Hall II, Dennis Allen Hall, and Jason Coolidge Hall; and one great-grandchild, Jacob Gage Hall.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Willie Edford Hall, and one brother, James Andrew (Butch) Clark.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 15, at the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikeville.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

The register book may be signed at www.jwcallfuneral-home.com

(Paid obituary)

Richard L. Tackett

Richard L. Tackett, age 71, of David, husband of Margie Shepherd Tackett, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born January 17, 1932, in Floyd County, a son of the late Greenbury and Emma Hamilton Tackett. He was a disabled veteran, and attended the Martin First Baptist Church and Caney Bible Church, and was a lifetime member of the Betsy Layne Chapter of the DAV.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Dana Tackett of Grethel, and Rita Merrill of Beattyville; two brothers, Ermal Tackett of Harold, and Willie D. Tackett of South Shore; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were one son, Rick Tackett; three brothers, Donnie Tackett, Joe Lykins, and Tauby Lykins; and one sister, Clara Clark.

Funeral services for Richard L. Tackett were held Tuesday, April 15, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Russ Taylor officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Von Bailey, Dwayne Akers, Brad Kimbler, Dale Kimbler, Warren Merrell, and Milford Clark.

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Fannie Newman

Fannie Newman, age 78, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

She was born September 20, 1924, in Beaver, a daughter of the late Ben Tackett and Martha Jane Tackett. She was a retired Aramark Company employee, and a former member of the Teamsters Union, Local No. 651, Lexington.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Lea Hughes of Indianapolis, Indiana, Debra Lynn Newman of Lexington; one sister, Mae Howell of Londonderry, Ohio; one grandson, Byron Hughes and one great-granddaughter, Hannah Michelle Hughes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Curt Tackett and Jim Tackett; six sisters, Viola Bailey, Mellie Moore, Hannah Meade, Cora Booth, Mary Hall, and Ella Burgey.

Funeral services for Fannie Newman will be conducted Wednesday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Sign the register for the family at www.hallfuneralservice.com

(Paid obituary)

Pearl Allen Lee

Pearl Allen Lee, of Baker Court, Richmond, widow of H.G. Lee, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. She was a retired bookkeeper.

She was the beloved mother of William H. (Sharon) Lee of Negaunee, Michigan, Troy A. (Cynthia) Lee of Nicholasville, James A. (Mary Ann) Lee of Winchester, and Gary (Brenda) Miller of DeForest, Wisconsin. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael "Jack" Lee; and one brother, Kendall Allen.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, April 16, at 1 p.m., at the Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home, in Richmond, with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating.

Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, and granddaughters.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Arnold Hicks

Arnold Hicks, age 80, of David, husband of Nadine Hale Hicks, passed away Friday, April 11, 2003, in the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

He was born February 19, 1923, in Hippo, the son of the late Dave Hicks and Ruby Allen Hicks. He was a member of the Emma Methodist Church, at Emma, a retired field worker for Inland Gas Company, and a U.S. Army, World War II veteran.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Nadine, include two daughters, Leora Hicks of David, and Melissa Hicks Allen of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Willis Hicks of Hippo, and Hargis Hicks of Xenia, Ohio; three sisters, Nora Ousley of Grass Lake, Michigan, Clara Hale of Huesville, and Gladys Tussey of Utica, Ohio; two grandchildren, Rowdy Davis and Sarah Allen; and three great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Josh and Jordan Davis.

Funeral services for Arnold Hicks were conducted Monday, April 14, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Paul Aiken officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Claude J. Allen, Greg Davis, Rowdy Davis, Craig Hicks, Gary Hicks, Doug Hackworth, Ricky Joseph, Scottie Ousley, and Denzil Hale.

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We, the family of Tramble Turner, would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Chester Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and as always, the professional, courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF TRAMBLE TURNER

Card of Thanks

The family of Freda Conley Scott wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who gave food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergymen Bethel Bolen, Jerry Manns, and Donnie Hackworth, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF FREDA CONLEY SCOTT

Card of Thanks

The family of Crit Mitchell Jr., wishes to sincerely thank all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. We greatly appreciate the many expressions of sympathy, which included cards, flowers, food, prayers, kind words, and cherished memories. We offer a special thank-you to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, Dr. Vicher and the nursing staff of the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital for all their special care, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember the kindness each of you showed our family.

THE FAMILY OF CRIT MITCHELL JR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Sharon Burke Robinson, (wife of Christopher K. Robinson, daughter-in-law of Kenny and Imajean Robinson of Martin), would like to thank Pastor William Jarrell, and church singers; and pastor Danny Quillen and singers.

There are so many to thank that we cannot list all of the names. Here is a very special thanks to all of you, for the flowers, food, police, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

THE FAMILY OF SHARON BURKE ROBINSON

Disaster officials establish fraud hotline

RICHMOND — The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Agency are working to identify the small percentage of disaster assistance applicants who try to cash in on the misfortune of others. The agencies have established a toll-free fraud hotline to report suspected fraud, waste and abuse of disaster assistance. The number is 1-800-323-8603.

"Managing a multi-million dollar disaster program always

means walking a fine line between bringing speedy service to those who need it and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are not misused," said Thomas J. Costello, deputy federal coordinating officer, overseeing Kentucky's recovery.

Making false statements to a FEMA inspector is itself a prosecutable offense under Title 18 of the United States Code. Potential cases of fraud or misuse are referred to the U.S. Justice Department for prosecution.

Penalties for felony offenses can be severe.

"A number of methods are used to detect fraud," said Malcolm Franklin, director of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. "An automated system cross-checks information with other agencies and insurance companies to weed out duplicate applications. Field inspections are then conducted to verify losses and damages."

Applicants who made a mis-

take when reporting damage or may have misrepresented their losses have the opportunity to withdraw or correct their application and prevent prosecution.

Individuals may correct the information by calling FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

The number is operational from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those with speech or hearing impairments may call 1-800-462-7585.

Anyone who knows of someone who has filed false damage claims or perpetrating any other

disaster-related fraud, may report the incident to the Fraud Hotline at 1-800-323-8603.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office also investigates claims of fraud. Their number is 1-888-432-9257.

Roundup

degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Kenneth Brown, of Langley, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Johnny Owens, of West Garrett, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Connie Owens, of Garrett, first-degree complicity to traffic in controlled substance.

■ Delmas (Pete) Hall, of Estill, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Larry Michael Johnson, of Garrett, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Robert (BoBo) Owens, of West Garrett, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Justin Slone, of Garrett, first- and second-degree traf-

ficking in controlled substance.

■ Brandon Endicott, of Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance, trafficking in controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ Charles Steve Goodman, of Eastern, first- and second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Darrell Bentley, of Minnie, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Sophia Bentley, of Minnie, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Judy Hicks, of Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Derrick W. Hoover, of

Eastern, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Jessica Jarrell, of East Point, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance, two counts of third-degree trafficking in controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces.

■ Jason Jarrell, of East Point, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance, two counts of third-degree trafficking in controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces.

■ Steve Wright, of Martin, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Charles Newsome, of Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Paul R. Setser, of West Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Jesse Compton, of Prestonsburg, two counts of first-degree trafficking in controlled substance, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ James Dixon, of Prestonsburg, first-degree complicity to traffic in controlled substance.

■ Brad Hamilton, of Prestonsburg, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Christopher Francis, of Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

■ Dave Francis, of Indiana, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

There remain seven sealed indictments, according to police. One suspect is out of the state, three live in another county, one is in jail in Lexington and two are still being sought in Floyd County.

9-year-old mauled in dog attack

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

ENDICOTT — The grandmother of a 9-year-old girl who received 15 stitches after an alleged attack by a German shepherd says that authorities were unable to take custody of the animal as the man charged with harboring it gave it to a person in Magoffin County.

According to court documents, Woody Jarrell, of Endicott, was charged with harboring a vicious animal on April 2, after the animal allegedly attacked the girl from Wheelwright.

The child's grandmother,

Katie Johnson, stated that this was the second time that the dog had attacked her granddaughter. She stated that the first time resulted in a bruise to the girl's face while this time she received 15 stitches in her face at Highlands Regional Medical Center on March 25.

Johnson stated that when authorities took the paperwork to pick up the dog from Carrie and Woody Johnson, who are the in-laws of the child's mother, they informed them that had given the dog to someone in Magoffin County.

"She's lucky she's alive," said Johnson in reference to the seriousness of the attack.

Johnson expressed fear that the animal may hurt another child before being located.

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By: Tammy Dillon Gray

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The Big Sandy Area Quilt, Art, and Antique Show will be held on Friday, May 2, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. Art, quilts, and antiques will be on display. Bring your own personal items on Saturday, as an antique appraiser will be available to appraise them. Presentations will also be given concerning

the effect the Civil War had on the people throughout the Big Sandy area.

This is an area event. If you are interested in displaying your quilts, artwork, or antiques, or if you would like further information, please contact the Johnson County Extension Service at 789-8108. Quilts will be registered at the Ramada Inn on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Jenkins man arrested for drugs, endangering minor

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Jenkins man, Tony M. Smith, 41, has been arrested and charged with several charges including endangering the welfare of a minor for allegedly smoking cocaine beside of a child.

According to court docu-

ments, Smith was arrested on April 11, after Prestonsburg City Police received a complaint from Tiger Mart that a man was smoking cocaine in his car while a young girl was beside of him in the backseat.

Smith was also charged with two counts of first-degree possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia for

allegedly possessing a green plastic bag with what appeared to be several items of drug paraphernalia under his feet at the time of his arrest.

He is currently being held on a \$10,000 cash bond and was indicted in April for trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bogus prescription results in arrest

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Florida woman has been charged with attempting to secure a prescription after a man claiming to be a dentist from McDowell called it in to Rite Aid on Saturday.

According to an arrest warrant, Kimberly Salzgeber, 32, of Ruskin, Fla., was arrested on

April 12, and charged with falsely attempting to obtain a controlled substance via a prescription that was allegedly called in by a man pretending to be Dr. Denver Tackett.

Police received a complaint from Rite Aid in Highland Plaza, informing them of the call from a man that did not give a proper identification number when he called in the prescription for an "Eric Rowe."

Officer Mike Conn responded to the scene and went behind the counter to wait for someone to pick up the prescription, which was Salzgeber at approximately 4:35 p.m. She stated that a man by the name of "Jim Chaney" gave her the information on Rowe and asked if she would pick up the prescription for him, claiming that she came by Rite Aid unaware of the alleged fraud.

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The Opening Night reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, but this year it will be oriented towards activities for families and children. Set in Oz, complete with a Yellow Brick Road, Rainbow and lots of green in the Emerald City, there will be games and activities galore. Children can watch a Magician and Balloon artist perform, play Carnival Games including a ring toss, bean bag toss, Nerf Basketball, Putt Putt Golf and visit booths to have their faces painted! Any children wearing a

Wizard of Oz costume can be included in a group photo taken on stage prior to the show. Photos with Dorothy and other characters will be available for a limited time during the reception.

As usual, there will be a Silent Auction to benefit Jenny Wiley Theatre, this year with items focused for children and families. Items will include Restaurant Gift Baskets; tickets to King's Island, Kentucky Kingdom, the Louisville Science & Learning Center and other Parks and Museums; a Breakfast for Four with Dorothy; a Wizard of Oz Quilt; Dance Classes; a Wizard of Oz basket; Jenny Wiley Theatre

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*Jenny Wiley Theatre receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, Paintsville Tourism and the Kentucky Arts Council.

Judges

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was effective Monday, the same day the commission issued the reprimand.

Wolnitzek said the commission began an investigation after a woman filed a complaint against Lowe. Wolnitzek said Lowe admitted to the relationship with the woman but denied that intimacy occurred while her cases were pending.

Lowe couldn't be reached for comment. No one answered calls to his home in Pikeville on Monday.

Debbi Hylton-Mullins, a former Pike County trial commissioner, claimed she had a five-year affair with Lowe in exchange for favorable treatment in the adoption case. She told the commission about the alleged affair in a letter last October.

In the letter, Hylton-Mullins said she and her former husband, James H. Hylton, adopted a child in 1990 but that the biological mother decided to revoke the adoption and asked the court to return the 18-month-old child.

Hylton-Mullins, a crime-victims' advocate in the county attorney's office between 1991 and 1998 in Pike County, said she was afraid several factors might cause her to lose custody when the case reached circuit court. She said that's why she became involved with the judge.

Court records show Hylton-Mullins divorced Hylton on March 7, 1994. Lowe signed the decree. She is now married to Pike County District Judge Darrel Mullins.

Hylton-Mullins, who couldn't

be reached Monday for comment, said in the letter that she worried for 10 years about losing her child. She decided to file the complaint against Lowe after being fired twice from courthouse jobs, first as a court-designated worker and as trial commissioner.

The commission found that Lowe failed to observe high standards of conduct to preserve the integrity, independence and impartiality of the judiciary. Lowe also violated judicial canon by not disqualifying himself from a case in which his partiality might reasonably be questioned.

Since Lowe already has resigned, Wolnitzek said the public reprimand is the most severe sanction the commission can impose.

A judicial selection committee will consider replacements for Lowe. That committee will submit names of their top three choices to Patton, who will choose one of the three to serve in the post until the next regular election.

Chief Regional Judge Stephen N. Frazier will appoint special judges to fill in on Lowe's former cases that Pike County's other circuit judge, Eddie Coleman, can't fit into his schedule.

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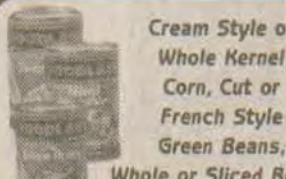
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Miner who refused to violate blasting requirements gets settlement

by ROGER ALFORD
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PIKEVILLE — A coal miner who resigned rather than detonate blasts that could have bombarded homes with rocks will receive \$142,500 from his former employer.

Oat Marshall, who is being heralded as a hero by some coalfield residents, claimed in a lawsuit that he refused to buckle under pressure to violate state blasting requirements.

The Jackson man had said previously that he feared setting off the blasts might have injured people or damaged property in the Letcher County community of Deane. He couldn't be reached for comment on Monday.

Marshall, a blasting supervisor, resigned in August 2001 and filed a lawsuit in November 2001 against El Dorado Chemical Co. and Consol of Kentucky, claiming that by pressuring him to vio-

late state requirements the companies had essentially forced him from his job. El Dorado was a blasting contractor for Consol.

The lawsuit was scheduled for trial Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

"My client walked away from a good-paying job based on the fact that they had asked him to do something illegal," said Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf. "People in his position find themselves between a rock and hard place. If an employer asks you to do something wrong, you have the right to walk off the job and refuse."

Pillersdorf acknowledged Monday that the settlement had been reached. He also acknowledged the amount of the settlement.

Neither Bruce Cryder, a Lexington attorney representing Consol, nor Randall Scott May, a Hazard attorney representing El Dorado, could be reached for comment Monday.

Lucious Thompson of Letcher County, a member of the environmental group Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, said Marshall should be thanked not just for refusing to detonate blasts that could have injured people, but also for setting an example for other blasters who might be asked to violate the law.

"This will let coal companies know that employees are not going to do what they're told to do if that puts people's lives in jeopardy," Thompson said. "I call him a hero."

Carla Anderson, also of Letcher County, said Marshall should be praised for standing up for coalfield residents.

"It's a good thing, what he did," said Anderson, who says her home has been damaged by blasting at coal mines in the McRoberts area. "I wish someone would stand up for us in McRoberts."

Marshall, who earned \$37,000 a year, said in the law-

suit that the company's actions caused him to lose earnings and suffer mental stress. He asked for actual and punitive damages.

Marshall said previously that he had to blast on the Letcher County mountainside carefully because about 15 homes were near the mine site.

Consol of Kentucky had been cited three times between July and September 2001 for detonating blasts that caused rocks to fly off the mine site. Two of those violations were reported while Marshall was working at the site.

Pillersdorf said his client deserves the praise he has received for resigning.

"He was courageous," Pillersdorf said.

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Roster set for Ky. Football Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Top prep football players from Kentucky and Tennessee will be in Commonwealth Stadium on

Friday, June 20 for the annual Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game. Kickoff is 6 p.m. Tickets for the game are \$10 each.

Locally, Paintsville's Ryan Brown will represent the area. Brown has signed to play col-

lege football for James Madison University. Breathitt County quarterback Justin Haddix is another Eastern Kentucky product on the Kentucky roster. Haddix is headed to Western Kentucky University.

A complete roster for the Kentucky All-Stars follows.

Ricky Abren (Hopkinsville); Andrian Allen (Christian County);

(See ROSTER, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell
Soccer teams from Floyd County made the trip to Belfry over the weekend. Teams from both groups play in the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association.

UPDATE

Prestonsburg's Fannin appears headed to Georgetown

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN - Following a weekend visit to Georgetown College, one area senior appears closer to a decision on college.

Prestonsburg senior Mikeal Fannin, who in the fall wrapped up a stellar prep career with another 1,000-yards rushing season, is close to signing with Georgetown where he'll continue his education and playing career.

The Georgetown football team held its annual Orange-Black scrimmage and pig roast on Saturday. Fannin, upon attending, was able to take in the game.

Other area players on the Georgetown College roster

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

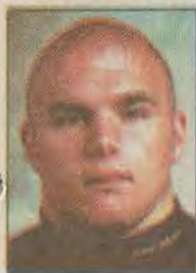
Leslie, Stepp get OL starts in spring game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Two Eastern Kentucky natives got the call to start for the Marshall Green team in Saturday's annual Green-White Game at Marshall Stadium. Prestonsburg graduate Nathan Leslie and Sheldon Clark product Joey Stepp each started



Leslie



Stepp

along the Green offensive line. The Green team, comprised of the starting offense and defense, downed the White squad 50-41.

Stepp, who came to Marshall as a walk-on, started at a tackle. Leslie, who less than two weeks ago was moved from the defensive line to offensive line, started at a guard.

Stan Hill quarterbacked the No. 1 offense which totaled six touchdowns and a field goal. Hill completed 10 of 13 passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns with an interception. Butchie Wallace led all rushers with 69 yards and two touchdowns on six carries, and Earl

(See SPRING, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Members of the Betsy Layne baseball team gathered in prior to the start of an inning against Prestonsburg.

H.S. SOFTBALL

Lady Rebs squeak past Betsy Layne

Six-run inning lifts AC

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE - The Allen Central Lady Rebels gave their supporters a scare on Monday evening before coming away with a 12-11 come-from-behind win in the final at-bat over a good Betsy Layne Ladycat team.

Allen Central took the early lead in the game by scoring four times in the top of the first inning. Tiffany Turner led off with a base hit and after a strikeout Amber Scott followed with another hit for the Lady Rebs. Jessica Isaac scored two runners on another base hit and came around to score the third run of the inning for Allen Central. Betsy Layne

(See REBS, page two)

Betsy Layne beats P'burg in first district meeting

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - The Bobcat bats were alive Monday night in Allen against visiting Prestonsburg and the end result was a 14-4 Betsy Layne win in five innings of Mercy Rule baseball.

Betsy Layne held a 1-0 lead before trailing 2-1 after two innings.

Adam Dixon and Jarred McGuire each scored for Prestonsburg in the second inning to allow the

Blackcats to take the lead.

The Bobcats emerged with a strong presence in the third inning, leading 7-2 at the end of the frame. Betsy Layne pitcher Jordan Kidd helped get things going for his team by reaching base on a fielder's choice. Kidd and six other Betsy Layne players crossed home plate in the inning.

The Bobcats led 10-2 at the end of four innings,

(See P'BURG, page four)



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne Coach Duran Newsome talked with junior hurler Jordan Kidd. Kidd pitched the Bobcats to a 14-4 win over visiting Prestonsburg.



The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team, pictured above, is on top in the Floyd County middle school/grade school standings. Front row: Erica Osborne, Courtney Martin, Ariel Robinson, Candice Halbert, Brittany Frasure, Andrea Moore, Tiffany Owens, and Melissa Noble. Second row: Brandy Jarrell, Sasha Jones, Ashton Frasure, Tyra McKinney, Brittany Hodge, Kayla Hancock, and Natalie Glime. Third row: Brittany Jarrell, Kim Meade, Christina Blevins, Brittany Johnson, Kelli Allen, and Nicole Martin. Coaches: Larry D. Maynard and Jerri Smith. Student Coaches: Jaclyn Martin, Jeni Spurlock, Tori Maynard, and Brandi Meade.

H.S. SOFTBALL

Teams, players hope to live up to pre-season billings, hypes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

At least five of the girls' fast-pitch softball coaches in the 15th Region have spoken. Pre-season rankings had Belfry atop the 15th Region, followed closely by rival Pikeville and East Ridge, making the top-three an all-Pike County trio.

(See HYPES, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Players from a Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) Little League team got in some practice time Monday evening.

Gordon: Dale Jr. could become biggest star

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Jeff Gordon is the most accomplished driver in Winston Cup racing and one of the sport's biggest names.

Jeff Gordon Credit: Autostock

But when Gordon glances at the point standings after eight races this year, he sees a star emerging that he believes no one else can touch: Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"If he wins the championship, game over for everybody else," said Gordon, who has won 61 races, 43 poles and four titles. "We're not even going to exist out there."

Earnhardt, in his fourth full

(See STAR, page two)

ROSENBLATT ON RACING: Empire rules Derby field

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bobby Frankel says Empire Maker is still learning. That's a scary thought for those preparing to challenge the dark bay colt in the Kentucky Derby in less than

three weeks. By winning the Wood Memorial in comfortable fashion Saturday, Empire Maker confirmed his status as the Derby favorite. Actually, he did more. The colt Frankel says gives him "good vibes" probably set the theme leading up to

the May 3 race at Churchill Downs: Can anyone out there beat him? "I'm in a good spot," Frankel admits. No kidding. Empire Maker has been perfect in his last two

preps, winning the Florida Derby by 9 3/4 lengths while wearing blinkers for the first time, and taking the Wood by half a length without jockey Jerry Bailey pulling out his whip. "He's handled everything

thrown at him so far," Bailey said. "He's still got some things to learn. He's like a kid at 7, 8, 9 and 10." Frankel simply says, "He's special." It sure looks that way. Empire Maker's pedigree says

"champion," and so do his connections. His sire is 1990 Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled. His dam is Toussard, who now has four Grade 1 stakes winners — Chester House, Honest Lady and Chiselling are the others.

Bailey has won six Eclipse Awards for the nation's top rider; Frankel has four training Eclipsees; and owner Juddmonte Farms, run by Saudi prince Khalid Abdullah, has three for breeding.

As for stamina, Empire Maker might be the most fit 3-year-old, even though he has just five starts. His last four races have been 1 1/8 miles, so stretching out to the Derby distance of 1 1/4 miles shouldn't be a problem.

Before the Wood, Frankel was asked to list Empire Maker's strengths. "Everything," he said.

Frankel is 0-for-4 in the Derby but has come close — Aptitude was second in 2000.

Empire Maker's toughest challenge could come from

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Fannin

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include Paintsville graduate Jason Kinner, and Brandt Brooks, a teammate of Fannin's for one season at Prestonsburg, — the Class 2A state runner-up campaign in 2001.

A signing date for Fannin is expected to be announced in the

very near future.

Attention alumni and fans

The Georgetown College grid program will hold its annual golf scramble at Canewood Golf Course on Saturday, April 26. The scramble will begin at noon. Cost to enter the scramble is \$75 per person, which includes green fees, meals and prizes. Anyone interested in entering the scramble can contact Assistant Coach Craig Mullins at 502-863-7942.

Spring

Charles capped a stellar spring with 34 yards and a touchdown on four carries and an 82-yard touchdown catch and run.

The No. 2 offense managed just a 20-yard field goal against the starters. A loose scoring system, however, added points to the White's total throughout the game for a padded final score.

Marshall head coach Bobby Pruett was pleased with the way the game played out with the revamped offensive line.

"I'm pleased," Pruett said. "We developed a good running game. We developed a lot of backs. We've got a lot of good, young offensive linemen a lot of work with (Nate) McPeck and (Toby) Bullock being out."

McPeck (back) and Bullock (concussion) did not participate

in spring drills. In their place, a revamped line of tackles Seth Cook and Stepp, guards Luke Salmons and Leslie and center Jesse Saito opened big holes and protected Hill on Saturday — after a less than perfect start.

On the first play from scrimmage, Wallace was dropped for a 3-yard loss. Hill then was "sacked" (quarterbacks, clad in red jerseys, were not hit during Saturday's scrimmage) for a 6-yard loss and intercepted by Dane Holland on the following play.

Holland return the pickoff to the 12, but the White offense, led by quarterback Adam Black gained two yards on three plays. Ben Lewis' 26-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Paul

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Sinclair, and Willie Smith returned the block 75 yards for a touchdown.

The No. 1 offense bounced back, reaching the end zone on four of its next five possessions. Hill took advantage of single coverage for the first touchdown, firing downfield to a wide open Darius Watts for a 51-yard touchdown. Watts sprinted past cornerback Dorian Williams on the fly pattern for an easy score.

From that point, the Green unit controlled on both sides of the football.

For more information on the Marshall football and Herd athletics, go online to www.herdzone.com.

Star

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season in NASCAR's top series, enters Sunday's Virginia 500 second in the points race, second to Gordon on the starting grid and coming off a controversial victory last weekend.

Trailing points leader Matt Kenseth with four laps to go at Talladega Superspeedway, Earnhardt drove below the yellow line to grab the lead and won his fourth consecutive race at the track.

Already treated like a rock star because of his champion bloodline, and ability to drive fast and live fast, too, Earnhardt is only enhancing his profile this year by racing better than he has before.

"I don't know if I ever had that kind of popularity. He has certainly earned it over the last couple of years," Gordon said.

In his first three fulltime seasons, Earnhardt finished 16th, eighth and 11th in the points race. This year, he trails Kenseth

by 129 points and already has one victory, four top-five finishes and five top 10s.

"I'm real dedicated to trying to gain points this year," Earnhardt said. "Last year or any other year, for that matter, we just kind of raced one week after the other. I think the falter there is that you don't prepare well enough for the duration of four or five weeks in a row — what that can do to your energy level and your drive and determination."

"You open the door each Thursday or Friday, on each new weekend, and the preparation is just not there."

This year, he's learned that taking care of things before going to the track improves your chances of winning.

"It's more enjoyable on my end and it's also more enjoyable on each of the crewmember's ends to have good finishes and something to be glad to come home to, to talk about with your wife or whatever," Earnhardt said.

Gordon has noticed the change, too, but isn't ready to say he and Earnhardt have developed into rivals.

"They seem to really have their act together," he said. "They've been good pretty much everywhere they've gone this year. If he continues that and I can keep up with what I've done in the past, then there might be something to talk about."

Following his victory at Talladega, and the pass that many felt might have drawn a penalty for another driver, Earnhardt enjoyed being at the center of a controversy. Even more, he enjoyed what he'd accomplished.

"Win or lose, black flag or not, I felt really proud of my effort personally — what I've done and what I saw and what I was accomplishing inside the car," he said. "It was something that gave me emotions I haven't experienced too often in this sport."

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Rebs

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would put two runs on the board in their first at bat after Natasha Stratton reached on a walk. Amanda Robinette was hit by a pitch and Brandi Bentley singled in Stratton for the Ladycats' first run. Tasha Rice drove in the second run of the inning on a single, scoring Bentley. Allen Central added two more runs in the second on the strength of three straight hits from Turner, Mullins and Scott.

Allen Central led 6-2 after two innings and both pitchers settled down over the next two innings and neither pitcher allowed a run in the third and fourth innings.

Betsy Layne exploded in the bottom of the fifth inning scor-

ing nine runs to take a 11-6 lead heading to the sixth inning.

Betsy Layne started the fifth inning with three straight walks and following a two run single from Bentley, the bases were cleared on a home run from Rice.

Robinette and Kim Clark both scored twice in the fifth inning for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne held the lead at 11-6 heading to the final at bat for Allen Central, but the Lady Rebs would not quit and scored six times in the seventh inning led by Scott and Isaac as both had run scoring triples in the inning. Laura Gibson collected one of the Allen Central hits in the seventh.

Turner allowed only one base runner in the home seventh for Betsy Layne in the win as the Lady Rebs came away with a 12-11 win.

Hypes

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Many of the top players in the region also hail from Pike County schools.

15th Region Teams — 56th District: Johnson Central, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Sheldon Clark.

57th District: Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, South Floyd. 58th District: East Ridge, Pikeville, Shelby Valley. 59th District: Belfry, Pike County Central, Phelps.

The 15th Region Pre-season Top 10 follows.

1. Belfry; 2. Pikeville; 3. East Ridge; 4. Johnson Central; 5. Shelby Valley; 6. Paintsville; 7. Betsy Layne; 8. Sheldon Clark; 9. Allen Central; 10. South Floyd (tie) 10. Magoffin County (tie).

Only five coaches participated in the pre-season poll.

A list of top players in the region as voted on by coaches

follows.

1. Anna Bevins, Belfry; 2. Brienne Daniels, Johnson Central; 3. Dee Webb, Pikeville; 4. Cortney Bentley, Shelby Valley; 5. Samantha Sanders, East Ridge; 6. Jessica Smith, Belfry; 7. Melinda Ratliff, East Ridge; 8. Kristi Taylor, Shelby Valley; 9. Dana Runyon, Belfry; 10. Kalaiah Evans, Pikeville; 11. Emily Colvin, Pikeville; 12. Heather Swiney, East Ridge; 13. Beth Hall, Shelby Valley; 14. Megan Ousley, South Floyd; 15. Lora Carty, Johnson Central; 16. Heather Daniel, Paintsville; 17. Tiffany Turner, Allen Central; 18. Amber Scott, Allen Central; 19. Stacey Music, Paintsville; 20. Danielle Bundy, Paintsville; 21. Britney Carey, Prestonsburg.

Teams and players were voted on by the five participating 15th Region coaches.

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Canadian Mike Weir wins Masters

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A Maple Leaf grows among the towering pines of Augusta National.

Mike Weir became the first Canadian to win the Masters, making two clutch pars to force a playoff with Len Mattiace, and winning on the first extra hole with a simple tap-in for bogey.

The green jacket that Tiger Woods had hoped to slip on for a record third straight year is going north of the border.

Weir, who only five years ago had to toil through PGA Tour qualifying school, closed with a bogey-free 68 on a dramatic Sunday at Augusta National, then let Mattiace make all the mistakes in the first Masters playoff in 13 years.

Weir had to sweat over a 5-foot par putt on the 17th and a 6-footer on the 18th, as Mattiace waited on the practice green among chairs that already were set up for the fabled green jacket ceremony.

Minutes later, Weir leaned over to tap in for his only bogey of the day, then raised his arms and embraced his longtime friend and caddie, Brennan Little.

What a breakthrough — not

only was he the first Canadian to win a major championship, he became the first left-hander to win a major since Bob Charles in the 1963 British Open.

Mattiace watched a brilliant day at Augusta National crumble quickly.

He chipped in for birdie, holed a 60-foot putt on No. 10, and charged through the back nine on a mission to build a two-stroke lead. But Mattiace bogeyed the 18th for a 65, and he never had a chance in the playoff.

From the middle of the 10th fairway, he hooked his approach wildly to the left and then

chipped some 30 feet by the hole. His par putt nearly went off the green, and Mattiace wound up with a double bogey.

Both finished at 7-under 281, the highest winning score at the Masters since 1989.

Weir won for the third time

this year, and all six of his PGA Tour victories have been comebacks — none more special than this.

Until Sunday, the most nervous he has ever felt was watching Canada win the gold medal in hockey at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

"This was definitely nerve-racking," Weir said. "I tried to gather myself on each putt.

Every putt on this golf course is tough."

All of them mattered until the end, when Mattiace chopped up the 10th hole and was struggling to hold back tears when he realized how close he had come.

All of them mattered in a nervous pursuit of the green jacket.

Woods, who stumbled to a

Blue-White Game less than two weeks away

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The annual Blue/White Spring Football Game, marking the conclusion

of the spring practice schedule, will be Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m. EDT at Commonwealth Stadium.

Admission and parking are free to everyone. Seating is first-come, first-served.

In Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill has had a productive spring for the Football Wildcats.

The game format will feature a change from previous seasons. The varsity will play all four quarters of the game. The alumni teams will play touch football during halftime of the varsity game.

Kentucky Football Calendar (all practices at Nutter Training Facility unless inclement weather)

■ Today - Practice, 2:25 p.m.
■ Fri. April 18 - Practice, 3:00 p.m.

■ Sat. April 19 - Practice, 1:00 p.m.

■ Mon. April 21 - Coach Rich Brooks on WLAP Spring Football Call-in Show, 7-9 p.m.

■ Wed. April 23 - Practice, time TBA

■ Fri. April 25 - Practice, time TBA

■ Sat. April 26 - Blue/White Spring Football Game, 1 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium

■ July 29-31 - SEC Football Media Days; Kentucky appearance is Tue. July 29

■ Tue. Aug. 5 - Newcomers report

■ Fri. Aug. 8 - Veterans report

■ Sat. Aug. 9 - Kentucky Football Media Day

■ Sun. Aug. 31 - Louisville at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m. EDT,

ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE

ALC will sign Wheeler this morning

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team announced earlier in the week that it would sign Johnson Central senior Brandon

Wheeler in a ceremony this morning. The signing will take place in the Johnson Central library at 10 a.m. this morning.

Wheeler led Johnson Central in scoring during the recently completed season. Gibson feels Wheeler could come in and vie for playing time early. Upon signing, he'll become the first Alice Lloyd men's basketball signee this season.

ALC Basketball Camps

Alice Lloyd will hold its annual basketball camps in June. Head men's basketball coach Gary Gibson is the camp director. Two separate camps will be held. The girls' camp for girls in grades 2-12 will run June 16-20. The boys' camp (grades 1-8) will run June 23-27. Total cost of the camp is \$105. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with each application. The balance is due upon arrival.

Camp applications are available locally at the office of the Floyd County Times. For infor-

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(Trinity); TaShawn McBroom (Trinity); Lance Mertz (Boyle County); Cody Morehead (Heath); Brodie Overstreet (Boyle County); Derrick Parrott (Mayfield); Antonio Ramos (Bryan Station); Torey Ray (Manual); Marty Reagan (Rockcastle County); Sam Sexton (Pulaski Southwestern); Casey Shumate (Male); Sergio Spencer (Male); Jacob Tamme (Boyle County); Dylan Thiry (Trinity); Byron Tinker (Manual); Robert Waller (Henderson County); Nathan Williams (Murray); Leroy Wilson (Warren Central); Andre Woodson (North Hardin); Danny Zepp (St. Xavier).

Roster

Jeremy Bolton (Conner); James Brown (Boone County); Ryan Brown (Paintsville); Jay Burgett (Mayfield); Keenan Burton (Manual); Michael Bush (Male); Ross Cassidy (Woodford County); Terry Clayton (Logan County); Tripp Eckerline (Lexington Catholic); Brandt Engelmon (Holmes); Mark Foster (Pulaski Southwestern); Andy Fryman (Mason County); Dallas Greer (Bell County); Justin Haddix (Breathitt County); Cauvey Jackson (PRP); Grant Jennings (Dixie Heights); Dominic Lewis (John Hardin); John Logan (Lexington Catholic); Aaron Mason (Paul Dunbar); DeQuese May

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Field

Frankel's other Derby horse, Peace Rules. After his 3 1/2-length win in Saturday's Blue Grass at Keeneland, Peace Rules probably will be the second choice in the Derby.

"Peace Rules ran very well," Frankel said. "The only question about him is the distance." Winning time for the Blue Grass was 1:51.73, slowest since 1988.

Who else poses a threat?

Bob Baffert. The trainer of three of the last six Derby winners could enter a trio of 3-year-olds: Kafwain, Indian Express and Senor Swinger. Kafwain has been his most consistent, but was third in the Santa Anita Derby on April 5. Distance is a big question. Indian Express was second in the same race but has run just four times. Senor Swinger was fifth in the Wood in his first race with Baffert.

Buddy Gil. Winner of the San Felipe and Santa Anita Derby, the gelding bled despite the use of Lasix in his last race and won't be allowed to train again for another week. Health and fitness could be an issue on Derby day.

Ten Most Wanted. This colt comes into the Derby off his Illinois Derby victory — the same race War Emblem won before his Derby win last year. He has two wins in five starts.

Brancusi. Second in the Blue Grass after finishing third in the San Felipe. Seems to be improving with each race for trainer Patrick Biancone, but has only a maiden win in seven starts.

Funny Cide. Another gelding set for Churchill Downs after his gutty second-place effort in the Wood. The last gelding to win the Derby, though, was Clyde Van Dusen in 1929.

Atswhatimtalkinbout. Hype machine fizzled after a dull fourth in the Santa Anita Derby. If the Derby field is chosen based on graded stakes earnings (only if more than 20 want to enter), the colt partly owned by Steven Spielberg could be left out.

Region of Merit. A winner of four straight before finishing fourth in Saturday's Arkansas Derby, the Calumet Farms-owned colt might still show up in the Derby.

Man Among Men. He beat Empire Maker in the Sham Stakes on Feb. 7, but was 10th in the Arkansas Derby, won by long shot Sir Cherokee.

Others Derby prospects include Eugene's Third Son, New York Hero, Ocean Terrace, Offlee Wild and Supah Blitz. Empire Maker is ready to take on all comers.

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photo by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne junior Jordan Kidd went to the plate with a delivery early in Monday night's win over Prestonsburg.

P'burg

thanks in huge part to some costly errors made by Prestonsburg fielders.

Prestonsburg sent senior Josh Colmenares to the mound. The Blackcats played Betsy Layne close in the early goings, but Kidd and the entire Betsy Layne offense were able to score 14 runs on just five hits.

Kidd helped himself by scoring three times. He and teammate Jordan Case each scored three times.

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will meet back up again

later this month on the 28th.

Duran Newsome is back for his second consecutive season at the helm of the Betsy Layne High School baseball program.

Betsy Layne was to play in last week's 8th annual Foothills Hardball Classic in Morehead, co-hosted by Rowan County, East Carter and Russell, but Mother Nature wouldn't cooperate. Betsy Layne was scheduled to be one of 24 teams in the tournament.

Betsy Layne was back in action last night, hosting Shelby

Valley. Results were unavailable at press time. Other games this week for the Bobcats include road dates at Allen Central and Johnson Central.

Prestonsburg was scheduled to be on the diamond last night at Allen Park against Letcher. Results from that game were also unavailable and will appear in Friday's edition along with the Betsy Layne-Shelby Valley game.

Prestonsburg 9, Casey County 7

Prestonsburg beat Casey County 9-7 in a game played over the weekend. Prestonsburg led 3-1 through three innings and 7-2 after four frames before holding on for the victory. Casey County managed to tie the game at 7-7 in the fifth inning. The game remained tied at 7 in the seventh inning when Prestonsburg came across with two runs.

Allen Central-South Floyd

South Floyd was scheduled to host Allen Central last night at the Drift baseball field. Results from the first district meeting of the season between the Raiders and Rebels will also appear in Friday's edition.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg third baseman John Mark Stephens (front) and shortstop Jarred McGuire awaited a pitch.

Gordon wins Virginia 500

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Jeff Gordon nudged Bobby Labonte aside on the 487th lap Sunday, ending a long stretch of nose-to-tail frustration to win the Virginia 500.

Gordon had been dueling Labonte since they broke free on a restart with 48 laps to go, but Labonte blocked his efforts to pass on both the inside and outside before Gordon finally moved him out of the way.

The bump occurred as they entered the first turn, drawing a

mixture of roars and boos from the crowd of 86,000. The race finished under caution, and Gordon earned his 62nd career Winston Cup victory and first this year.

"Bobby and I were having a lot of fun there at the end, bumping and rubbing," Gordon said. "He was doing everything he could. I didn't want to knock him out of the way too hard, but I did push him around a little."

After a caution ended with eight laps to go, Gordon easily pulled away from the field, proving he had the strongest car.

The final caution came on the 499th lap.

Labonte, who won this race last year, held on for second; a two-tire stop that gave him the lead with 63 laps to go paid off.

"We held Jeff off as long as we could," Labonte said. "That was hard racing. That was good clean fun. ... All that racing was good."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. led 195 laps and finished third, giving Chevrolet the top three spots in the field.

SPORTS CALENDAR

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during the day at the Appalachian Wireless store starting at 11 a.m.

5k, 10k

The Tug Valley Road Runners Club and the city of Williamson, W.Va. will present a 10k run on Saturday, April 26. The race will start at 8 a.m. at the SWVCTC campus in Williamson.

Later this year, the Hatfield-McCoy Marathon/Half marathon will be held. Saturday, June 14 is the date slated for the Hatfield-McCoy races. The half marathon will start in Goody in Pike County and end in Matewan, W.Va. The full marathon will also start in Goody, but will end in Williamson.

Both the half marathon and the marathon will begin at 7 a.m.

For information on any of the aforementioned races, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626 or email tvrcc@hotmail.com.

Basketball • Camps

The annual Panther Basketball Camp will be held the week of June 2-6. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for boys and girls ages 6-10 and 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 11-14. The fee for each camper is \$50. Preregistration is recommended. To register or for more information contact Coach Dave Thomas or Coach Bart Williams at 432-0-185.

The annual Shelby Valley Boys' Basketball Camp will be held July 14-17. The camp will run from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. for boys in kindergarten through fourth grade and noon until 3 p.m. for boys in grades 5-9. The fee for each camper is \$40. To preregister or for more information contact Coach Rodney Rowe at 639-9816 or 639-0033 or Assistant Coach Doe Doe Rowe at 639-3086 or 639-0033.

Boating • Boat passes

Fishtrap Lake's ranger staff is issuing 2003 boat launch passes Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passes are \$30 and are good for one year. For more information on passes and daily information on Fishtrap Lake, call 437-9426. If you need to talk to the ranger staff, call 437-7496.

Golf • HAP golf tourney

ALLEN — Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) Little League will host a golf tournament Saturday at Stumbo Park in Allen.

Proceeds from the event go to HAP Little League. The annual golf event is the biggest fundraiser for the league.

Prize money in the tournament will be awarded as follows: First-place — \$1,000; Second-place — \$750; Third-place — \$500. There will also be a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one contest. A \$100 prize will go the golfer closest-to-the-hole.

The tournament will be a captain's choice, four-man scramble, best-ball format. Allen Park does not allow metal cleats on its course. Members of participating teams are urged to inform other members of their team of this very important rule.

The cost of playing in Saturday's tournament is \$50 per player. The entry fee will include a free pig roast and free beverages. The league is encouraging area companies and businesses to get involved with the tournament. There is still time to do so.

For more information on the tournament, contact Mike Jarrell by calling 606/874-8165, after 6 p.m.; Tommie Layne at 606/874-9481, after 6 p.m.; or Mindi Watson at 606/478-1482, anytime.

HAP Little League will hold its Opening Day on Monday, April 28.

Fishing • Bass tournament

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers have scheduled an open bass tournament at Dewey Lake for Saturday. The event will be a day tournament from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will cost \$100 per boat. Registration and pre-tournament meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, April 18 at the Appalachian Wireless store in the Prestonsburg Village Plaza. Tournament payout is guaranteed through three places. There will also be Casting Kids events



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior Joey Willis stood in against Betsy Layne Monday night.

RUNNING

Watts wins Hillbilly 5-K Run

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A field of 40 runners took part in the 5K (3.1 miles) Hillbilly Run Saturday. The temperature was a cool 40 degrees at race time. The course was flat with four turns, slowing the runners' times. Runners lose approximately four seconds on each turn. Watts, Garner, took off at a very fast first mile, outdistancing his closest competitor, McGuire, by approximately 1/4 mile. Watts slowed his pace the last mile winning the run with a time of 20:11. The course was somewhat long for a 5-K. After measuring the course it was found that the runners did a distance of 3.3 miles, resulting in the showing of slower times.

LOCAL FINISHERS

Randall Watts, Garner, First-place overall finisher, 20:11

David McGuire, Martin, Second-place overall time, 21:10

G.S. Frasure, Maytown, First-place age division 35-39, 24:19

Ken Henry, McDowell, First-place age division 55 plus, 26:10

Masters

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75, slipped the coveted prize over his shoulders.

"Thanks, Tig," Weir told him. "It feels good."

Woods was only four strokes behind to start the final round, and history seemed to be there for the taking.

He gave it all away with one bad decision — a driver on the shortest par 4 at Augusta National that went into an azalea bush, caused him to hit his next shot left-handed and led to a double bogey that derailed his chances.

The other lefty — Phil Mickelson — had a 4-under 68 for his best closing round at the Masters, but it still left him empty after 43 tries in a major championship.

Mickelson finished third at 5-under 283.

The Masters was supposed to be won by the big hitters, but Weir proved again that the shortest clubs in the bag — his putter and wedge — can make up for a lot.

Two strokes behind with six to go, Weir holed a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-5 13th, then laid up and trusted his wedge on No.

15, sticking that to 5 feet to tie for the lead.

"Unbelievable," Weir said. "It's something I've dreamt of, something I worked very hard at. I'm having a hard time putting it into words because words won't do it justice."

So ended an unforgettable week at Augusta National.

Four days of rain.

The opening round washed out for the first time in 64 years.

A tepid protest Saturday against the all-male membership at Augusta National.

And the first playoff since Nick Faldo beat Raymond Floyd in 1990.

Not bad, eh?

Weir now takes his place among so many others who have won the green jacket, including six-time winner Jack Nicklaus.

As a teenager, Weir wrote a letter to the Golden Bear asking if he should learn to play right-handed. Nicklaus told him not to change a thing.

"If the greatest player of all time tells you to stick to it, then I was going to do it," Weir once said.

with Charles at the 2001 British Open.

"It's nice to win one for the lefties," he said.

The final round lived up to its billing, but thousands of fans who streamed through the gates at 8 a.m. — almost seven hours before the leaders teed off — could never have guessed what was in store.

There was an amazing array of shots that sent cheers resounding across Augusta National as one player after another worked his way into contention.

— Mickelson, after hitting into a creek on No. 2, holed a 90-foot birdie putt and looked to the sky, wondering if this might finally be his year to win a major.

— Mattiace pitched over the large mounds on No. 8 and into the hole for a birdie, and rolled in a 60-foot birdie putt on No. 10 from almost the same spot as Ben Crenshaw when he won his first green jacket in 1984.

— Rich Beem, the PGA champion trying to prove that Hazeltine was no fluke, holed out from the fairway for eagle on No. 5.



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Miss Lori Thornsberry

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Lori, a Junior Pro member for the past five years, says that even as a very young child she preferred playing with musical toys as opposed to the dolls that most little girls that age normally prefer.

'Music is my passion'

"All music gives me a special feeling," Lori continued, "music is something you cannot see, touch or taste, however, it contains more feelings than all our senses combined. For me, music is a passion. It is my primary career choice and no matter which road life takes me down - music will always be there."

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Our focus on the young performers of the KY Opry Jr. Pro's continues this week with Miss Lori Thornsberry, a five-year veteran of the musical group. Lori, who first became involved with the Jr. Pro's through the US 23 Showcase, says that she has been "singing publicly since I was eight years old." "Most of those performances were at

church and other community events," she said as she adds, "I was thrilled, to say the least, when Billie Jean Osborne asked me to perform at the Showcase and then, later, invited me to join the Junior Pro's. This has been the high point of my singing career."

Lori says that she grew up "in a very close knit community" where she "always received a tremendous amount of support and encouragement from all my family and friends." "Kelder Stiltner, of

the Hillbilly Squaredancers, Gypsy Cantrell and other community leaders encouraged me greatly. However, if I had to single out one individual as being my greatest supporter, that would have to be my mother, Vicki Compton. My mom has dedicated a large portion of her life to my singing career. She not only encouraged me, but was always there for me, with her love and guidance,"

(See JR. PRO, page three)

NEWS & NOTES

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- April 17 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4:00 p.m. All welcome.
- April 17 - "Career Day" for 8th grade students - will be held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.
- May 6 - Red Cross Blood Drive, begins at 12:00 p.m.
- ***8th grade class is selling Papa John's cards (pizza discounts) to help raise money for the 8th grade prom and class trip. If you would like to help the Adams eighth-graders by purchasing a Papa John's card, please contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812 or Diane at 886-7926.
- Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.
- Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.
- Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

**April 18 - ACHS will host its annual "Math Day." Registration will be from 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Events will begin shortly after and

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POISON OAK

Borrowed poetry and silly laws

by Clyde Pack

It seems that every flowering plant in eastern Kentucky has decided to pop out all at once. And, after the kind of winter we've



just had, as far as I'm concerned, all the color is more than welcome, especially the dogwoods. It's little wonder that North Carolina, and Virginia

have chosen the dogwood as their state flower. For a couple of weeks, at least, one might get the impression that those of us here in the mountains had adopted it, too.

With Easter Sunday at hand, what could be more apropos for this week's column than a little poem I ran across a few years ago, and keep handy for just such an occasion. The poet is unknown,

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Kim's Korner: Dig out your red clothes

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

Not sure of how many of you out there have received the email floating around about "Red Fridays"!

It seems someone has started a request for every "red" blooded American in support of our soldiers to show their support until the war is over by wearing something "red" each Friday until these brave men and women return home.

Just last week, catching the morning news before work, a family being interviewed on CNN was showing their support by wearing "red socks". Five members of this young man's family were

shown sporting their bright red socks as their feet were propped up on the coffee table that was adorned in a pile of red socks.

This family said they intend to wear them everyday until he returns home. His nephew told he would even be wearing them to his prom.

Multitudes of us have been in constant prayer for our president, and our leaders in this war, as well as all those serving every branch of our armed forces.

Many of us right here in this county have loved ones, or are connected by friendship, to someone fighting this battle. Nicholas Ratliff, the son of Pam and

Harold Ratliff of Prestonsburg, has been in my heart and prayers since the beginning of Nicholas' departure.

Nicholas visited our church not very long before he was sent to fight this battle. The same age of our youngest daughter, yet such a man in his crisp, sparkling uniform, Nicholas was a sight of the pride and honor he exudes for this country.

The email request was to pass "Red Fridays" along to as many red blooded Americans as we possibly could. So, as well as our prayers for Nicholas and each

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Kim Frasure

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end around 2:00 p.m. Event will be held for 7th and 8th grade students. Students will be placed on teams that will compete in a variety of fun and challenging activities.**

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

■ Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ April 22 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:00-2:00 p.m. Please bring the following records: (1) An

official copy of the student's birth certificate (applications may be obtained at the school, health department, or the school board central office). (2) Kentucky Immunization Certificate. (3) Physical exam form - performed within twelve (12) months prior to entry to school. (4) Eye examination - performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist and completed on the Kentucky Eye Examination Form. **For questions, please call Teresa Frazier at the school.

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ April 17 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m.

All SBDM Council meetings open to public. All are welcome to attend.

**School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to the school Family Resource Center.

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ April 17 - April parent meeting, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

■ April 17 - Advisory Council meeting, 4:15 p.m., in school conference room. Meeting is open to public.

■ April 25 - "Spring Fling Dance," 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Admission - \$3 per person. Reason for admission is to help fund trip for 2nd and 3rd grades to the Louisville Zoo in May. Grades K-8 are invited to attend. Dance will be held in school gym.

■ April 28 thru 30 - "Volunteer Appreciation Week." School will host a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, April 30, from 11:30 - 12:30. We appreciate all our school volunteers, so come on out and "have lunch on us!"

■ Call school Family Resource Center at 358-9878, to make an appointment for a free physical for your child who plans to enter Kindergarten in the fall semester, 2003.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ April 17 - "Time Out for Parents," program, from 1-2:30 p.m.

■ April 21 - "Recycling" program for 2nd grade.

■ April 24 - "Stranger

Danger" program for primary students.

■ April 27 thru May 4 - "National Volunteer Week." May Valley thanks all their volunteers for their assistance.

■ Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; TB skin tests, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council

meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

■ Center is open weekdays

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 21 and April 23, 1993)

Despite recent news reports that an off-track betting parlor may be established in the city of Hazard, potentially damaging investments in the proposed Kentucky Downs harness track, former Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll is wagering that the Hazard OTB Horse won't be in the race at all. Carroll said, Tuesday, at a meeting of the Prestonsburg-Floyd County Public Properties Corporation that potential investors in Kentucky Downs had expressed concern after the Kentucky Racing Commission announced it would review an application submitted by Kentucky Off-Track Betting Incorporated, to operate a facility at Hazard...With a little bit of luck and a lot more work, the Floyd Fiscal Court may soon become the proud owner of a brand new harness horse racing facility. Magistrates voted unanimously Friday to approve an emergency ordinance which allowed the county to arrange financing of an estimated \$2.7 million in order to construct the grandstand portion of the proposed Kentucky Downs harness racing facility...The Floyd County Times snagged 17 awards, and third place overall, in the multi-weekly division of judging for the Kentucky Press Association's annual Advertising Contest. Becky Crum led the charge for the Times, picking up three first place awards, three seconds and four thirds. Crum swept all three places in the category for Department/Discount/Jewelry Store advertising: picked up additional first place awards for Financial advertising, and Best Ad Series; took second place honors for Hardware/Appliances Store advertising and Best Ad Series; and won third place awards for Hardware/Appliance Stores, Signature Page advertising and Entertainment/Dining. Joyce Pinson took first place and an honorable mention for Professional Services advertising, with second place in that category going to Shawn Hamilton. Former ad manager Neeley George added a first place and a third place in Miscellaneous advertising...More than 400 people have applied for 85 jobs expected to be available at a prison in Wheelwright. Employment Services office manager Debbie Allen said, Tuesday, that 425 people submitted applications, from April 12-14, at the Wheelwright location. Allen added that 50 people have applied at the Prestonsburg employment office for the Wheelwright prison jobs...A spending freeze coupled with a year-end school construction bond sale should keep the Floyd County School System in the black at the end of the 1992-1993 school year. Budget director David Johnson reported to school board members, Tuesday, that "a projected surplus" at the end of the school year "depends on a few items." Johnson said he is "shooting for" a \$500,000 surplus in the district's budget, and that could be accomplished if a bond sale is held to reimburse the system for school construction costs...Problems continue to plague the South Floyd High School construction project, the latest being a report, Tuesday, that subsidence has occurred on part of the mountainside behind the school. Also, the proposed construction manager for South Floyd has issued what appeared to be an ultimatum, that if the board does not approve contracts on two other school projects, the company will not sign the contract for the South Floyd gym construction...Floyd County Court officials plan a review of the county's prisoner work release system, after one of the prisoners returned, Wednesday, from work release, apparently intoxicated. Frank Solomon, 29, was arrested Wednesday, in the Floyd County Courthouse by deputy sheriff Homer Neeley. Court records show

that Solomon registered .16 on a breathalyzer test administered at the jail...Congratulations and conflicts of internal interest intermingled, Wednesday afternoon, at the regular monthly session of the Floyd County Development Authority. Development Authority Executive Director Darrell Gilliam dispensed the congratulations, Wednesday, telling board members that a recent labor-management study of the five-county Big Sandy area, showed that the region compares favorably with other portions of the state in labor-management relations, and in attracting prospective new industries...There died: Frank Warrick, 79, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; C. Collins, 55, of Kendallville, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, Thursday, at Ligonier, Indiana; Ada Lynn Endicott, 22, of David, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; I.B. Tuttle, 86, of McDowell, Monday, at his residence; Hobert Hoskins, 75, of Pikeville, Monday, at St. Joseph Hospital; Clyde Hall, 62, of Grethel, Saturday, at the Clark County Hospital, Winchester; Alice Kinney, 92, of Warren, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Thursday, at the Warren General Hospital, Warren, Ohio; Ethel Akers Hall, 83, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harry Lowell Prater, 56, of Slaine, Michigan, Friday, at Slaine Community Hospital; Military rites were held Friday for Franklin Scaff, at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel by DAV Chapter No. 18; Floyd Little, 79, of Penny, Wednesday, at his residence; Helen Wilson Hicks, 67, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at her residence; Ruth Turner Arrowood, 74, of Drift, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Patricia Rena Coleman Kidd, 33, of Honaker, Tuesday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 27, 1983)

William "Oakie" Bevins, 71-year-old man of Printer, last Friday, became the Fourth Floyd Countian to be sentenced to die in expiation of murder...Five female employees, Phyllis Gilliland, Bonnie Blair, Emily Layne, Helen Jarrell and Martha Hicks, who worked at the juvenile-detention center, were fired three years ago and must be paid a year's back wages, according to an order handed down last week by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, because they were victims of sexual discrimination...There died: Hilda Millen, 61, of Bypro, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Alma Slone, 70, of Manton, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Oakie Salts, 75, of Drift, Wednesday, at his home; Hershey C. Mosley, 75, of Martin, last Thursday, at her home; Grace DeRossett, 67, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, April 13, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; James T. Terry, 44, of Lackey, Sunday, in Lexington; Okie Boyd, 62, of Dana, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bennie Curt Jones, 56, of Grethel, Sunday, in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 25, 1973)

Relatively unaffected, thus far, by the current gasoline and petroleum shortage, which is being felt in many parts of the country, eastern Kentucky's situation may be changing for the worse, later this year...A joint proclamation, signed Monday by the County Judge Henry Stumbo and Mayor George P. Archer, designated the weekend of April 27, 28 and 29, as "County Seat Clean-Up

Weekend"...A countywide cleanup period, outside Prestonsburg, where such an effort is being made this weekend, will be undertaken in a matter of weeks, County Judge Henry Stumbo said Monday...Food stamps will be issued tomorrow (Thursday) for the last time during the month of April, and perhaps for the last time, ever, by personnel of the state office of Social Services Administration. Effective May 1, food stamps will be issued by the U.S. Postal Service, at the Prestonsburg and Martin post offices...Ervin Akers, of Dana, was recently elected president of the Kentucky Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, at a convention held in Louisville...There died: Ira Duff, 75, at his home at Garrett, Saturday; Mrs. Kate W. Conn, 60, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at a Lexington hospital; Raymond Turner, 67, well-known Drift man, Monday, at a nursing home, here; Emry Hall, 75, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at a Pikeville hospital; Frank A. Clifton, 84, native of Floyd County, February 12, in Ocala, Fla.; Lawrence Collins, 61, of Wayland, Tuesday, at a hospital, here; Mrs. Virgie Taylor, 90, of Louisa, Saturday, at a nursing home in Paintsville; Mrs. Malissa F. Allen, 81, of Price, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at a Paintsville nursing home; Mrs. Katherine C. Jordan, 87, of Louisa, April 13, in a Louisa hospital; Mrs. Dixie Clark Burchett, 86, of Cow Creek, Saturday, at a nursing home, here; George W. Snodgrass, 90, pioneer eastern Kentucky insurance man, of Allen, Monday, at a hospital, here.

Forty Years Ago

(April 25, 1963)

Opponents of Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt, Democratic candidate for Governor, made an unsuccessful attempt, Tuesday, to bar him from speaking appearances at seven Floyd County schools, Wednesday and Thursday, of this week...Damage suffered by Floyd County roads and bridges, in the March flood, has been placed at \$160,000, County Judge Henry Stumbo said this week...The Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce came into being, Wednesday...The U.S. government wants to have a part in the suit filed in U.S. District Court, at Pikeville, by a landowner, who attacked strip-mining of his property...Kentucky Power Company is seeking authority to reduce its rates to commercial and small industrial customers, employing electricity for all space heating requirements...There died: Mrs. Burdell Goble Roberts, 29, of Emma, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Nora Prater, 79, Sunday, at her home at Blue River; Mrs. Flora Hayes Prater, 81, of Batavia, O., formerly of Lackey, Saturday, at Jacksonville, Fla.; Newt Shepherd, 74, formerly of this county, April 17, at Marshall, Mich.; Mrs. Belle Dora Newsome, 88, Friday, at her home at Ligon; Guy Zeno, 77, of McDowell, a native of Italy, Thursday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; John C. Branham, 86, former Floyd man, Friday, at Detroit, Michigan.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 23, 1953)

Three Louisville men, members or employees of the W. M. Cotton Company, the accounting firm which audited officials' records in this county, were cleared in Circuit Court here, Saturday, of charges of falsifying the audit...Included in the more than \$1 million worth of road contracts awarded, Friday, by the State Department of

Highways, were 23 miles of a Floyd and Magoffin county highway, Prestonsburg-Salyersville, for \$26,069.75...Miss Ruth Kidd, 22, of Harold, died, Tuesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, of burns suffered when her dress was ignited by a gas heater at her parents' home at Harold, Monday...Community and business leaders from the Big Sandy valley were readying themselves, this week, for the hearing, next Tuesday, and Wednesday, in Washington, before a Senate Public Works subcommittee on which the fate of the section's dream of river canalization heavily depends...The Boy Scout Camp constructed by the Lonesome Pine Council, of Dewey Lake, will be known in the future as "Shawnee Scout Camp"...Six employees in the auditing, land, field and compressor departments of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company who received promotions last week, were E. E. Clark, W. W. Wallen, John H. Keenan, Homer Neeley, Ray Stephens and Paul Porter...Married: Miss Katherine Leake, and Mr. Henry Stephens, both of Prestonsburg, April 20, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A.C. Harlowe; Miss Sally Gatewood Clarke, of St. Albans, West Virginia, and Mr. Benjamin Dorsey Ferguson, of Prestonsburg, April 8, at the First Methodist Church, Prestonsburg...There died: Wade Joffree Clifton, 42, April 16, at his home at Wheelwright; Otis Whitt, 41, of Manton, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Elias Smith, 85, at home at Garrett, Saturday; Vickie Carol Salisbury, one-day-old, April 16, at home at Garrett; James H. Honaker, 54, of Harold, Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 22, 1943)

Prestonsburg this week was a step nearer municipal ownership of the gas distribution system, which served the town, after the City Council had approved the offer of Joe Hill to sell the Prestonsburg Gas Company...Floyd County restaurateurs have until May 1, to file all their ceiling prices, as of April 4, under the President's recent anti-inflation order...Joe Hamilton, of Teaberry, was hit and fatally injured by a truck, Saturday night, at Kinsport, Tennessee...Pfc. James Franklin Crabtree, former Prestonsburg boy, died February 10, of wounds received in action in North Africa...The Sandy Valley Produce Company, of Prestonsburg, this week announces its opening for business, handling poultry and eggs...Married: Mildred Turpin, of Irvine, and Mr. Paul Churchill Combs, of Prestonsburg, April 10, at Lexington; Miss Mildred J. Tackett, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Milton Eugene Ryan, of Martin, March 20, at Georgetown, Kentucky...There died: Mrs. Dorsie Tackett Reynolds, 23, Friday, at her home at Beaver; Rev. James D. Bell, 62, of Charleston, West Virginia, former pastor of the First Methodist Church here, Monday, at Charleston; John Hunley, 32, Tuesday night, at home in Prestonsburg; Mrs. Lora Emma Smith, 62, at her home at Martin, Monday; Arthur Clifton, 18, of Dwale, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Willie D. Hopkins, 59, former Floyd Countian, Friday, at Nebraska, Indiana; Ambrose (Toad) Jones, 81, of Teaberry, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Mary Prater Spradlin, 93, Thursday, at Bonanza; Mrs. Bessie Rose Meadins, 27, at her home on Katy Friend, Saturday; Rev. John Henry Howell, 34, of Betsy Layne, at the Pine Crest Sanatorium, Beckley, West Virginia; E. B. Heron, 57, former Martin resident, April 15, at Russell, Kentucky.

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Critter Corner: 'Scuffing' feet equals 'doggie communication'



"Prissy." Prissy is a five-year old Pomeranian owned by Eddie and Virginia Hopkins, of Prestonsburg. Her "second home" is the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, which she frequently visits. She has many friends there who love her very much.

mation. This is the case with this week's query; although I sort of knew the answer, I had to do some reading to fill in the gaps. Here is the question, from Elizabeth Baldrige of Paintsville:

Q "Why do dogs 'scuff' their hind feet back and forth? I have noticed my dog, a Pug, as well as others, including my uncle's Schnauzer, exhibiting this behavior. I used to think it was a 'bathroom' habit, but the dogs do it even when they haven't urinated. It also doesn't seem to matter if another dog is around or not. So, Dr. Carol, WHY do dogs perform this little 'scuffing' motion stirring up dirt and dust with their hind legs? My dog has even done it inside on occasion."

A The scraping you describe is thought to be one of the many behaviors that animals use to mark their territory. We tend to think that just because dogs and cats can't talk, they have limited ability to communicate, and nothing could be further from the truth. We humans are the ones at the disadvantage. We have gained a verbal and written language, but lost in the process the ability

to "speak" in hundreds of other ways.

Animals move in a world so different from ours that we might not even recognize it as the same planet. They are privy to the meaning of scents, sounds, visual marks and subtle body language that we will never know. That's one of the things that makes behavior so fascinating to me. Just when we think we have figured out why an animal does something, we realize we have stumbled into a whole new area that has never been explored.

Most of the time we focus on direct communication among animals and between animals and people through "body language", because that is the area that tends to get us in trouble. (Imagine someone who doesn't know much about canine body language approaching a strange dog quickly with an outstretched hand, while looking the dog in the eyes. Very polite human greeting, but BAD breach of dog etiquette!) Another dog, or an experienced "dog person" could very well go up to this same dog with no problems by using body language that expressed peaceful intentions. Delivery people and meter-readers, take notice!

So we are somewhat familiar with how animals communicate face-to-face, but what about those that are separated by time or space? In a world without fax

machines, e-mail or even Post-it notes, how do they manage? Just fine, thank you, with the help of scent (olfactory) and visual marks.

Behavioral marking alters the physical environment in some way that provides information to animals that come along later—"animal graffiti", if you will. Some marks are clear "PRIVATE PROPERTY—NO TRESPASSING" signs; others are more of the "Kilroy was Here" variety. The most common example is the urine-spraying tomcat. (Unfortunately, this is one type of marking even WE can't miss.) When cats scratch vertical surfaces they leave visible claw marks and also scent marks from glands in the paw pads. Even the cat rubbing the side of its face on your leg is depositing substances from scent glands in its whisker pads.

Dogs use their own versions. You know how time-consuming it is to take a dog on a walk around the block. Besides working his nose overtime, he has to stop every few feet to leave a memo himself. Of course, all the dogs that have passed that way in the last several hours or days have done the same thing. The path is strewn with information about other dogs, including age, gender and reproductive status. Our dog-training mentor, Chuck Justice, used to say they were "reading the

morning paper".

In case you think I've totally strayed off the subject, this is where that little scuffing motion comes in. It leaves a visual mark that other dogs can see long after our dog has moved on. It also stirs up the smell of disturbed earth and probably deposits some scent from the footpads. And yes, it may well be connected to a "bathroom habit", but not in the same sense as a cat covering its waste. In that situation, it's probably just an added emphasis, an exclamation point, to the urine or stool. It can also stand alone as a visual signal.

So why would they "scratch off" in the house? Who knows? Why do cats shred the couch corner when there isn't another feline around for miles? Maybe there is an animal outside that they can smell. Maybe we carry in scent particles on our shoes or clothing that triggers the behavior. Maybe it's just something animals are hard-wired to do. Have you ever realized you were talking to yourself without another soul around to hear you?

Thanks, Elizabeth, for an interesting question. It's not an earth-shattering piece of information, but I think that knowing about these little behavior quirks brings us closer to the animals with which we share our lives.

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I have a reader question! I love these; not only does it give me a topic for the column, I know that at least ONE person is interested in the answer! The question is often something I would have never thought to write about, and many times it sends me scurrying around to find infor-

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she continued.

From an early age, Lori says that she was aware of music and enjoyed playing with musical toys more than the dolls that most little girls her age were infatuated with. "I grew up listening to my grandmother, Jackie Kerr, singing songs in church and lullaby's at home. Also, my dad was a music major in college and taught music in several local schools. Music has always been of great interest to me," she said.

"All music gives me a special feeling," Lori continued, "music is something you cannot see, touch or taste, however, it contains more feelings than all our senses combined. For me, music is a passion. It is my primary career choice and no matter which road life takes me down - music will always be there."

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of our men and women serving this country, "Red Fridays" will begin!

And, to those of you who read this particular portion of The Times, here's your challenge. From this coming Friday on, show your support for our troops and make "Red" a part of your Friday attire until we welcome them home!

God's blessings to each of you, 'til next week.

Yesterdays

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Seventy Years Ago

(April 21, 1933)

Appalachian Coals Inc., acting as a sales agency, began operations, Monday, in a venture designed to rehabilitate the sagging bituminous industry in four states, including this part of Kentucky...Assigned a quota of 90 men as recruits, to the reforestation army being mobilized by the government, in the battle against the depression, Floyd County had furnished approximately 400 applicants for enlistment this week...Sale of beer in Prestonsburg, on Sunday, was prohibited by an ordinance enacted by the city council, Monday night...A barn belonging to county engineer H.L. Mayo, burned at Eureka, near here, Monday night, with 33 head of livestock dying in the blaze...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. Spradlin, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Elizabeth Marlene, last Sunday, at home...There died: John Smallwood, 90-year-old Civil War veteran, Tuesday, at the home of his son on Jack's Creek; Bert Roberts, 22, April 11, at home at Osborne; Mrs. Samantha Jane Hill, 69 years old, Sunday, at the home of her son, former County Judge Ed Hill, at Prestonsburg.

School

8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus,

Room 232, and see Mable Hall.
 ■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule

■ Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.

Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

■ Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

ALL GED CLASSES ARE FREE. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE ALSO FREE, EVEN THE ACTUAL GED TEST IS FREE! So, please take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. For more information about the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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that there should be more musical programs for younger children in our schools," she said, "because there is a high level of talent in our area."

Lori, a 2001 graduate of Elkhorn City High School, currently resides in Lexington. She is the daughter of Tommy Thomsberry and Vicki Compton. She has two older sisters, Lisa Good and Lindsay Hager, and she is the granddaughter of James and Jackie Kerr. Three of her most favorite people in the world are her nieces, Kaitlyn Good and Emily Hager, and her nephew,

Ethan Good. Besides spending time studying and perfecting her musical craft, she enjoys spending her spare time with those she loves most, her family and friends.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Billie Jean Osborne, Keith Caudill, my fellow performers and all the other people that are involved with the Mountain Arts Center in any capacity. The most memorable years of my life, thus far, have been spent in the company of these wonderful people."

We're sure, Lori, that the feeling is mutual!

Oak

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but it's entitled "The Legend of the Dogwood," and goes as follows.

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew

To a towering size with lovely hue.

Its branches were strong and interwoven

For Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.

Being distressed at the use of this wood,

Christ made a promise which still holds good:

"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow

To be large enough to be such a tree, and so

Slender and twisted it shall always be

With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see

The petals shall have blood-stains marked in brown

And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of me

Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.

Protected and cherished this tree shall be

A reflection to all of my

agony."

And speaking of Sunday, along about the time I came across the above poem, one of our readers sent me a clipping from a West Virginia newspaper containing a column listing some "blue laws" (written to police the behavior of citizens on the Sabbath) that are apparently still on the books.

For example, in Wakefield, R.I., no one is allowed to attend a church service within four hours after having eaten garlic.

In Dyersburg, Tenn., women are banned from using a telephone on Sunday to ask a man for a date.

In Wadeville, North Carolina, citizens are enjoined against making ugly faces at dogs who may "freely roam" the community on Sunday.

In Marion, South Carolina, acrobats are forbidden to perform on church property on Sunday.

And finally, in Okanogan, Wash., people are not allowed to sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, and read the Sunday paper, while church services are in session.

Weddings



Barker-Music to exchange vows

Marilynn Harris Barker and Dennis Ray Music are happy to announce their plans to exchange marriage vows on Friday, May 2, 2003, at half past the evening hour of six o'clock, at the Wheelwright United Methodist Church. A reception, held at the Old Wheelwright High School Cafeteria, will immediately follow the wedding ceremony. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Happy Birthday



Crystal is 14!

Crystal Osborne celebrated her 14th birthday on April 10, 2003. Crystal is a cheerleader at Betsy Layne Elementary, where she is in the eighth grade. She is the daughter of Jim and Linda Osborne and the granddaughter of Kennis Evans and the late "Topsie" Evans, and Ellis Osborne and the late "Tea" Osborne.

Pageants

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Oh, Baby! What a Beauty!



Chloe Rhiannon Elizabeth Lafferty, the 9-month old daughter of Dennis and Brandi Lafferty, recently competed in the "Miss Spring Blossom Pageant" held at the Paintsville Community Center. Chloe was crowned "Spring Blossom Queen," and was also awarded the titles of "Best Beachwear," "Most Beautiful," "Prettiest Eyes," "Prettiest Smile," and "Prettiest Hair" in the 0-11 months age category. Chloe also won "Mini-Grand Supreme Beauty," and "Grand Supreme Beachwear" in the 0-14 years age category.

Business/Professions

Chamber of Commerce to hold annual awards banquet

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will host the 2003 Annual Awards Banquet on May 8, at 6 pm at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

Each year the Chamber comes together with members and friends to honor our businesses and business leaders who contribute to the growth of our county and region.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with our Banquet Reception featuring refreshments, appetizers, and relaxing entertainment with business associates and friends. The Banquet Reception was made possible by the gracious sponsorship and support of Appalachian Wireless.

The Chamber presents

awards in these categories: Business of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, Chamber Partner in Education, Excellence Award, Hall of Fame, Floyd Countian of the Year and Special Tribute.

This year attendees will enjoy the entertainment of Jenny Wiley Theatre, who will be performing "A Magical Music Menagerie". The Chamber is very thankful for the sponsorship and support of Action Petroleum and Coca Cola Bottling Company for providing the evenings entertainment. Musical performers include: Misty Daniels, Erin Jones, Stephen Brown, Bethany Hayes, Adam Doran, Mark Smith, Scott Bradley and the Carriere Family. The production is part

of a new START Program instituted by Jenny Wiley Theatre and will encompass a wide range of music theatre pieces.

The Chamber will hold with the Annual Awards Banquet our First Annual Officer and Director Installation Ceremonies. We are pleased to present the 2003-2004 Officers and Directors:

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Everyone is welcome to attend this annual event. For invitation information, please

contact the Chamber Office 606-886-0364. The Chamber is an organization for and governed by its Members. "Business Helping Business"

MSU to hold business seminar in Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — Want to start a new business? - Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center has the answer: "Smart Steps to Smart Choices," a free, two-hour training course for farmers and other entrepreneurs who want to test the feasibility of their ideas before they invest substantial time and money into a venture.

The "Smart Steps" course guides participants as they look at business from four key standpoints: personal, business, mar-

keting, and finance. The participants will receive a free "Smart Steps to Smart Choices" business-planning guide. The number of participants is limited to 15 and pre-registration is recommended.

The workshop will be conducted on Tuesday, April 22, at Mayo Technical College in Pikeville. The scheduled time is 1-3 p.m. You may call (606) 432-5848 or (606) 218-2148 to pre-register for the workshop or email l.casebo@morehead-st.edu

James River Coal files bankruptcy

by ROGER ALFORD
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A Virginia-based coal company with operations in Eastern Kentucky blamed low coal prices and a heavy debt load for financial problems that forced it to file for bankruptcy.

James River Coal of Richmond, Va., and 21 subsidiaries filed for Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Nashville, Tenn., last week. The company operates mines in Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Perry and Pike counties.

Peter Socha, James River's president and chief executive officer, said several factors combined to force the company to seek protection from creditors, not the least of which was the rising cost of mining coal.

"The impact of these rising costs on our profit margins was compounded by the company's significant reliance on long-term fixed-price contracts," said Socha, who is in his third week as president of the company. "Many of these contracts are below or significantly below current market pricing for comparable product."

James River, which has 1,030 employees, sold about 13.9 million tons of coal last

year for revenues of about \$400 million. The company sells primarily to electric utilities in the southeastern United States.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said James River, like other large mining companies, operates on long-term contracts with utilities. He said the mining companies have little choice but to seek bankruptcy to break unprofitable contracts.

"If these unfavorable contracts are not broken, you're out of business," Caylor said. "We don't have any other choice."

Socha said 95 percent of the coal from James River is sold under long-term contracts, some of which are 10-year contracts.

"When you lock in a contract at 10 years at a given price, and you can only predict your cost for two years, you've got a problem," Socha said.

Caylor said mining companies have been hit especially hard recently by increases in the cost of insurance premiums reclamation bonds.

"Bankruptcy forces utilities to renegotiate the contracts," Caylor said. "Where you've got contracts that are below market that you might have entered into three years ago, it will allow that to be busted."

Socha said his company,

which reported more than \$250 million in debts, has relied almost exclusively on bank loans to fund capital needs. He said the company had 30 times more debt than equity.

Caylor said companies like James River need to get higher prices for their coal.

"Utilities have to understand that they have to pay a reasonable price for coal delivery," he said. "And if they refuse to do that, their actions could literally shut down a coal operation."

Kentucky Public Service Commission spokesman

Andrew Melnykovich said coal company bankruptcies have the potential to raise electric rates when purchasing contracts are broken and utilities are forced to buy coal at higher prices.

"We have an obligation to pursue the lowest cost coal that we can buy to keep our prices low for our customers," said Tim Mosher, spokesman for American Electric Power in Frankfort. "It's unfortunate that coal companies are faced with the possibility of bankruptcies, but we hold fast to long-term contracts."

PowerPoint & Presentation Skills

This workshop will introduce the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation software and will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge. Learn the basics of PowerPoint including startup, creating, editing, formatting, and organizing slides as well as much more. Seating is limited to 15; therefore, pre-registration is required. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged to all participants for this session that includes lunch; and a basic knowledge of PC's and Windows is required. Contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at 886-0364 or the Paintsville office of the MSU Small Business Development Center at 788-7331 to register.

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Benefits of mulching

Ray Tackett
 FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
 FOR AGRICULTURE

Sources: John Strang and Paul Vincelli

Mulch has many benefits around plant beds, foundation shrubs and other gardening locations in the yard. However, nuisance fungi occasionally grow on mulch applied to landscape plants and trees.

In landscape beds and gardens, mulch helps control weeds, prevents extreme soil temperature fluctuation, decreases water evaporation and improves drainage. Mulch also reduces mower and string trimmer damage by suppressing vegetation near shrubs and trees. As it decomposes, mulch produces organic materials to improve soil and otherwise benefit plants.

You need to periodically re-apply mulch to continually receive these benefits.

Nuisance fungi occasionally grow on mulch. They include shotgun fungus, slime moles, stinkhorns, earth stars and toadstools.

The shotgun fungus shoots masses of tiny black spore structures onto adjacent surfaces such as vehicles and home siding.

Slime molds are more unsightly than harmful. They don't cause plant diseases and aren't parasitic. Slime mold spores usually appear from late spring to autumn. Abundant

wet weather stimulates above-ground appearance of these fungi that initially appear slimy but quickly become dry and powdery when converting into spore masses. Slime molds often quickly appear and usually disappear in one to two weeks. They tend to reproduce in the same location every year.

Fungicide use isn't recommended because slime molds aren't harmful.

When mulch hasn't been composted, it might contain fungi that cause plant diseases. However, this situation is rare, and only occurs in non-composted mulch. Plant material fertility problems can arise when fungi in decomposing mulch remove nitrogen from the soil.

Insufficient moisture problems can develop when fungi permeate thick layers of dry mulch, creating a surface that's difficult for water to penetrate.

To gain the most benefit, use composted mulch with a high bark content, and little wood material. Avoid finely-ground, woody products that haven't been composted.

If you buy fresh wood chips from a tree-maintenance firm, add water to the chips and allow them to partially compost for about six weeks. If this material doesn't have fresh leaves, add some nitrogen to speed up the process. Avoid using fresh or partially composted wood chips near the house foundation, because they

can provide a food source for termites.

Immediately after you put mulch around plants or trees, soak it with water to enhance bacterial activity and to initiate decomposition. Periodically wet mulch, during the growing season.

Avoid soured mulch because it tends to injure plants. You can spot sour mulch by its acrid

odor.

For more information, contact Ray Tackett, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, at 886-2668.

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A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 15, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. local time, in the office of Mr. Grag Adams, Floyd County Schools, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-01148 KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES E. CAMP, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 17th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,914.38, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

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Being the same property conveyed to Charles Edward Camp and Joshua Paul Thornton by deed dated February 14, 2002, of record in Deed Book 469, Page 248, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may

exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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P. O. Box 268
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-00567 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. EDNA HALE, GEORGE HALE, FIRST GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK, THE ASSOCIATES MORTGAGE COMPANY, KENTUCKY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC., COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 13th day of February, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$34,940.44, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 243 Cane Fork Road, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Arkansas

Creek, and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a horn-beam tree; thence a straight line to a locust at a bluff; thence a straight line to a hickory tree; thence a straight line back down the hill to a rock; thence a straight line down by the road going south to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed by Family Federal Savings and Loan Association to George Hale and Wife, Edna Hale, by deed dated 8/1/84, and recorded 8/6/84, in Book 286, Page 457, of the public records of Floyd County, Ky.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 02-CI-1036 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SIDNEY L. MEADE, INDIVIDUALLY, AND DBA

MEADE'S HEATING & COOLING; MARY L. MEADE; WEST VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Judgment entered on March 27, 2003, and Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$64,680.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of May, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Sidney L. Meade, the Male Mortgagor, from Floyd County Board of Education, by deed dated June 11, 1996, of record in Deed Book 396, Page 835, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and more particularly described as follows:
Tract 1:
Beginning at the state road on a telephone pole, corner to M.E. Church South's property; thence South with the line of said church property and Mrs. G. M. Hatcher's lot to within ten feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to a drain; thence North with said drain or ditch opened for said drain to the state road and the east with said road to the beginning corner

Tract 2:
Beginning at the middle of the road at the corner of the yard at a rock N.E. [on the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher estate approximately 120 feet from the creek (Abbott Creek)], and from the said mentioned rock with the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher deed to the state road; thence down the road to a rock nearly opposite a locust post and a rock (approximately 100 feet from the state road for of Abbott Creek); thence down the center of road about 100 feet to the beginning corner at a rock.

Tract 3:
Beginning at a stone on the state road, west of the church; thence running east about 50 feet to a stone; thence running south about 50 feet to a stone; thence running west about 50 feet to a stone; thence running a straight line to the beginning.

Tract 4:
Beginning at the present county or state road, corner to M.E. Church South's property formerly, but now owned by the first party; thence south with the line of same and property of first party and which formerly was owned by Mrs. G.M. Hatcher, to within ten (10) feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to within

twelve (12) feet of a drain; thence in a northerly direction, following said drain a distance of twelve (12) feet therefrom, to the present county or state road; and thence east with said road to the beginning corner.

It is expressly agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto that the conveyance of the above described tracts on the second party is subject to all previous easements, restrictions or covenants of record.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
Hon. Martin L. Osborne
119 East Court Street
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-01325 U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST STAR BANK, NA, F/K/A STAR BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS.

LARRY L. LEWIS, GEORGIA LEWIS, AND DISCOVER BANK, BY ITS SERVING AGENT, DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 26th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$15,057.84, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 1973 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
PARCEL NO. 576-00-00-016.03
A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Cow Creek, containing 1 1/2 acres more or less and being more particularly described as follows:
beginning at a black top road and concrete post straight line up hill going west to another concrete point around the hill going north to Joe Burchett's line down the hill following Joe Burchett's line going east around the hill, thence around the hill going south back to the beginning.
Being the same property conveyed to Larry Lewis and Georgia Lewis, by deed in Volume 351, Page 154, of the Floyd County, Kentucky, records.
*Consists of Housing Unit and Lot.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take

a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
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Auxier Road Gas Company Inc.
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5381, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to revise permit No. 836-5381, to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The new operator will be DFM, Inc., P. O. Box 367, Allen, Ky. 41601.
The operation is located 1.39 mile

PUBLIC NOTICE

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northeast of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.9 mile south of Ky. 777, and located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude is 37d 30' 59". The longitude is 82d 47' 13".
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on May 1, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in An Examination of the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism of Kentucky Power, Company D/B/American Electric Power, For The Six-Month Billing Periods Ending June 30, 2000, December 31, 2000, December 31, 2001, and June 30, 2002, and For The Two-Year Billing Period Ending June 30, 2001.
Errol K. Wagner
Director of Regulatory Services

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Floyd County Board of Education is currently accepting sealed bids for Financial Audit Services for the contract period of July 1, 2003, or the board approval date (whichever is later), through June 30, 2005. Sealed bids are subject to the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid. Copies of this invitation to bid may be obtained in the Finance Department at the address below, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, prior to the time and date specified for bid opening, or on the internet at <http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/financebidnotice.html>.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/CIO, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 North Front Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, **"BID: FINANCIAL AUDIT."**

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2003, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, and will be opened at 1:05 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Thursday, April 17, 2003. All bids must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay, as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Bids will be opened and read at the time and location stated above.

Bids are scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting held at 6:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, April 28, 2003, at W. D. Osborne Elementary School, Bevinsville, Kentucky.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Floyd County Board of Education is currently accepting sealed bids for Bank Depository for the contract period of July 1, 2003, or the board approval date (whichever is later), through June 30, 2005. Sealed bids are subject to the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid. Copies of this invitation to bid may be obtained in the Finance Department at the address below, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, prior to the time and date specified for bid opening, or on the internet at <http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/financebidnotice.html>.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/CIO, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 North Front Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, **"BID: BANK DEPOSITORY BID."**

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2003, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, and will be opened at 1:05 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Thursday, April 17, 2003. All bids must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay, as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Bids will be opened and read at the time and location stated above.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-712 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A.....PLAINTIFF VS. GINA HALE AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GINA HALE; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$26,709.68, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Being Lots Nos. 19 and 43, of the River

Plains Estates, as shown by map of same recorded in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk in Plat No. 1-1-18, and to which map or plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.
Being the same property that was conveyed on November 20, 1999, by and between Eleanor Isaacs and Roy Isaacs, her husband, to Gina Hale, single, by deed recorded in Deed Book 441, Page 300, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which

are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
Hon. Virginia Baird Gannon Baird & Baird, PSC P.O. Box 351 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502
WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 880-0018 Amendment #5
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Martin County Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 5002, Inez, Kentucky 41224 has

applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.5 miles southwest of Moree in Martin County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 65.44 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 888.13 acres within the permit boundary.
The proposed revision area is approximately 1.5 miles Northeast from Kentucky 194 junction with Brushy Fork Road and located 1.5 miles Northeast of Thomas, Kentucky.
The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The amendment proposes contour and highwall mining. The surface area is owned by Martin County Coal Corporation, Pocahontas Development Corporation, Thomas L. Taylor, and Donna Sue Taylor. The mineral rights are owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation and Thomas L. Taylor.
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-00524 THE BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE UNDER THE AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/01 (EQCC TRUST 2001-2) C/O FAIRBANKS CAPITAL CORP. PLAINTIFF VS. ALLEN TACKETT, GERLIE TACKETT, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT MERCANTILE MORTGAGE COMPANY AND CITIFINANCIAL, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 30th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$66,909.42, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 979, Hi Hat, in Floyd

County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Tract One
Beginning at a marked rock at the right of way of state highway 979; thence with said right of way to Lilly Damron's line; thence up the hill to a point about 15 feet above old country road; thence around the hill to the beginning.
Being the same property conveyed to Allen Tackett and Gerlie Tackett, his wife, by deed dated 6/25/91 of record in Deed Book 257, Page 201, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.
Tract Two
Beginning at a marked rock at the right of way of highway state 979 up the right of way to Lilly Damron line; thence up the hill to a spotted forked oak tree; thence around the hill to a white oak; thence straight down the hill to the beginning.
Being the same property conveyed to Allen Tackett and Gerlie Tackett, his wife by deed dated 6/25/91, and recorded in Deed Book 257, Page 198, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of

twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
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Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
Hon. Michael R. Brinkman Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480

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WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812
NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc.; 14305 Old US Route 23; Catlettsburg, Ky 41129, has applied for Phase I bond release on permit 836-5342, which was last issued on 06/12/2001. The bond release application covers an area of approximately 1242.00 acres, located 0.60 mile Northeast of level in Floyd County.
The permit area is approximately 0.9 mile Northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. Route 23/460, and located 0 miles West of Kinney Branch. The Latitude is 37°36'10". The Longitude is 82°39'17".
The bond now in effect for the permit 836-5342, is a surety bond of \$28,700. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$28,700 are included in the

application for release.
Reclamation work performed in 836-5342 has included backfilling and grading, redistribution of the available topsoil and revegetation, in accordance with approved plan, completed on March 2002. The achieved results include the stabilization of backfilling and seeding of permanent vegetation species.
Written comments objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director Division of Field Services, Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort KY 40601, by May 30th, 2003.
A public hearing or the application has been scheduled for June 2nd, 2003, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference, is received by May 30th, 2003.

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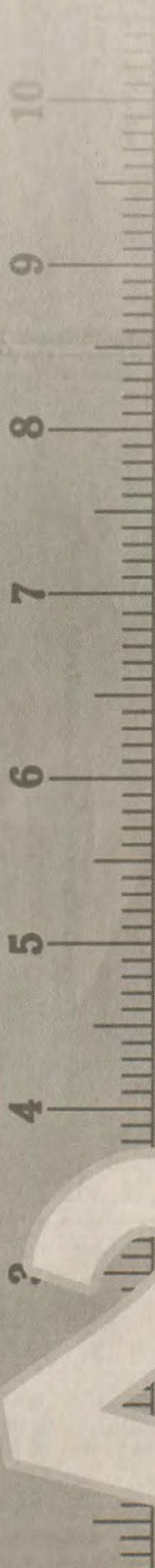
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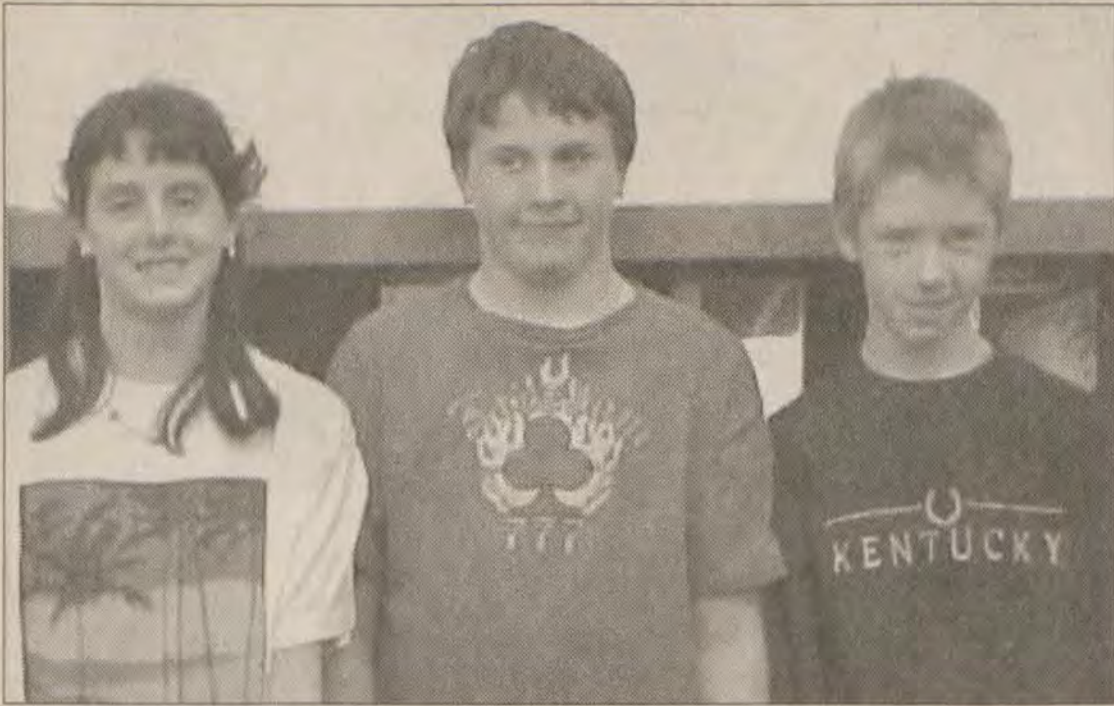
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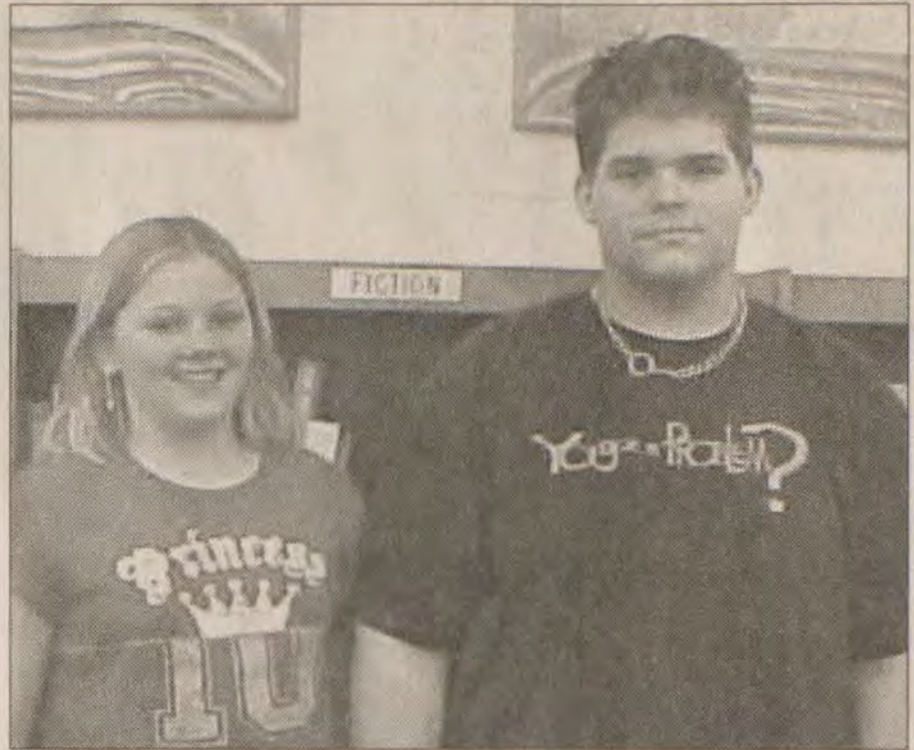
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Adams Middle School



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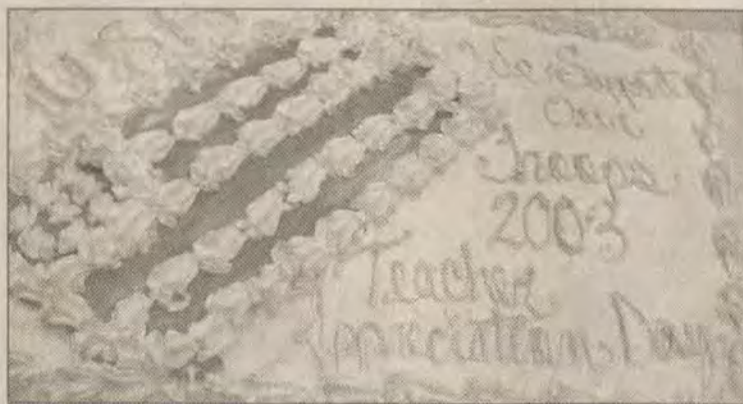


Adams Middle School spelling bee school winner Krystal Pitts and runner-up Kevin Horn.

Allen Central High School



ACHS JROTC cadets observe Arbor Day



Allen Central is celebrating teacher appreciation week a little early. Sandy Mullins and the members of the Good Sam's Club, raised money to provide the teachers with a cake, certificates, American Flag pins, and bookmarks. Sandy Warrens and the members of the student council, raised money to buy the teachers lanyards with Allen Central Rebels imprinted on them. The teachers were very appreciative, and all enjoyed the food and festivities.



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Students, faculty, and staff at Allen Central High School held a short patriotic assembly to honor the troops in Kuwait. The entire school's population gathered around the flagpole, where a moment of respectful silence took place. The principal, Ms. Hall, and Colonel Maynard, the JROTC Senior Army Instructor, spoke eloquently about the situation in Iraq. Ms. Hall also discussed plan to join forces with Dale McKinney & WMDJ to send care packages to the soldiers. The fence around school was beautiful decorated with the quote "WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" and yellow ribbons will adorn our campus until the troops return home. The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and all recited "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Dr. Paul Fanning, Debbie Daniels and Beverly Crisman were also in attendance.



Allen Central Talented and Gifted Art students visit Morehead State University for High School Art Day. They viewed the Kentucky All-State High School Art Exhibit which included artwork from students in all of Eastern Kentucky and toured the campus. The group was also involved in a number of activities provided by the art department.



Professor in the schools

by SHELLIE HAYES

On Friday, March 28 the sixth period anatomy class at Allen Central High School, the students were enjoying a presentation held by a very special guest.

Jacklynn Darling is the assistant professor of radiological sciences at Morehead State University where she has taught for 24 years. Mrs. Darling is a part of a great program, "Professor in the Schools," a grant program supported by Morehead State University.

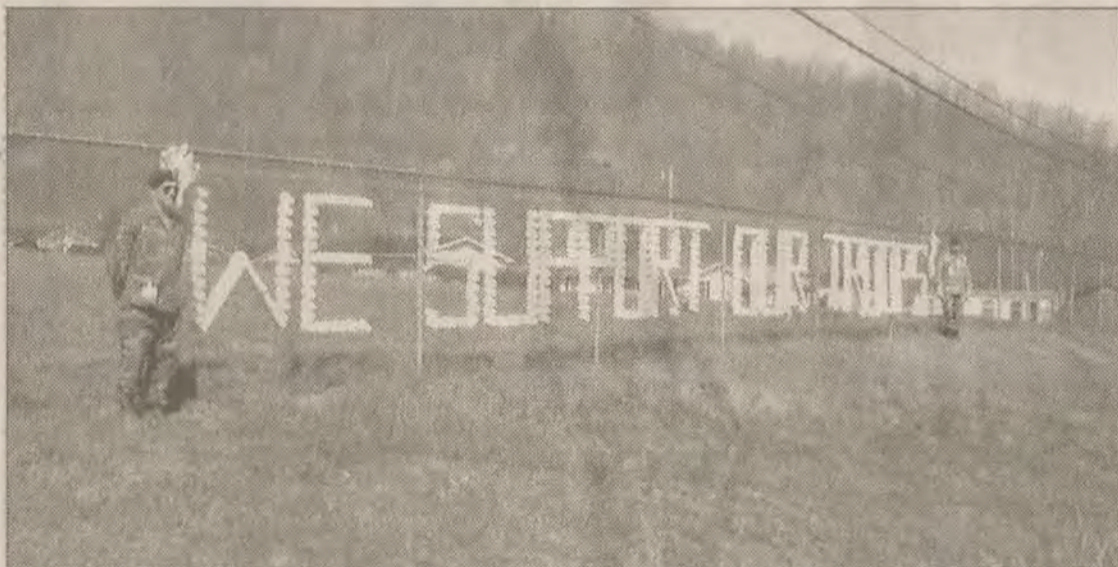
This program spreads across a 22 county service region and is compiled of approximately 40 faculty members of Morehead. These professors, like Mrs. Darling, are reaching out to schools all around the state. This grant is designed to select high schools to

work with faculty in content areas of their expertise and apply their knowledge to student learning.

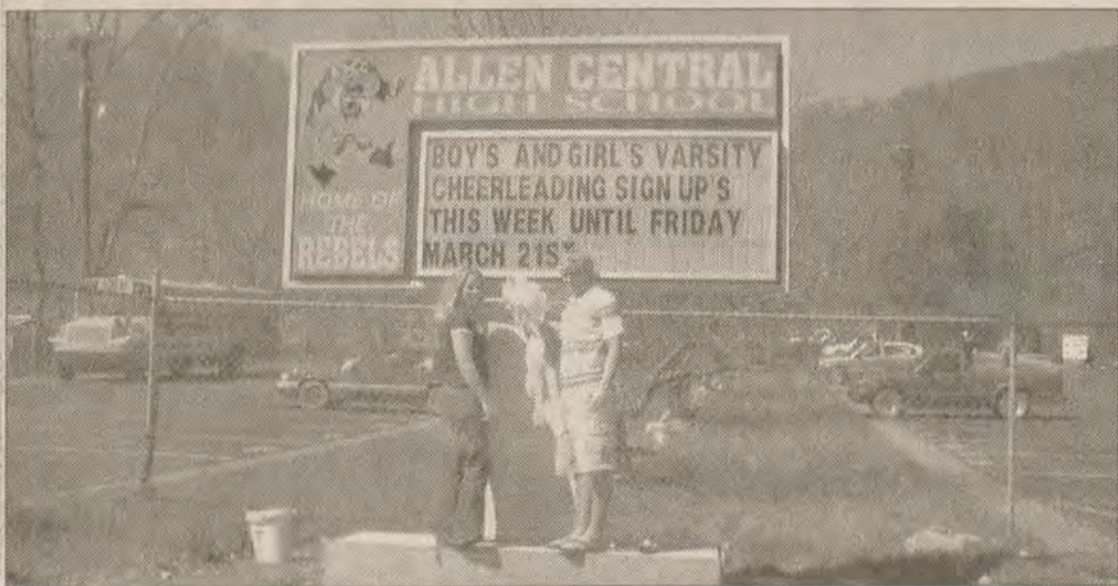
Mrs. Darling chose Allen Central by encouragement of a former graduate of ACHS who is currently in her radiology class.

This program has been in effect for two years and Mrs. Darling claims she is, "Impressed with the teachers who are doing an excellent job, and who seem to be extremely student-oriented". Originally from Floyd County, Mrs. Darling feels this opportunity is just like, "coming home again".

She is honored to have this opportunity, just as honored as we are to have her. A special thanks to Morehead State and Mrs. Darling for bettering our education and understanding of anatomy and physiology.



Allen Central High School's faculty, staff, and students are really showing their concern and support for American soldiers fighting in the war with Iraq. Our campus is beautifully decorated with yellow ribbons and streamers. While the quote "WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" adorns the fence out front. We plan to keep our campus decorated until our soldiers return home. These decorations, along with the blooming of many trees and flowers, make Allen Central's campus a truly beautiful place to be.



Faculty members help students understand war

Since the war with Iraq, students at Allen Central High School have had many questions and concerns. Recently, two of our faculty joined forces and helped to quiet some fears and alleviate some concerns within the student body.

Lori Bolen, a social studies teacher, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining America's involvement in this war. The slides were very factual, giving precise information

about our history with the Middle East countries. She spoke very eloquently, and the students were very respectful and receptive. She ended her presentation with a series of pictures which paid tribute to our soldiers.

Larry Maynard, senior instructor of Allen Central's JROTC program, then gave the students a soldier's perspective of war. Colonel Maynard fought in the Persian Gulf War

as a pilot and is very familiar with actual combat. He spoke of what it's like to be a soldier during wartime and how it feels to be far away from home protecting your country. He allowed the students to ask questions, and answered them very openly and honestly.

All in all, it was a very moving assembly, and the students said they felt much more informed about America's involvement in this war.

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Allen Central High School

Student attend leadership conference

The Allen Central Youth Services Center took four Allen Central students to the Youth Services Centers: Supporting Student Leadership Conference in Lexington on March 2 and 3. The four students attending were Kortney Osborne, Rachel Cooley, Brock Kidd and Logan Slone. They attended seminars on substance abuse prevention, grief and loss management and dating violence. The conference trains the students how to become teen leaders in their respective schools so that they can go back and make a positive influence among their peers.

The center also sponsored a group of students for the "High Schools for Highway Safety" project. Each high school was to submit a 5 to 7 minute power-point presentation utilizing one of the three major causes of past fatal crashes on East Kentucky roads. Nikita Thornsberry, Brett Watson, Brett Whitaker, Shawna Peters and Lora Gibson created the presentation that will be seen at the MAC on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Each school's presentation will be judged prior to the ceremonies at the MAC. The winning school will be presented with a check for \$300 and each participating school will receive \$150. Allen Central will use their money for Project Prom. The Big Sandy Area Development District sponsored the program.

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Math Club plans activities for Friday

On Friday, April 18, Allen Central High School will host its annual Math Day, funded by Gear-Up. Registration will be from 11:15 - 11:30. The events will begin after that and end with the presentation of awards around 2:00 PM.

The ACHS Math Club has planned a variety of activities and competitions that will be challenging and fun for the 100 seventh- and eighth- grade students registered to participate. Students will be placed on teams with students from other schools to compete in a variety of performance events. All activities and events are coordinated entirely by ACHS Math Club members. Supplies and prizes are funded by grant money and donations.

Prizes, including t-shirts, will be given to the top 3 winning teams (approximately 12 students), as well as random drawings to participants and club members. Shirt design by Math Club officers, slogan by Brett Watson and shirt printing by Shirt Gallery.

Each school will fill out their own bus request form. Gear-Up will provide each school with \$20 to help with bus expenses, if needed. Contact Amy Halbert.

Snacks will be provided, but students will need to eat lunch at their respective schools before attending Math Day.

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Tribute wall

Lori Bolen, social studies teacher at Allen Central High School, and her students have started a "TRIBUTE WALL" to pay respect to local soldiers fighting in the Middle East. If you would like to donate a picture of a soldier to our wall, please contact Lori Bolen at Allen Central (358-9543).



Allen Central Middle School Academic Team

First Place Overall in Written Assessment

Floyd County schools participate in various academic competitions during the school year. The overall results were recently released, and Allen Central Middle School is proud to announce that their written assessment team came in first place overall. The quick recall team came in 2nd place overall. Allen Central Middle School Academic team is coached by Mrs. Lynn Handshoe and Mrs. Sandra Stapleton.

English Composition

- Brittany Frasure and Stephanie Gray, tied for 5th

Math

- Josh Martin, 4th place
- Brittany Frasure, 7th place

Science

- Dagan Bickford, 4th place
- Ben Reed, 7th place

Social Studies

- Dagan Bickford, 2nd place
- Richard Vanderpool, 3rd place
- Carl Little, 5th place

Language Arts

- Richard Vanderpool, 2nd place
- Jeremy Davis and Josh Manuel, tied for 4th place

General Knowledge

- Zach Griffith, 7th place
- Josh Martin, 9th place



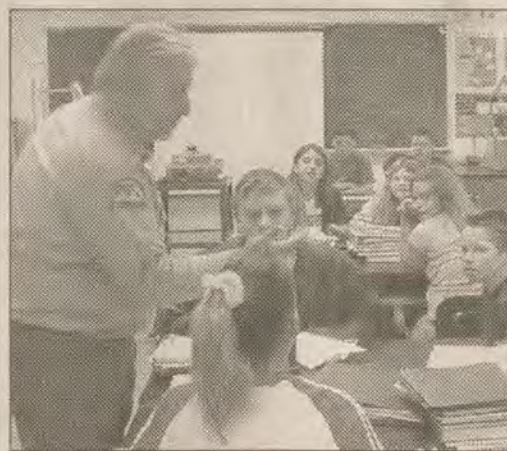
Science Fair

Allen Central Middle School 6th and 8th grade recently participated in a school science fair. Lasha Meade took first place in the 6th grade category for "The side effects of Vinegar" and Melissa Noble came in 1st place for 8th grade with "Which will Boil First?". Both of these students then participated at the regional level where they placed third.



NATURALIST VISITS ACMS

Ron Vanover the Naturalist from Jenny Wiley State Park has been working with ACMS 7th grade classes discussing structural and behavioral adaptations and the ecosystems of Kentucky and their inhabitants. His presentations have included: Bats of Kentucky, Birds of Prey, Amphibians of Kentucky, Reptiles of Kentucky, and Mammals of Kentucky.



RICHARD VANDERPOOL TAKES 2ND IN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

ACMS would like to congratulate Richard Vanderpool for placing 2nd in the County Spelling Bee.

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Science Olympiad

Allen Central Middle School Students recently participated in the regional Science Olympiad Competition. The focus of Science Olympiad is to bring science to life, to show how science works, to emphasize problem solving aspects of science and the understanding of science concepts. Allen Central had many students to place and to advance on to the state Science Olympiad Competition to be held in Bowling Green.

- Can't Judge a Powder-3rd place-Dagan Bickford, Ryan Collins
- Egg Drop-3rd place-Tyra McKinney, Richard Vanderpool
- Life Science Process Skills-2nd Place-Stephanie Gray, Melissa Noble
- Road Scholar-2nd Place-Chelsie Cordial, Latosha Dingus

- Bottle Rocket-2nd Place-Ryan Collins, Dagan Bickford/ 3rd Place-Carl Little, Jarrod Parsley
- Dynamic Planet-2nd Place-Jessica Conley
- Feathered Frenzy-1st Place-Stephanie Gray, Jordan Hale/3rd Place-Chelsie Cordial, Latosha Dingus
- Picture This-3rd Place-Zach Griffith, Zach Hamilton, Tyra McKinney
- Meteorology & Climate-2nd Place-Josh Manuel
- Mystery Architecture-3rd Tyra McKinney, Latosha Dingus
- Reach For The Stars-1st Place-Jessica Conley, Stephanie Gray/2nd Place-Chelsie Cordial, Erica Crager
- Science Crime Busters-1st Place-Dagan Bickford, Ryan Collins

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS SPELLING BEE



The spelling bee room winners for sixth grade are Charity Scott, Shayna Baldridge, Brittany Hodge, Judy Amburgey, and Sasha Jones. The seventh grade room winners are Kortney Ward, Dianna Jones, Ben Reed, Deanna Prater, and Nathan Conley. Eighth



grade spelling bee room winners are Rebel Lawson, Charlie Randolph, Richard Vanderpool, and Matt Atkins. The school winner is Richard Vanderpool with Brittany Hodge placing second.



Wulfe Brothers

The Wulfe Bros. are based in Louisville but travel across Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and beyond. They do Educational Family Programs that are musical history lessons. This year ACMS was lucky enough to have the Wulfe Brothers come for free. Ms. Sally Hotelling won this concert for the school while attending the Kentucky Middle School Conference. Thanks Mrs. Hotelling.



Allen Elementary



Mrs. Vanover's kindergarten science class tied in St. Patrick's Day by growing "hair" for their leprechauns.



Mrs. Vanover's kindergarten class celebrated Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's Day by making green eggs and ham.

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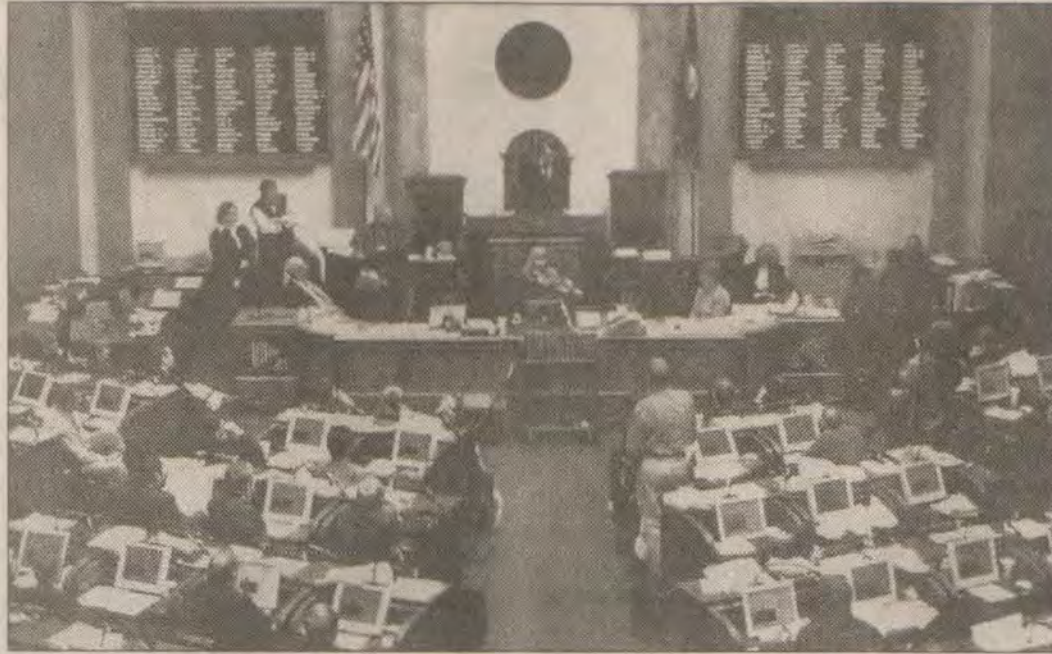
Mrs. Halbert's and Mrs. Wallen's classes celebrated Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's Day by making the Cat in the Hat out of edible goodies.



Front row, left to right: Heather Miller, Marissa Roe, Tanner Keathley, Alex Noble, Andrew Noble and Adam Gearheart. Back row, left to right: Ashleigh Robinson, Brenna Case and Emily Holbrook.



Rossi Clark, the Nicholas Green state winner, fiddled for the House of Representatives March 11 at the State Capitol in Frankfort. Rossi is a fourth-grader at Allen Elementary.



Rossi Clark has the opportunity to chat with Gov. Paul Patton after her performance for the House of Representatives.

Allen academic team goes to Frankfort

Allen Elementary's academic team attended the 41st annual convention of the Kentucky Junior Historical Society in Frankfort March 27-29. The students competed in various categories.

Heather Miller finished third with a handmade crazy quilt.

Alex Noble's media presentation on "Floyd County - A great place to live and work" placed third statewide.

Andrew Noble received a superior ribbon on his historical exhibit "Floyd County

Tragedy." The history bowl team won second place. Members of the team were Adam Gearheart, Alex Noble, Brennan Case, Tanner Keathley and Emily Holbrook.

While in Frankfort, the students visited with Gov. Paul Patton and toured the capitol, as well as other historical sites.

The students were accompanied by their coach, Janet Shepherd, teacher-parent Tammy Noble, principal Linda Gearheart, and parents Terry Keathley and Lisa Roe.



Mrs. Gearheart, principal at Allen Elementary, is shown presenting a \$100 check to Kaleb Rodebaugh for being the top seller of the Cherrydale fund-raiser. Audrey Mosley received a boom box for being the second-place seller.



Brandon Blain and Frankie Stanley show off their support for the UK Wildcats by displaying Kentucky blue on "Wildcats Day" March 27.

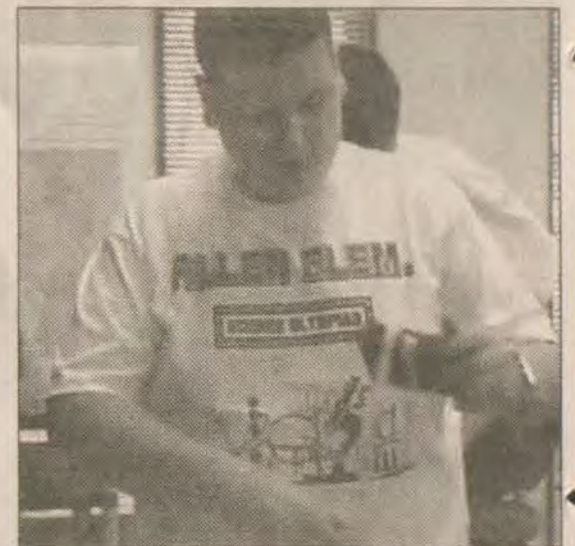


Alex Griffith, a fourth-grade student at Allen Elementary, was the school's spelling bee winner. Alex is in Mrs. Garrett's room.



SCIENCE TEAM

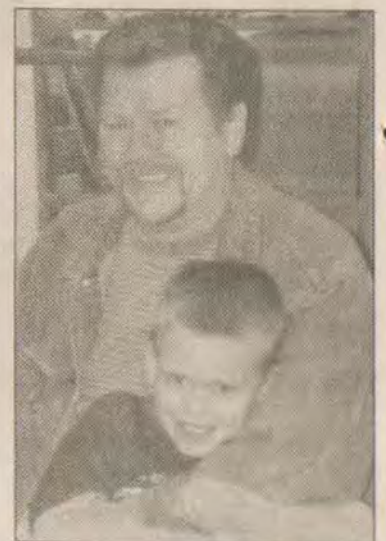
Allen Elementary students competed at Prestonsburg Community College and both science teams qualified to attend state competition on April 12. The teams consist of students from grades 6 to 8. Coaches are Jennifer Skeens, Angie Waugh, Bernadine Isaac and Linda Bartrum.



Betsy Layne Elementary



The Betsy Layne kindergarten classes had a "Doughnuts for Dads" day to honor fathers for all they do for their children. Some students brought grandpas, older brothers and uncles. The dads and students enjoyed orange juice and doughnuts while listening to songs about fathers, poems and stories. It was a great opportunity for the dads to see their children's classrooms and some of their children's work. The teachers wanted to do something for dads because they often do many things for moms and since Father's Day is in June, the dads often get a bit left out.



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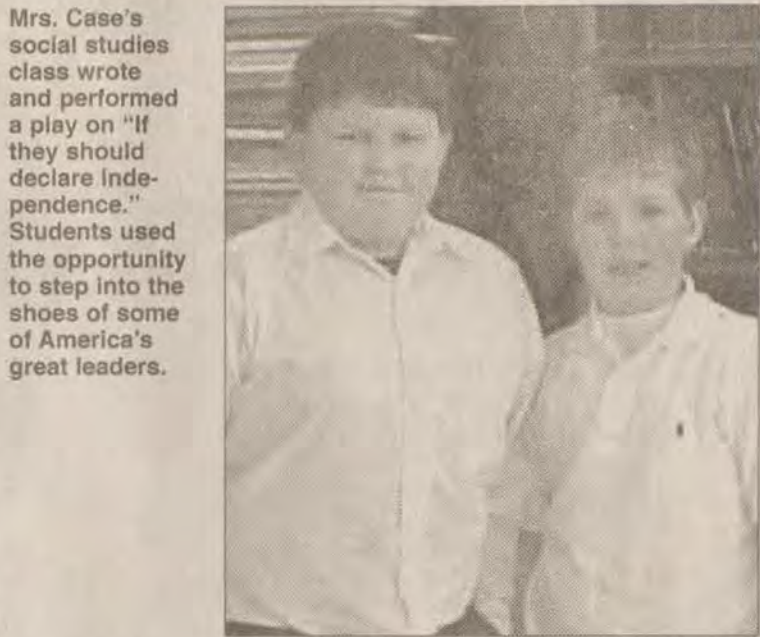
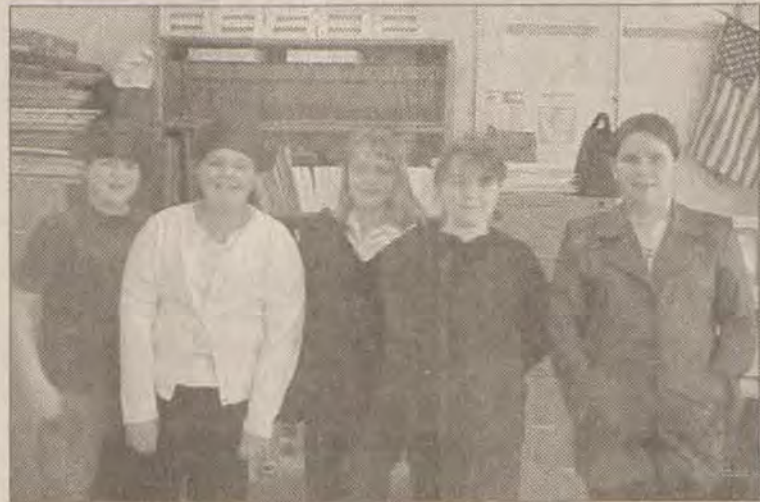
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Mrs. Case's social studies class wrote and performed a play on "If they should declare Independence." Students used the opportunity to step into the shoes of some of America's great leaders.

The Betsy Layne Elementary forensics team is this year's regional champion.



The Betsy Layne Elementary middle school academic team came in first place in quick recall.



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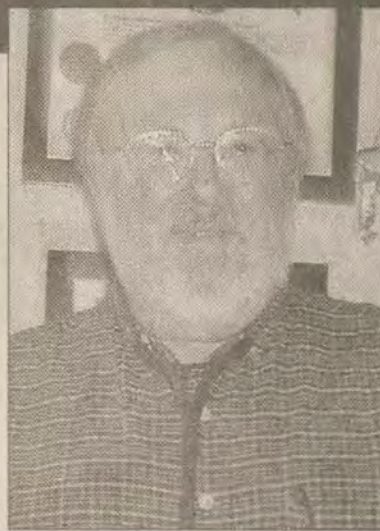
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BLE 8th grade trip to Morehead State University, March 19. We had three sessions with university professors, two math and one science. Students had wonderful, challenging math activities that helped prepare for KCCT and a brief tour of campus. Thanks to GearUp for financing trip and providing support at MSU while we were on campus.



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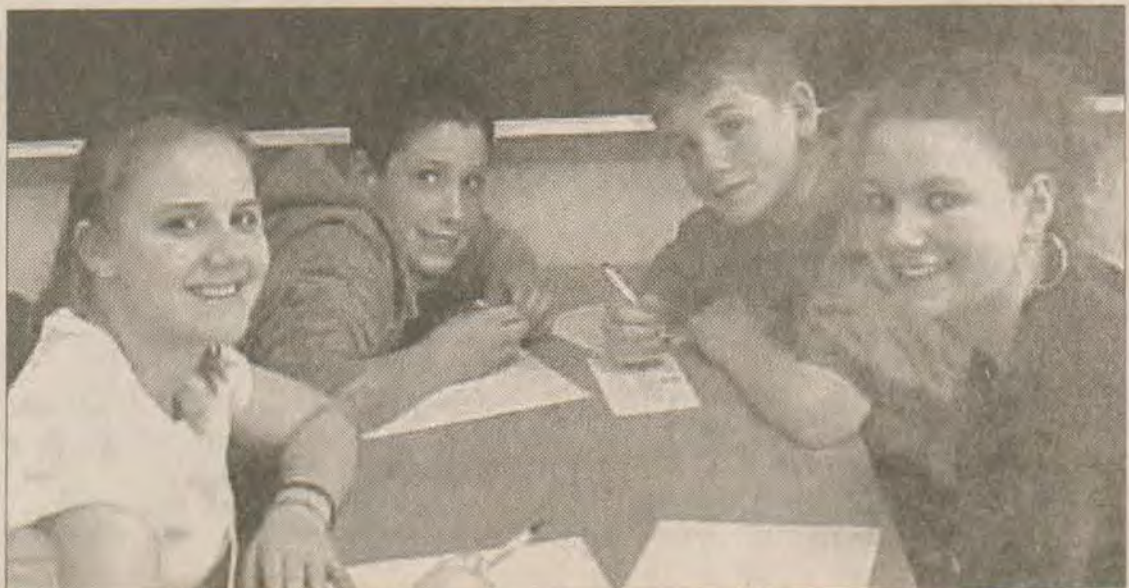
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Betsy Layne High School



Recently, Mr. Shannon Shepherd's Art I class created face masks in the tradition of African ceremonial masks depicting modern day cultural icons. Students used the papier-mache technique in constructing their masks. According to Shepherd, this activity provided students a way to study not only African culture, but also the basics of sculptural design.



BLHS assistant principal nets \$1,000

BLHS Assistant Principal, Sean Ousley, is pictured above with a \$1,000.00 check written out to Betsy Layne High School. Mr. Ousley participated in the "Great Principals Shoot-Out" sponsored by Houchens Industries in which an administrator from each of the 16 teams participating in the Girls' State Basketball Tournament held in Bowling Green at Western Kentucky University in March. To earn the \$1,000 award, Mr. Ousley competed in a basketball shoot out against 15 other administrators from various counties. When asked how he got so good at basketball, Mr. Ousley simply answered humbly with, "Well, the other principals weren't that good."



Students discover food for the imagination

Having a beachside lunch or a picnic in the scenic countryside are now dining options for BLHS students and faculty members thanks to the artistic talent of the school's art teacher, Mr. Shannon Shepherd. After celebrating the Ladycats trip to the Girls' State basketball tournament, students and faculty returned to school on March 24 to discover two large murals painted on the wall of the school's cafeteria. The paintings measure approximately eight feet wide and six feet tall. One image, pictured here, depicts a relaxing and exotic tropical beach side, while the other leads its spectators down a peaceful and refreshing mountain trail. Now, by focusing on these picturesque paintings, students can feed their imaginations and bodies at the same time.

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Clark Elementary



Mrs. Warrix's class has been studying about the three branches of government. They have done research on the computer and found lots of data. They typed it out and put it on posterboard. Each group got up and talked about what they did.



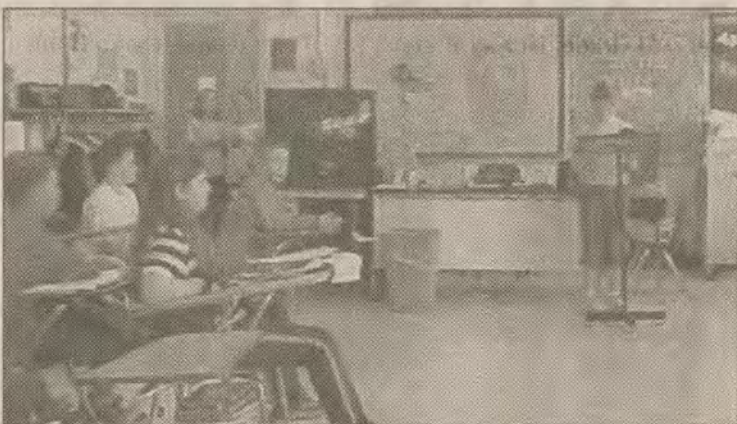
Mrs. Parson's fourth-grade class had the best attendance for the third month in a row. The class will celebrate with a pizza party.



Ashley Blackburn made silly putty in the chemistry lab at Prestonsburg Community College.



Clark Elementary welcomed Ms. Amber Ratliff. Amber is doing her student teaching in Mrs. Parsons' fourth-grade class.



Mrs. Madden's fourth-grade students are working on portfolios. They are also taking practice tests with open response questions for the upcoming CATS test.



The fourth-grade students at Clark Elementary went on a science tour at Prestonsburg Community College, where they were able to observe and participate in many science activities.



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MRS. BLANTON

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■ A Honor Roll:
Blake Baldrige, Alisha Owens, Michaela Parsley, Madison Wright.

■ B Honor Roll:
Chris Bentley, Elizabeth Campbell, Chris Dingus, Bradley Ousley, Manissa Risner, Austin Salyer, Kaylena Stevenson, Terry Adams.

MRS. WRIGHT, 2ND GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:

Daphne Cook, Nicole Crace, Josh Dyer, Ina Lawson, Sean Ly, Angela Marsillett, Zachary Patrick, Jessica Stevenson.

■ A Honor Roll:
Daphne Cook, Sean Ly, Zachary Patrick, Patrick Pitts, Dalton Shepherd, Jessica Stevenson, Amber Webb, Alexandria Trout, Makayla Williamson.

■ B Honor Roll:
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MRS. HUNSUCKER, 1ST AND 2ND GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Tiffany Allen, Steven Bays, Shay Lynn Crace, Kendra Hayden, Jeremiah Mayhan.

■ A Honor Roll:
Candace Whited, Kelby Kisor, Jeremiah Mayhan.

■ B Honor Roll:
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Kevin Marsillett, Chris Lawson, Tiffany Allen, Steven Bays, Michael Blankenship, Cody Chaffins, Danielle Chilson, Natasha Collins, Shay Lynn Crace, Taneisha Hamilton, Kendra Hayden, Courtney Shepherd, Joshua Stambaugh, Megan Ward.

MRS. WARRIX, 3RD GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
April Spears, Sammantha Howard.

■ A Honor Roll:
Wesley Robinson, Sammantha Howard, Kelsey Boyd, Rachel Johnson, Chase Baldrige.

■ B Honor Roll:
April Spears, Brett Blankenship, Tiffany Bentley, Bethany Thornsberry, Haily Slone, Kyle Hall, William Leckrone, Kelly Miller.

MRS. CAMPBELL, 3RD GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Josh Holbrook, Jordan Tackett, Melissa Walker.

■ A Honor Roll:
Samantha Davis, Brittany Dingus,

Victoria Hammonds, John Thompson.

■ B Honor Roll:
James Bailey, Bryce Burchett, Josh Holbrook, Sarah Shepherd, Candace Triplett, Adam West, Katie Young.

MRS. MADDEN, 4TH GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Santana Mahan, Evan Hayes, Michael Ousley.

■ A Honor Roll:
Evan Hayes, Samantha Trout.

■ B Honor Roll:
Samantha Jones, Moncia Reed, Ashley Hall, Michael Ousley.

MRS. PARSONS, 4TH GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Joseph Kidd, Johnathan Johnson, Tyler Poe, Jeremy Yost, Casey Conley, Zachary Taulbee.

■ A Honor Roll:
Mika Hackworth, Whitney Rowe, Zachary Taulbee, Holly Whitaker, Casey Conley.

■ B Honor Roll: Joseph Kidd, Tyler Poe.

MS. OSBORNE, 5TH GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Latoshia Ferrell, Brandon Hall, Jake Layne, Mason McCoy, Halee Hicks.

■ A Honor Roll:
Brandon Hall, Brittney Compton.

■ B Honor Roll:
Dustin Coleman, Latoshia Ferrell, Ashley Holbrook, Beth Justice, Jake Layne, Mason McCoy.

MRS. STARR, 5TH GRADE

■ Perfect Attendance:
Danese Chaffins, Josh Gilliam, Jerry Hicks, Dixie Shepherd, Savannah Wright.

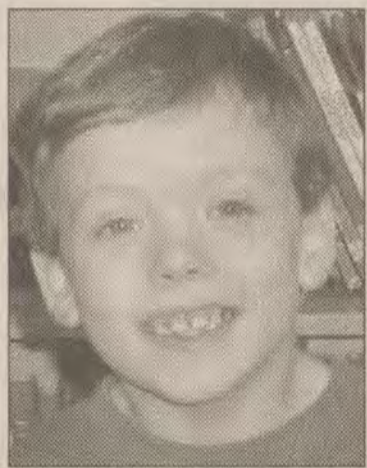
■ B Honor Roll: Dixie Shepherd, Brooke Meade.

MS. BINGHAM'S CLASS

■ Perfect Attendance:
General Lee Sword.

Duff Elementary

- Spring Accelerated Reader Top Point Winners -



Kindergarten, Thomas Case



First Grade, Sarah Hackworth



Second Grade, McKay Prater



Third Grade, Caleb Conn



Fourth Grade, Wallace Coburn



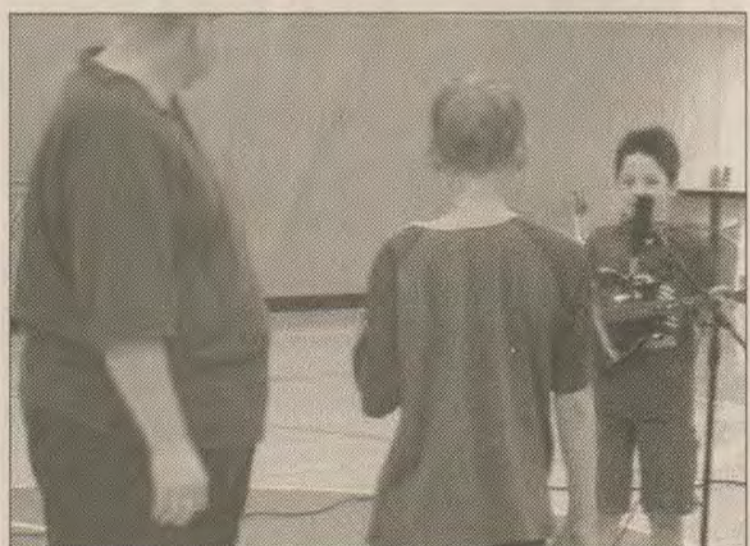
Fifth Grade, Andy Moore



Bruce Davis, Big Sandy RECC, presented each student at Duff Elementary with their own guitar pick. Each student received a brochure about Ryan Holladay and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music Program.



Ryan Holladay performs at Duff Elementary.



Ryan Holladay takes questions from students. Also pictured is Don Rigby of Morehead State University and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.



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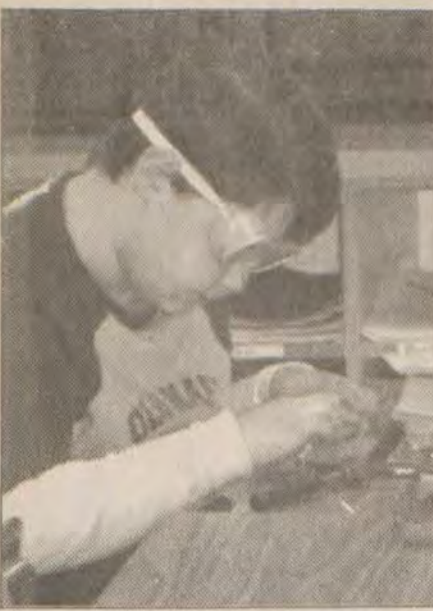
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Paleontologists Dig Up the Past

Students from Mrs. Lawson's second grade class pretended to be paleontologists and dug for "fossils". This was a part of their family home projects for Science. The students used clay and objects from home to make "fossils", and then they exchanged them with a classmate and dug for the treasures.



POSTER WINNERS



Angel Ferrell, second-place winner, and Jordan Cole, first-place winner in the Duff Elementary conservation poster contest.



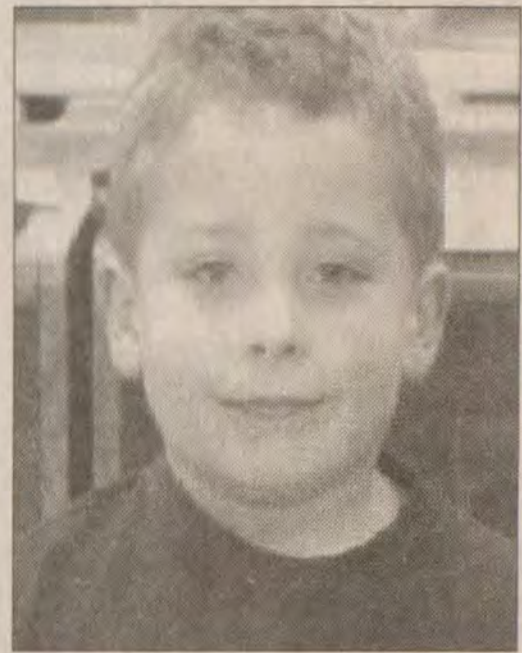
Duff Elementary Future Problem Solving Team District Competition

First Place Winners. Top, left to right: Sydney Bush, Trinity Combs, Whitney Ousley. Bottom, left to right: Brandi Brown, Kelsey Whitaker, Lauren Mullins.



Duff Elementary Future Problem Solving Team Regional Competition

First Place Winners. Top, left to right: Sydney Bush, Candra Hicks, Trinity Combs. Bottom, left to right: Brandi Brown, Kelsey Whitaker.



Corey Davis, third-place winner in the Duff Elementary conservation poster contest.

Linda's Carousel Day Care



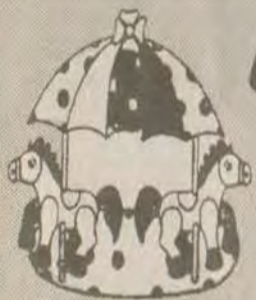
Brandi and Erica like to slide.



Emily has a birthday!



Kaitlyn and Emily are happy to see each other.



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May Valley Elementary



Katelyn Hall, Composition, 2nd Place



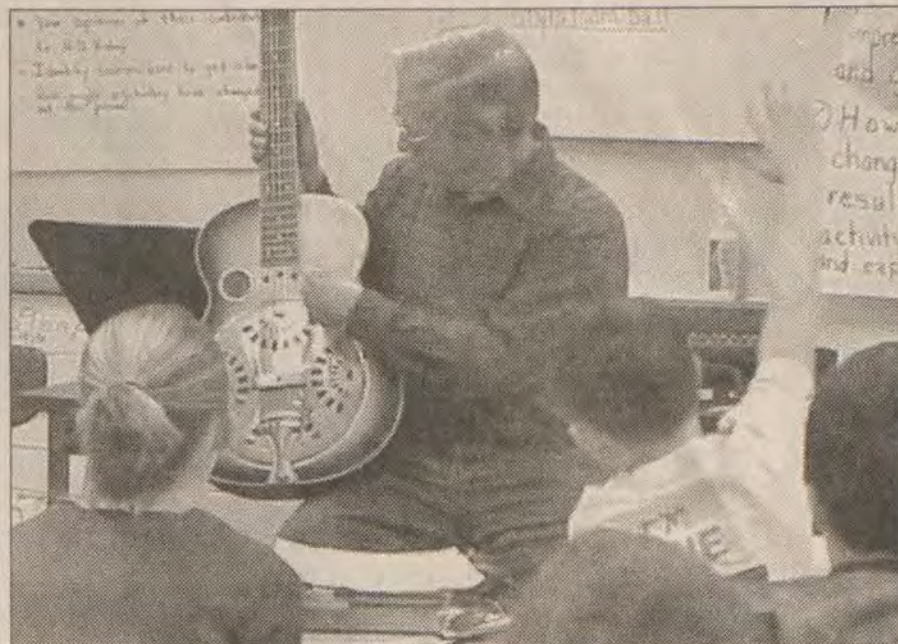
Megan Spradlin, Composition, 5th Place



Seth Perry, General Knowledge, 5th Place

Regional Academic Competition

May Valley Students who placed at the Floyd/Johnson Counties Regional Academic Competition. The competition was Saturday, March 22.



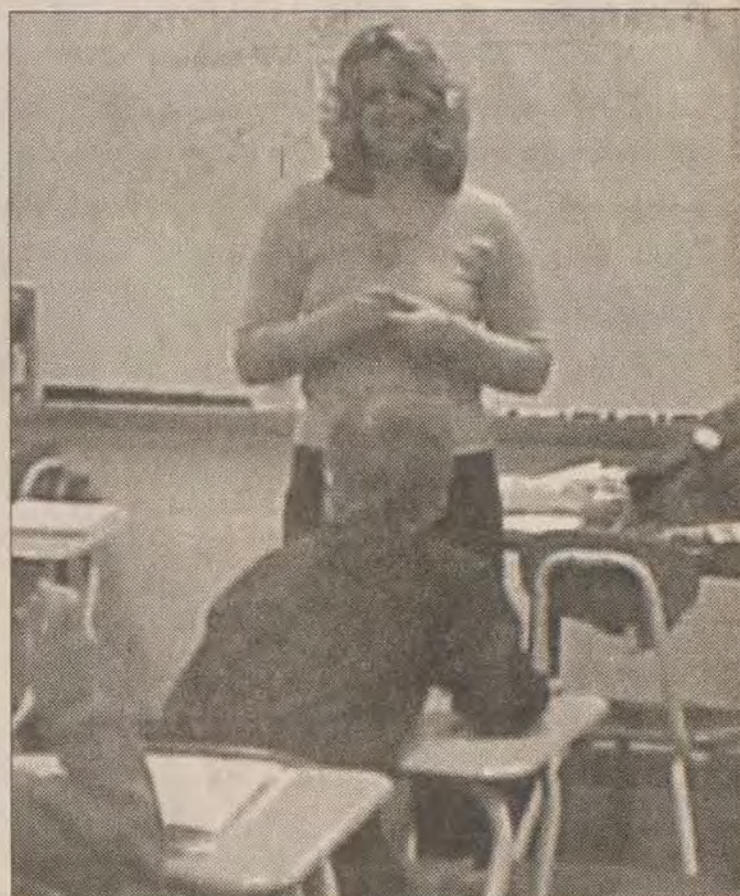
Ray Slone conducted a musical presentation for the fifth grades.



Ashley Vanderpool and Ashley Yates were both winners in the "Child Abuse Prevention Button Design" contest at May Valley Elementary. Ashley Vanderpool was also a grand prize winner at the state level of the contest.

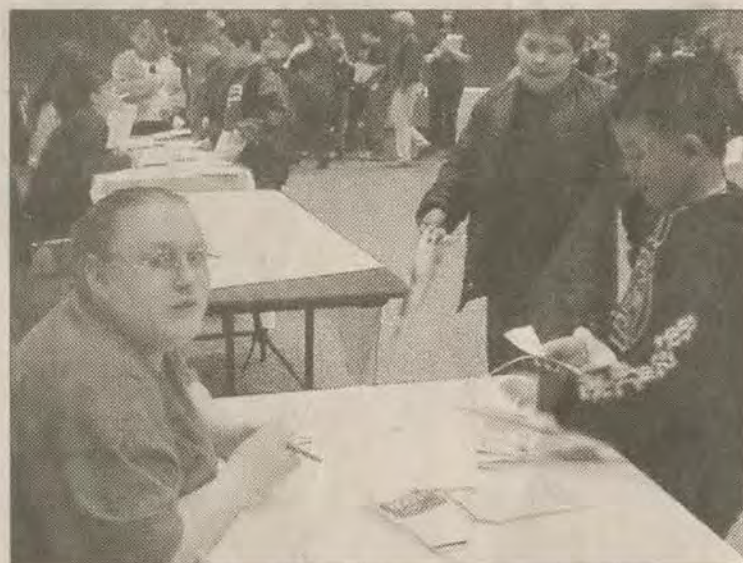


Volunteers read to classrooms to mark Dr. Seuss' birthday.



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The final issue of Children First for the 2002-03 school year will be published May 28. The deadline for submitting stories and pictures will be May 16. Because of holidays and the volume of material, we must insist on strict deadlines. Anything submitted after May 16 will be left out.

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McDowell Elementary



McDowell Elementary recently won 1st place in all categories in the National History Day Competition. They will be traveling to state competition in April. Pictured are Mason Gayheart, Ethan Gayheart, Thomas Tackett, Alex Hall, Brian Johnson, and Marty Dye.



Shannon Turner



Cory Hall, Elizabeth Newsome, Andrea Conn, Shana Hitchcock, McKenzie Lawson, Shawn Page, Bailey Hamilton, Kyle Herald, Cody Ousley, Ariel Salisbury, and Issac Spears.



Mrs. Joy Adam's 5th grade class recently created containers that were used in a math project on measurement. As you can see, the students had a wonderful time doing the hands-on activity.

National History Day

National History Day is an educational program designed for students in grades 6 - 12. Throughout the school year, students conduct research using primary and secondary resources to prepare projects based on an annual theme. The annual theme is broad enough to encourage investigation of topics ranging from local and state history to national and world history.

NHD has two divisions: junior division (grades 6-8) and senior division (grades 9-12). Students may do individual or group projects in any one of four categories: Research Paper (individual only), Exhibit, performance, or Documentary.

College scholarship money is available in the senior division for the 1st place state and/or national winners.

Two schools represented Floyd County in the Regional competition held March 14, 2003 at

Prestonsburg Community College. Students from Mc Dowell Elementary and John M. Stumbo participated in the Junior Division.

1st Place Individual Exhibit - Thomas Tackett, Mc Dowell

1st Place Group Exhibit - Mason Gayheart, Alex Hall, Brian Johnson and Chad Patrick - McDowell

1st Place Documentary - Ethan Gayheart and Marty Dye - McDowell

Shayne Wicker, sponsor for McDowell Elementary has participated in National History Day for the last twelve years. Gerald Newsome, first year sponsor from JM Stumbo, also participated!

These students will travel to the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort on Saturday, April 26 to compete in the state competition.

Shayne Wicker, sponsor for McDowell Elementary has participated in National History Day for the last twelve years.



McDowell Elementary's school spelling bee winner, Kody Little



McDowell Elementary hosted their 1st AR "How many points can you earn?" tournament for the month of March. Each homeroom winner was recognized with a popsicle. Winners were Ali Burke, Marissa Hall, Josh Adkins, Skylar McGuire, Page Hall, Casey Wright, Chelsea Mosley, Anthony Daniels, Cody Bartley, Kirstin Catron, Dustin Hurst, Sarah Johnson, Heather Little, BJ Spillman, Mark Case, Clyde Hamilton, Taran Parsons, Ashley Losinger and Brittany Ray.

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The Phantom Tollbooth

Recently Ms. Danita Johnson's 6th grade students finished the book "The Phantom Tollbooth". The students dressed as their favorite characters and wrote a character card about their character. Below are some of the interesting characters found in the book.

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Mtn. Christian Academy



Spring Fling Gospel Sing

MCA celebrated its ninth annual gospel sing on Friday, March 28, by hosting the Gospel Tide along with The Sammons Family. The beautiful weather allowed for a large crowd. Those in attendance enjoyed performances by all the students, along with several fiddle groups in the school. It was a night filled with entertainment, celebration and fellowship.

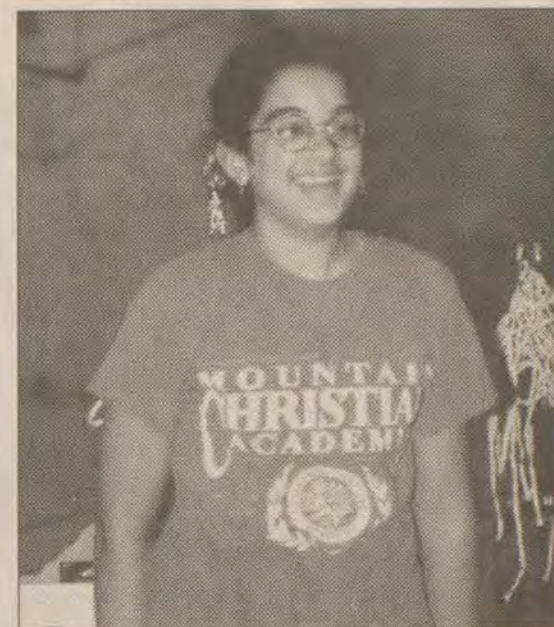


Reading Buddies

"Reading Buddies" are a part of the preschool library curriculum. Pictured are eighth grade students reading to the small groups of preschoolers. This activity lasts throughout the school year and is much anticipated by both groups each week.



Shilpa Sachdeva, daughter of Drs. Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva of Pikeville, was the winner of the Floyd County spelling bee. MCA is proud of her accomplishments. Shilpa is pictured above with Dr. Parker Tiller, dean, and Mrs. Cindy Hall, spelling bee organizer.

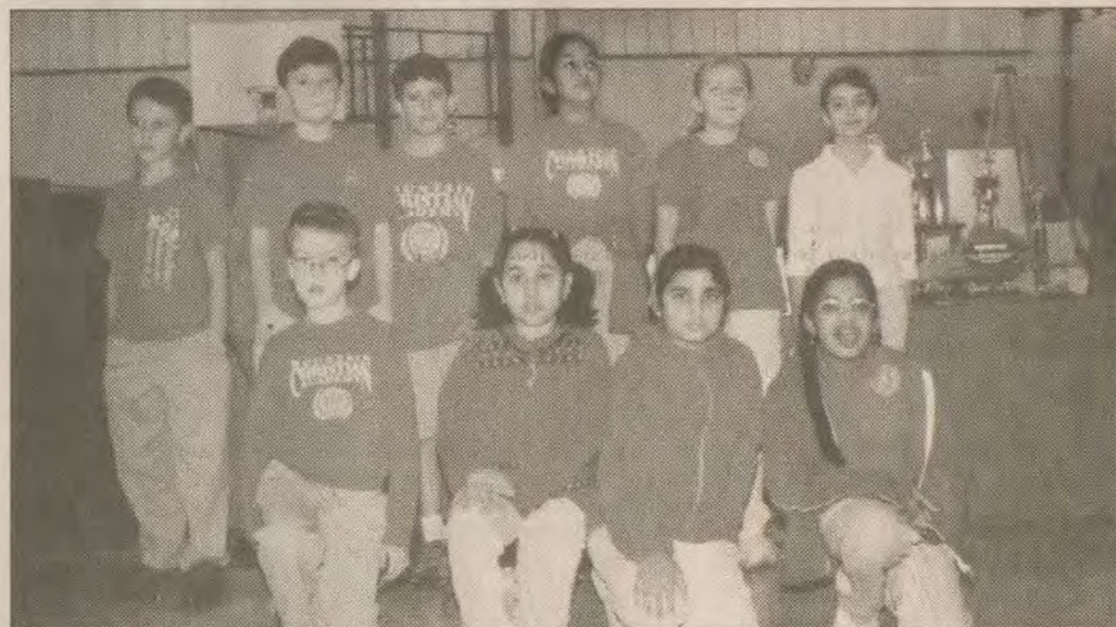


Math Counts

Congratulations to the Math Counts team for their strong showing at the regional competition. Shilpa Sachdeva represented MCA at the state meet on March 14 and 15.



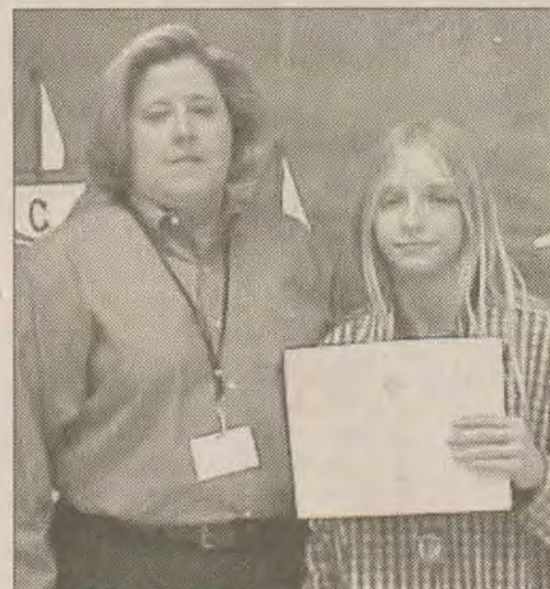
MCA recognized many groups — including elementary and middle school academic teams, geography and spelling bee winners, honor roll recipients, and A-team ballplayers and cheerleaders — at the third nine-weeks honor assembly. Among those honored were the eighth-graders (pictured) who attended their last honor assembly. Dr. Tiller spoke of all the accomplishments, both academic and athletic, MCA has enjoyed throughout the school year.



Elementary Regional Governor's Cup Competition

MCA received the sportsmanship award and placed fourth overall. The MCA quick recall team placed third, future problem solving team placed fourth, Shikha Sachdeva placed first in science and third in general knowledge, Harmeet Bhagrath placed third in language arts and fourth in English composition, and Josh Gray placed fifth in science.

Opportunities Unlimited



Principal Bonita Compton and school spelling champion and 21st Century Scholar April Nunemaker.

Opportunities Unlimited School News

In the news at Opportunities Unlimited, Principal Bonita Compton congratulated school spelling champion April Nunemaker for achievement. The spelling bee was held March 25 at OU.

April was also chosen as a 21st Century Scholars participant at Opportunities Unlimited. As a scholar in this program, April will receive services such as tutoring, mentoring, counseling and other supports to help her prepare for college.

Ms. Mynhier and her second-period class decorated the school with yellow ribbons in support of the U.S. troops over in Iraq. The ribbons will stay up until the conflict in Iraq is settled.



Ms. Mynhier's second-period class decorated the school with yellow ribbons.

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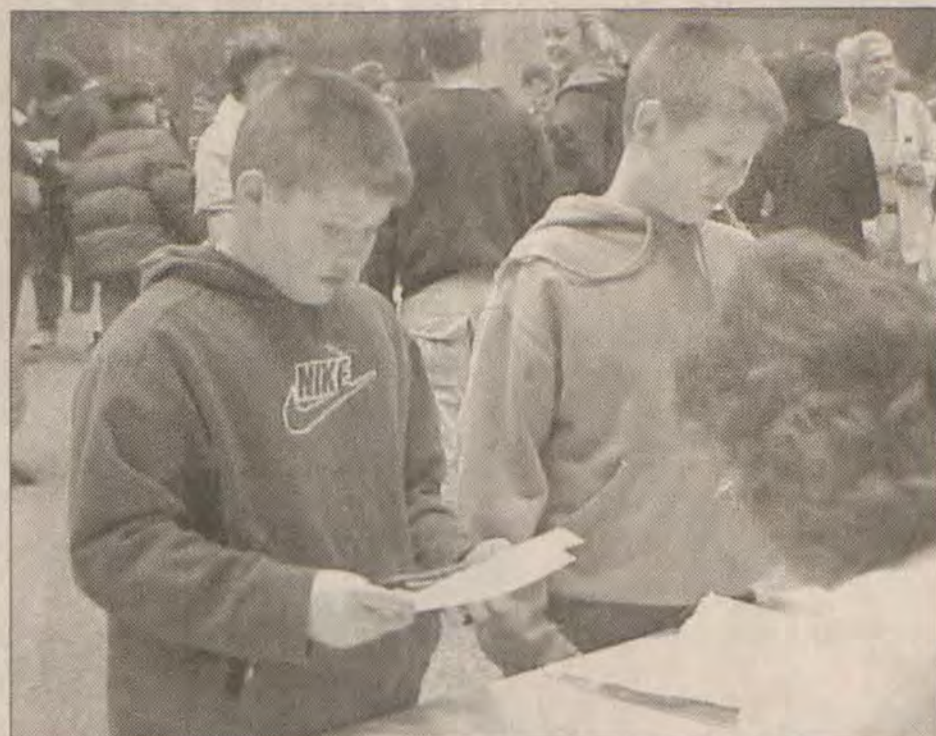
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Osborne Elementary



Sixth-grade students visit the Pin Zone in Prestonsburg to learn the techniques of bowling, as well as score keeping.



Dollars & Sense Day. Fifth-grade students from Floyd County learn about taxes, spending and the importance of attendance.



The W.D. Osborne Elementary Math Bee was divided into two ranks — K-3rd and 4-6th. Shown above is the K-3rd competition.



Students enjoyed a presentation given by The Wulfe Brothers. Theme of the show was "Kentucky Is The Place."

Prestonsburg Elementary



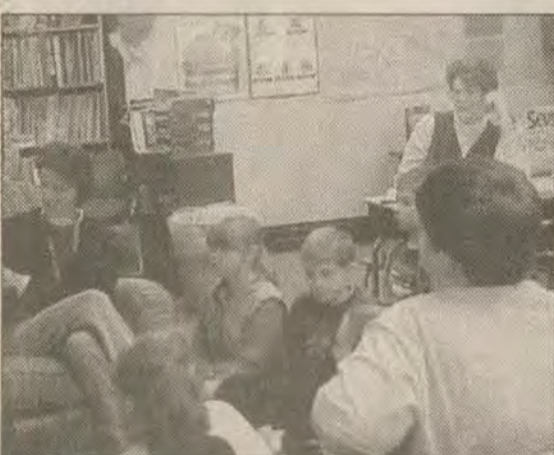
Prestonsburg Elementary presented its second annual Character Education Breakfast on Feb. 21. Parents and grandparents participated with a continental breakfast and awards ceremony for students exhibiting good character traits for this grading period.



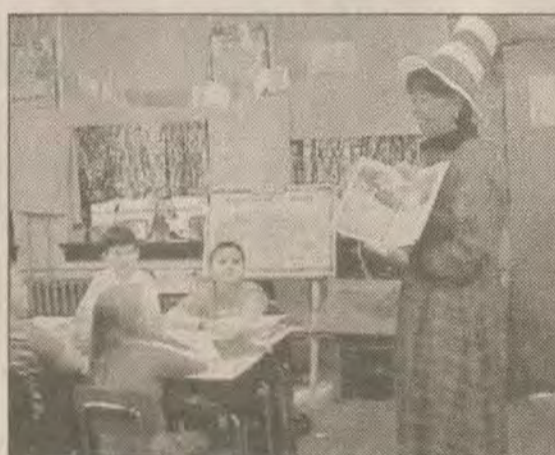
The Prestonsburg Elementary forensics team competed in the state tournament in Bowling Green on March 20. Those attending were sponsor Jo Ann Conn, Jonna Craft, Victoria Petry, Brittany Peppi, Kayla Hall, Jamie Marsillett and Micaya Canterbury.



Mrs. Joyce Watson of Delta Kappa Gamma Tau Chapter presented a check to Mrs. Marthan Damron, Prestonsburg Elementary library media specialist, and Ms. Melissa Turner, second-grade teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary, to purchase books for an author study. Mrs. Damron and Ms. Turner participated in the "Read With Me Project", which is a mentoring project with an emphasis on literacy. It also encourages participation in reading activities such as family reading night and Read Across America.



Bridget Clay, P.E. teacher, read to Mrs. Deborah Walker's third-grade class at Prestonsburg Elementary during RIF's teacher/staff exchange day.



Sharon Watkins, attendance clerk, read to students at Prestonsburg Elementary during teacher/staff exchange during RIF Week.



Gwen Hale-Frazier, principal, read to students at Prestonsburg Elementary to celebrate RIF Week.

Prestonsburg High School

PHS student explores U.S. government



Katherine Adams

Katherine Adams, a student at Prestonsburg High School, took part in the Jan. 25 to Feb. 1 Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, D.C. Katherine was invited to attend Presidential Classroom as she was a 2002 HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) participant. Katherine was elected HOBY

ambassador by her teachers. The electors considered GPA, class rank, and the leadership skills Katherine has displayed throughout high school.

Katherine and more than 300 other high school juniors and seniors from 43 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Mexico explored the federal government at work. They spent a

week discussing key political issues with Washington policy makers and observing the American political process on Capitol Hill.

Highlights of the week included seminars with Mr. Charles E. Cook, editor and publisher of The Cook Political Report, Dr. Kim Holmes, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of

International Organization Affairs, and Hugh O'Brian, founder of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program; appointments with Members of Congress, visits to foreign embassies and a performance by the comedy group, Capitol Steps.

Katherine is the daughter of Harry and Jamie Adams of Prestonsburg.



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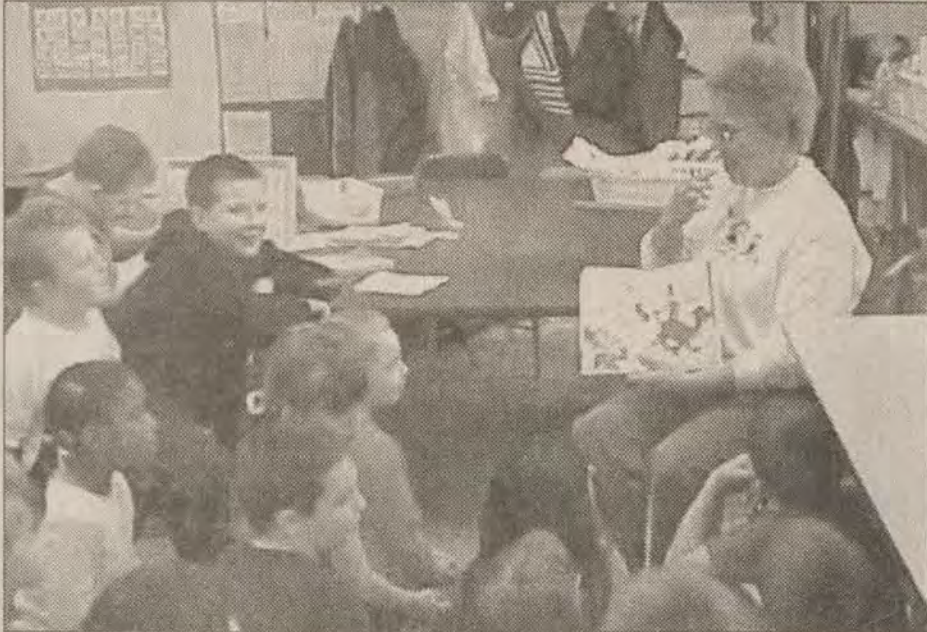
Piarist students attend KUNA

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, 15 students from the Piarist School pulled out of the parking lot, bound for the 54th Kentucky United Nations Assembly. Held annually in Louisville, the YMCA-sponsored event promotes

leadership and an understanding of the world's many cultures. The Piarist School has attended the conference consecutively seven times and been the recipient of numerous awards for their involvement. This year's group had

selected the country of Brazil to represent. Over the course of the three days spent in the big city, students were expected to debate global issues, making sure to express the viewpoints of their 'native country'.

South Floyd Middle



During read Across America Week, we had many volunteers come in and read to our students. We also had a "Dress Up as your Favorite Character Day". Our Kindergarten classes had "Cat In The Hat" Snack day.



Stumbo Elementary



Read Across America Celebration

The cat in the hat came back to John M. Stumbo Elementary in March. Evidence of Dr. Seuss could be found throughout the school. To celebrate 'Read Across America' week, the school participated in activities to honor Dr. Seuss' literary genius. The week began with students and staff decorating the doors and hallways with themes taken from Dr. Seuss' books. Other activities included Mrs. Ray reading Green Eggs and Ham to the entire school on Monday, crazy hat day on Tuesday, wild hair day on Wednesday (pictured above), different sock day on Thursday, concluding on Friday with ten minutes of D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read), and the judging of the classroom doors for most creative ideas. Congratulations to Sherry Abshire's classroom for winning the door contest. The primary classes enjoyed buddy reading when they participated in the D.E.A.R. The classes of Mrs. Vanover and Mrs. Lawson are pictured reading Dr. Seuss books.



Stumbo students visit the planetarium

The P3 and P4 students at Stumbo Elementary concluded a unit about the solar system by visiting the Hummel planetarium in Richmond. After the excellent performance at the planetarium and a visit to the gift shop, each student was treated with a happy meal from McDonalds.

Students that went on the field trip included: Ragina Beard, Chris Blackburn, Ryan Slone, Austin Burchett, Lucas Hamilton, Dylan Hamilton, Michael Henson, Joe Rogers, Cheyenne Hamilton, Madison Howell, Brooke Hamilton, Dillon Hamilton, and Tanner Martin from Mrs. Bridget Vanover's class.

Kendrea Hall, Eleshia Flannery, Courtney Taylor, Kannon Newsome, Nick Justice, Cory Reynolds, Darrin Gillespie, Brittany Newsome, Josh Thacker, Keitha Burchett, Ashley Tackett,

Isabella Hall, Makeshia Hamilton, Ashley Gillespie, and Cody Akers from Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's class

Bobby Bishop, Allison Boudle, Austin Dillon, Ashley Hamilton, Nakeia Hall, April Hall, Zack Tackett, Shawn Stegall, Erica Roberts, Crit Mitchell, D.J. Tackett, Kevin Johnson, Austin Rogers, Ashley Smith, Stephanie Newsome, and Samantha Hamilton from Mrs. Melissa Little's class

Blake Boudle, Melvin Gillespie, Brandon Hall, Breanna Hamilton, Katelyn Johnson, Autumn Lafferty, A.J. Sammons, Cody Smith, and Gabriel Vance from Mrs. Freda Hamilton's class

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Wesley Christian Academy



Seventh- and eighth-grade boys at Wesley Christian School model "anatomy" t-shirts made in health class.



Wesley Christian Science Fair

Wesley Christian held their annual Science Fair on Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Students from kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the fair. Science projects ranged from carpet cleaners to the effect of common liquids on plants. The projects were broken down into the following categories:

Grade Level Winners:

- Kindergarten: Keely Layne
- First grade: Tyler Harmon
- Second grade: Tori Nairn
- Third grade: Lucas Stewart
- Fourth grade: Brad May
- Fifth grade: Leanndea Padgett

Padgett

- Sixth grade: Savannah Reno
- Seventh grade: James Michael Lafferty
- Eighth grade: John Turner

Overall Winners:

- Kindergarten - first: Keely Layne
- First: Keely Layne
- Second: Alyssa Allen
- Third: Katie Porter

Second - fourth grades:

- First: Tori Nairn
- Second: Adam Castle
- Third: Lucas Stewart

Fifth - eighth grades:

- First: John Turner

- Second: Chelsea Madden
- Third: James Michael Lafferty

The following grade winners went on to participate in the Regional Science Fair held on Saturday, March 15, 2003:

- Fifth grade: Leanndea Padgett
- Sixth grade: Savannah Reno
- Seventh grade: James Michael Lafferty
- Eighth grade: John Turner

Leanndea Padgett placed third in the fifth grade and John Turner placed second in the eighth grade.



Wesley Christian Preschool



Winners of the Floyd County Conservation Art & Writing Contest were honored at a banquet on Friday, March 14, which included a buffet for each student and his or her parents. The students received t-shirts, certificates and trophies.



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