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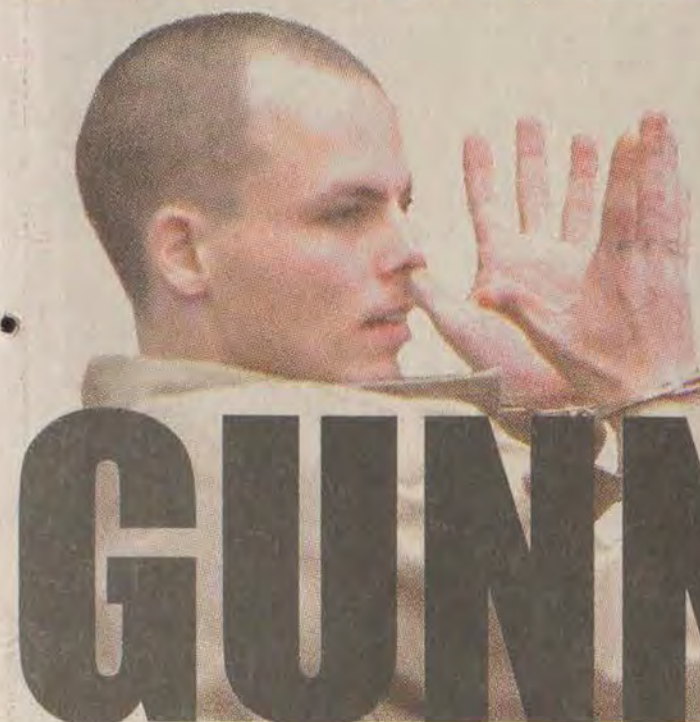
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## Killer receives life without parole, plus 20 years

# GUNNELS GUILTY

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A jury trial will no longer be necessary — and the death penalty no longer possible — in the murder case against James Austin Gunnels after he entered a plea of guilty on Friday to the 2001 rape and murder of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall.

Gunnels appeared in before Floyd County Circuit Court John David Caudill to enter the guilty plea.

Gunnels pleaded guilty to all counts relating to the charges that alleged he stole a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, a .32 revolver on July 11, and used them in an armed robbery at Cardinal Mart in Watergap where he raped and murdered of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall, an employee

who was working on the morning of July 11. He then left the scene taking with him a .22 Magnum and 1995 Ford Contour, both belonging to Hall.

Judge Caudill went over the plea agreement with Gunnels to make sure the accused understood what the ramifications of his plea were. Caudill informed Gunnels that he was waiving his right to a trial, and waiving the right of the commonwealth having to prove his guilt. The plea of guilty also waives the right of appeal in the case.

After reading the agreement to Gunnels, Caudill proceeded to read each charge that was included in the plea and asked Gunnels to verify that he was indeed guilty to each charge.

Gunnels pleaded guilty to four



James Austin Gunnels entered a plea of guilty to the 2001 rape and murder of Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall. Gunnels was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder and 180 years for other charges relating to the incident.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

*"The only credit I can give you is bringing this to an end for the victim's family."*

— Circuit Judge John David Caudill, addressing James Austin Gunnels

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## THE 'BUILDING' OF COMMUNITY



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Four-year-old Tenci Castille appears to recognize the importance of Anna Slone, left, to her grandmother, Geveda Jacobs, as she watches them complete paperwork necessary for SKYCAP to provide Jacobs with the medication she needs but cannot afford.

## Former teacher now attends to health needs of one-time student

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

HINDMAN — The connections in a tight-knit community are evident in the area of Hindman, where a former teacher now delivers medicine to one of her former students and the presence a single building exhibits what brings them

all together. Recalling memories of Slone Fork Elementary, a one-room schoolhouse at Garner, Geveda Jacobs, 52, said that she could remember the pot-belly stove that gave warmth in the winter, the pump outside that made for many fun trips to get water, and Mrs. Anna Slone, who taught first through sixth

grades. "It would take them 10 minutes to get water," laughed Slone as she joined Jacobs in reminiscing.

After joining SKYCAP, a joint endeavor of the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health, Harlan Countians for a

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## Video can't be withheld, AG rules

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The state Attorney General's Office has determined that videotapes made during routine surveillance are a public record and cannot be withheld, even if they are used in criminal investigations.

That ruling was issued Monday, in response to an open records appeal filed by The Floyd County Times after the city of Prestonsburg refused access to a tape in December.

Writing for the Attorney General's Office, assistant attorney general James M. Ringo declared the tape could not be withheld on a "bare claim" that its release would

harm an investigation.

The appeal was filed after The Times was denied access to a videotape of North Lake Drive traffic made from a camera mounted in front of city hall. The newspaper initiated an appeal to the Attorney General's Office, to which Prestonsburg City Attorney David H. Neeley responded that the tape captured events leading up to a high speed police chase, which involved a pending criminal case where indictments were being sought.

Neeley wrote that The Times' request for the videotape was denied pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(h), suggesting that the city was claiming the tape

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## Pike man arrested for 15 counts of sex abuse

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Shelbiana man was arrested on Thursday night after a warrant was served charging him with 15 counts of sexual abuse.

According to the police report, Gary Gene Lee, 34,

allegedly engaged in unlawful sexual conduct with his 11-year-old stepdaughter. According to the report, the acts were committed at various times throughout 2001.

Lee is being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond. A preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 3.

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**MARTINSBURG, W.Va.** — It would have been curtains for Coco and Casper if somebody hadn't sprung them from the big doghouse.

The canines, sentenced to die for attacking a horse, are on the lam after they were freed during a Tuesday morning break-in at the animal control center. Their final walk had been set for 5 that afternoon.

Authorities suspect their accomplices are also their owners, 28-year-old Shenandoah Warner and Christina Ball, 34, both of whom also have left the area, authorities said.

When animal control workers arrived Tuesday morning, they found all the dogs - except Casper and Coco - roaming about the shelter.

Casper is described as a 2-year-old deaf Dalmatian/pit bull mix; Coco is 8, a terrier and has only one eye.

The dogs attacked a horse May 4, and were ordered euthanized. The horse had to be killed.

The sentence, however, was stayed four months to allow Warner and Ball to appeal; officials said the two made several pleas but never filed an official request.

Prosecutors said they will proceed with criminal charges against Warner and Ball.

Harboring and hiding the dogs is a misdemeanor offense that for each day carries a possible sentence of up to 30 days in jail and a \$10 to \$50 fine per dog.

**LINCOLN, Neb.** — For now, it's being called "the event formerly known as the Rat Olympics."

All it took was a call from the U.S. Olympic Committee to get Nebraska Wesleyan University to rethink the title of a psychology class project, one that's been around 28 years.

Project organizers were informed that the name "Olympics" is protected under federal law and that Wesleyan, a small private school, could be sued if the word wasn't changed. Rare exemptions, such as the Special Olympics, have been granted.

The annual project, which has received nationwide media attention over the years, teaches rats to perform in various competitive events.

Wesleyan will hold a contest to choose a new permanent name for the competition.

**WILLIAMSPORT, Md.** — Even in this age of raunchy rap and tasteless television, high school drama coach Ruth Ridenour warned students trying out for "Les Miserables" that it contained swear words.

Three, precisely: "hell," "bitch" and "bastard."

The students were all right with that, but some parents were not.

Several complained, and administrators are now preparing to consider whether the musical - four weeks into rehearsals and set for an April 11-13 run - is too raw for this Potomac River town of 1,900.

Williamsport High School

will form a committee to review the lyrics if it receives a written request to do so, said Principal John Davidson. At least one person has picked up a complaint form, and three parents have called to complain.

The fuss surprises some students.

"It's just acting and I'm not in this production just to say the language," said Bryant Sigler, 15, who stars as the musical's protagonist, Jean Valjean.

"I'm in it because of the

story that the words tell."

The play, a sanitized version of the hit Broadway musical, tells of Valjean's persecution after he steals a loaf of bread to feed his starving family. Other characters include a prostitute and a dishonest innkeeper.

Sigler has started a campaign to rescue the production by passing out 500 handbills printed with "Save Les Miz."

Aspiring actress Emily Conrad, 15, said the community should support the production.

"I feel that if we're mature enough to handle this, then the audience should be mature enough to handle it," she said.

**SAN DIEGO** — An armored car driver who vanished last week along with more than \$100,000 was detained in Mexico, authorities said.

On Thursday, the FBI and Mexican authorities detained

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## Bills seek to abolish capital punishment for juveniles

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LOUISVILLE** — Earl Pruitt, a longtime activist for crime victims, wants justice for his own son, who was slain outside his home.

Jasper Mason Pollini was 17 when he allegedly shot Byron Pruitt, who was rushing to help a neighbor whose home was broken into, police said.

If Pollini is convicted of murder, Earl Pruitt wants the death penalty applied. The suspect's age is irrelevant. "I believe that if he commits the crime, it's an adult crime, and he should be punished likewise," Pruitt said in an interview.

But legislation introduced in the Kentucky General Assembly, which reconvenes Tuesday in Frankfort, would ban the death penalty for anyone who was under 18 at the time of a capital crime. Instead, juveniles convicted of murder would spend 25 years to life in prison.

"We ought to look deep inside ourselves and understand that we're not solving society's problems by killing our youth," said Sen. Gerald Neal, who is sponsoring the legislation in the Senate. Democratic Rep. Robin

Webb of Grayson has filed a companion bill in the House.

The United States is the only Western industrialized nation that still executes juveniles, said the Rev. Pat Delahanty, a priest who heads an anti-death penalty project of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky.

Delahanty said juveniles are less mature and more prone to rash behavior, another reason to keep them out of the death chamber. Laws that ban cigarette and alcohol sales to juveniles recognize that their capacity for decision making isn't that of adults, he said.

One man living on Kentucky's death row is awaiting execution for a murder he committed at 17. Kevin Stanford has exhausted his appeals. His last hope is that Gov. Paul Patton will commute his death sentence.

Stanford robbed and raped Baerbel Poore, a 20-year-old single parent working at a gas station, then shot her in the face and side of the head.

"From my point of view, the death penalty is not about Kevin Stanford and his human face," Delahanty said. "It's about our repeating killing. The death penalty is about us and what it

says about us as a society and as a people. Because it's our act of killing."

Similar bills to abolish capital punishment for juveniles made no headway during the 2002 General Assembly. The chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees never called the bills for hearings.

The same chairmen are presiding this year.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, said his committee has in the past shown little apparent sentiment for exempting people from capital punishment.

Asked if he supports capital punishment, Lindsay said, "I think it has a purpose out there for heinous crimes."

Given a chance in committee, Delahanty said, the proposal has enough support to ultimately pass both chambers.

Pruitt said he will be in Frankfort advocating against the bill.

His son Byron died from a single gunshot wound in the face last spring in what became the latest violent tragedy for the Pruitt family. Byron Pruitt, 44, was a manager for Waste Management and had a 4-year-old son.

Earl Pruitt said he didn't consider a long prison term, perhaps for life, as an acceptable alternative to execution in his son's case.

"Why should we as taxpayers have to pay for somebody to sit in prison all their life — from 17 years to 70 years or whatever — and not have to do anything," Pruitt said.

Years ago, Pruitt took up the cause of victims' rights after his oldest son, Bradley Neil Pruitt, was shot to death in 1983 as he slept in his home.

Bradley Pruitt's wife, Debora, was convicted of complicity to murder in what prosecutors said was a scheme to collect on a life-insurance policy. The alleged triggerman was acquitted.

Pruitt, who has two surviving children, became founder of Kentuckians' Voice for Crime Victims, a statewide group. He said a bill to prohibit the death penalty for youthful killers shows leniency for someone committing the ultimate crime.

"We say 'that's our system again,'" he said. "We may have the best system in the world, but it's not the best system for justice for victims."

## Today in History

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Today is Sunday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2003. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

### On this date:

■ In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

■ In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

■ In 1870, the "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum.

■ In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

■ In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

■ In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

■ In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

■ In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill departed Malta for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

■ In 1971, Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda, following a coup that ousted President Milton Obote.

■ In 1996, dancer, actor and choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 83.

### Ten years ago:

In a speech to the National Governors' Association, President Clinton pledged to transform wel-

fare into a "hand up, not a hand-out" by giving recipients training and then requiring them to work.

### Five years ago:

President Clinton unveiled a \$1.73 trillion budget claiming the first surpluses in 30 years and pumping billions to schools, health and child care. The government released statistics showing deaths from AIDS fell by almost half during the first half of 1997, a decrease attributed to increased use of powerful combinations of medicines.

### One year ago:

Inside the World Economic Forum in New York, foreign economic leaders criticized the United States for protectionist policies while outside, thousands of protesters demonstrated against global capitalism. Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills and Pittsburgh Steelers star John Stallworth were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The NHL World All-Stars rallied to defeat North America 8-5.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Elaine Stritch is 78. Actor Robert Mandan is 71. Comedian Tom Smothers is 66. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 61. Actor Bo Hopkins is 61. Television executive Barry Diller is 61. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 57. Actress Farrah Fawcett is 56. Actor Brent Spiner is 54. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 54. Model Christie Brinkley is 49. Actor Michael Talbott is 48. Actress Kim Zimmer is 48. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots) is 37. Rock musician Ben Mize (Counting Crows) is 32. Rapper T-Mo (Goodie Mob) is 31. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 27. Singer Shakira is 26.

### Thought for Today:

"The great temptation is to have an alibi." — George Abbott, American theatrical producer (1887-1995).

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# School mum after kindergarten student walks away

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A kindergarten student at Prestonsburg Elementary School decided Friday morning that it would be a good idea to go home to her mom.

This idea would later find several school officials running through the streets of Prestonsburg in search of the little girl, who found the best way to get home was to strike out on foot.

School officials remained guarded about how the little girl managed to leave campus unnoticed, referring instead to Floyd Schools Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning,

who said he had limited knowledge of the incident.

"I only spoke briefly with the principal about the incident, but my report says the child has been returned to school and is eating lunch right now," Fanning said shortly after the incident Friday.

Various eyewitnesses reported seeing a group of women running "frantically" through Prestonsburg at the time of the student's disappearance and one of the school's employees was heard as saying later, "The whole town saw us running all over the place".

The little girl was found by police along South Lake Drive, approximately a half-mile from the school, and transported back

with roughly four or five female school officials in tow.

A report from the Prestonsburg City Police stated that the student left the school at about 10:42 a.m. at which time they were notified and given a description of the little girl.

According to that report, officer Brian Kidd passed the girl at the Floyd County Detention Center just a few minutes before the complaint was received, but did not think anything was wrong, considering she was "near several adults."

Upon receiving the complaint, Kidd and fellow Prestonsburg officer George Tussey turned and found the

child near Earl Street along South Lake Drive.

Fanning said anytime a child goes missing from school it gives rise to concern, but was thankful the situation was dealt with quickly.

"This is not the first time and will not be the last time a child has left school and tried to go home," said Fanning. "The child wanted to go home and see her mother and anytime a child leaves, that's a concern. But they [the police] acted properly and quickly and returned the child."

PES principal Gwen Frazier declined to comment on the inci-

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Nestled on the top of a hill in a hollow at Garner is the quaint home of Anna Lou Slone, who bought the one-room Slone Fork Elementary School in 1968 after it was closed. She built her home around the one room where she had taught a brother, a niece and countless other community members, including Geveda Jacobs, who she cares for once more by delivering her medication via SKYCAP.

## Ruling

was exempt from the Open Records Law because it was "compiled in the process of detecting and investigating statutory or regulatory violations."

The Attorney General's Office was asked to determine whether the city's denial violated the Open Records Act and, in the ruling, Ringo concluded that the city's reliance on KRS 61.878(1)(h) was misplaced because it failed to establish that the tape was compiled as a part of a specific investigation, as well as neglected to show that the disclosure of the tape to the public would "harm" the ongoing investigation.

Ringo declared in 03-ORD-17 that in order for a public agency to successfully raise the investigation exemption as a basis for nondisclosure, it must satisfy a three-part test. It must establish that it is a law enforcement agency or an agency involved in administrative adjudication, establish that the record was compiled in the process of detecting and investigating statutory or regulatory violations, and demonstrate that the information would harm the investigation if released.

Ringo reported that while construing the KRS law, his office observed that unlike other exceptions to public inspection, the criminal investigation exemption specifically provides that the exception "shall not be used by the custodian of records to delay or impede the exercise of rights granted by KRS 61.870 to 61.884", or the Open Records Act.

Ringo wrote that the second part of the test was not met because the city did not establish that the surveillance tape was compiled in the process of detecting and investigating statutory or regulatory violations. He said that, as held that the Jefferson County Police Department improperly denied access to a tape recording of

## Odds

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Philip Carlos Salcedo Jr., 23, in Cabo San Lucas, Baja California, FBI spokesman John Iannarelli said.

Authorities said Salcedo would be arrested on theft charges and turned over to the FBI. Iannarelli said he expected Salcedo to be back in San Diego in time to appear in federal court Friday.

"We are happy my son is alive and well," said Salcedo's father, Philip Salcedo Sr. "We all support him and love him very much."

The Loomis Fargo armored car Salcedo was driving was found abandoned in downtown San Diego on Jan. 23 with its engine running and door open. Moments earlier Salcedo had dropped off a fellow security guard, at a city administration building for the car's final pickup of the day, police said.

The next day, FBI agents found money and deposit bags in Rosarito, Mexico. Police initially treated the case as a possible kidnapping and robbery, but later said they considered Salcedo the "prime suspect."

Salcedo's family hired a private investigator to help find the married father of two, saying they believed he had been threatened and were concerned for his safety.

police radio transmissions because they failed to see that the law's phraseology did not encompass electronic recordings of general radio traffic, thus, neither is regular video surveillance.

"The facts before us suggest that the surveillance camera, operated from the city's Municipal Building, records all activity within its sight on a regular basis and not as an integral part of a specific detection or investigative process," Ringo wrote.

The Attorney General's Office declared that "assuming that the city meets the first two parts of the three-part test," it failed to articulate how release of the tape would have compromised the ongoing investigation other than stating that it does not "believe it appropriate to make the surveillance tape open for public display given the potential impact on the criminal case."

Ringo wrote that the Attorney General's Office has previously held that a "bare claim" of harm without a specific description was insufficient to qualify for exemption.

Ringo concluded that the city improperly withheld disclosure of the requested surveillance tape and a copy of it should be made available for The Times' inspection.

The newspaper's request for the video was made in response to allegations by Van Lear resident Michael Dier, who claimed that he had been arrested by Prestonsburg Police on bogus charges and that a police dispatch log would prove it.

In its initial investigation, The Times filed an open records request for the incident information. Upon receiving the log, The Times recognized a discrepancy in the recorded information that supported Dier's claim.

The log showed that at 9:07:57 a.m. Lt. Gerald Clark reported that Dier's white Sierra truck was traveling on 1428 south and was going by Wendy's restaurant at 70 miles an hour. At

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9:08:25 Clark was recorded as saying the vehicle was all over the road and at 9:08:51 the log states that he reported that the vehicle was turning into the parking lot of Highlands Regional Medical Center — four miles and 54 seconds from the initial report. To cover that distance in that time, Dier and Clark would have had to have traveled an average speed of 266 miles an hour.

After viewing the log, The Times made an open records request for a video surveillance tape from a camera that is located in front of the Prestonsburg Municipal Building. The camera records North Lake Drive activity and should have captured Dier's vehicle on the road that morning.

The city denied the request on Dec. 16, advising The Times that because the tape could be used in an open criminal case, they were unable to release it at that time.

On Thursday, following the Attorney General's Office's order that the tape should be made public, the city was unable to produce the tape, but did make available a recording of radio transmissions of the incident upon request.

The radio transmission heard on the cassette did not coincide with the police dispatch log. On the audio tape, Clark's description of the alleged four-mile chase from Prestonsburg to Highlands Regional takes approximately two-and-one-half minutes — resulting in an average of speed of less than 100 miles an hour.

City employees offered that the entries on the police log do not always match the times that the radio transmissions actually occur because the dispatcher enters the conversation into the computer, which attaches a time stamp when the information is entered, rather than when it comes across the radio. Sometimes the dispatcher is too busy to enter the dialogue consistently.

## Guilty

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charges of theft, one charge of robbery, two charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and the charges of rape and murder. The only charge that Gunnels appeared to hesitate on was the rape charge.

The commonwealth recommended five years in prison for the theft charges, 10 years for the charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 20 years on the charges of robbery, persistent felony offender and rape. The commonwealth recommended the sentence of life without the possibility of parole on the charge of murder.

Judge Caudill accepted the plea agreement and the recommendations of the commonwealth, but enhanced the other charges to 20 years each, to run concurrently, because of the fact that Gunnels is a persistent felony offender.

Gunnels was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and an additional 20 years in a state penitentiary.

Judge Caudill spoke to Gunnels before he was taken back into custody by the deputies that were present in the courtroom.

"Based upon the totality of the charges, it was a wise deci-

sion on your part to enter a plea," Caudill said. "There was a high likelihood of you receiving the ultimate punishment."

Caudill also told Gunnels that the plea was the only thing that he could give him credit for.

"The only credit I can give you is the fact that your plea will bring an end to this for the victim's family," Caudill said.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner had previously informed the court that he would be seeking the death penalty if the case went to trial.

"If we had not shown a willingness to seek the death penalty, he would not have agreed to a plea," Turner speculated.

Turner said that both the victim's family and the commonwealth were pleased with the outcome of the case. The jury trial for Gunnels was scheduled to begin on Feb. 13 in Montgomery County.

"Had the case gone to trial, the jury would have had a range of options available to them. Many of those options could have let Gunnels be released someday," Turner said. "This avoids the uncertainty the comes with death penalty litigation. The plea ensures that he will never walk the streets again."

## SKYCAP

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Healthier Community, Hazard Perry County Community Ministries and Data Futures Inc., Slone started "bringing quality health care to the people in her community." While carrying out this mission, Slone found that she was bringing medication to Jacobs, one of her former students.

Jacobs, who suffers from depression, gets the medicine she needs via Slone through SKYCAP. Residing at Hindman Housing, Jacobs, who has eight daughters, one son, and several grandchildren, cannot afford the medication she needs and appears comfortable getting that from her former educator. Slone also taught every one of Jacobs children while teaching at Hindman Elementary.

After retiring from teaching, Slone worked at a similar agency called Little Flower Free Clinic before joining SKYCAP in October of 2002. She is the mother of two children, a son and a daughter, and remembers that her daughter was in second grade in 1967, when the one-room Slone Fork School was closed. There she had taught a niece, her brother and countless others in her community. In 1968, Slone stated that she purchased the one room school and built a home around it, where she now resides.

SKYCAP employs people from the community as "Family Health Navigators." It would appear that Slone is perfect for the job she does, as she has been caring for members of her community all her life.

Slone was reluctant to share her age and kidded that she was 29 and holding, even though she taught school for 40 years.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## GuestView

### Double-dippers abusing system

A law that was intended to encourage valued state employees to keep working has become a means for scores of public employees — including some elected county officials — to draw their full retirement benefits while continuing to work. In short, the law has created a lucrative loophole that the 2003 General Assembly needs to plug.

Since 1998, at least 1,525 public employees have retired, accessed their pensions and returned to work in the same government system, according to the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Legislators have filed a number of bills to put the brakes on this abuse of the law. Two would specify minimum lengths of retirement for state and county employees who want to return to work with pensions; the other two bills would prevent elected officials from returning to office with pensions within a year of retirement.

At the least, the law for other public employees should be changed to match what now exists for retired teachers. Teachers can work for 100 days — or a little more than half the school year — without affecting their retirement income. That provision has allowed many school districts to save money on librarians and other specialty teachers by hiring retirees under “100-day contracts.”

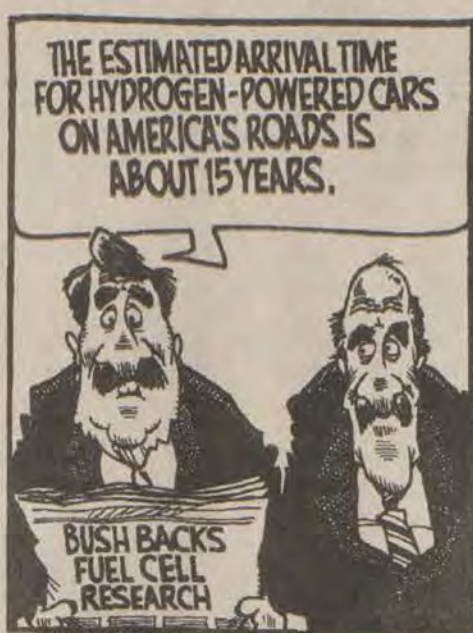
However, it also assures that no teacher will retire and continue to work full-time in the public schools in Kentucky, although some do teach in other states and in private schools while drawing full retirement in Kentucky.

Some state employees and elected county officials claim they are entitled to their pensions because they have worked for at least 27 years. We don't question that they are entitled to their retirement — but only if they actually retire. To continue to work the same job while drawing a pension from it is an abuse of the system.

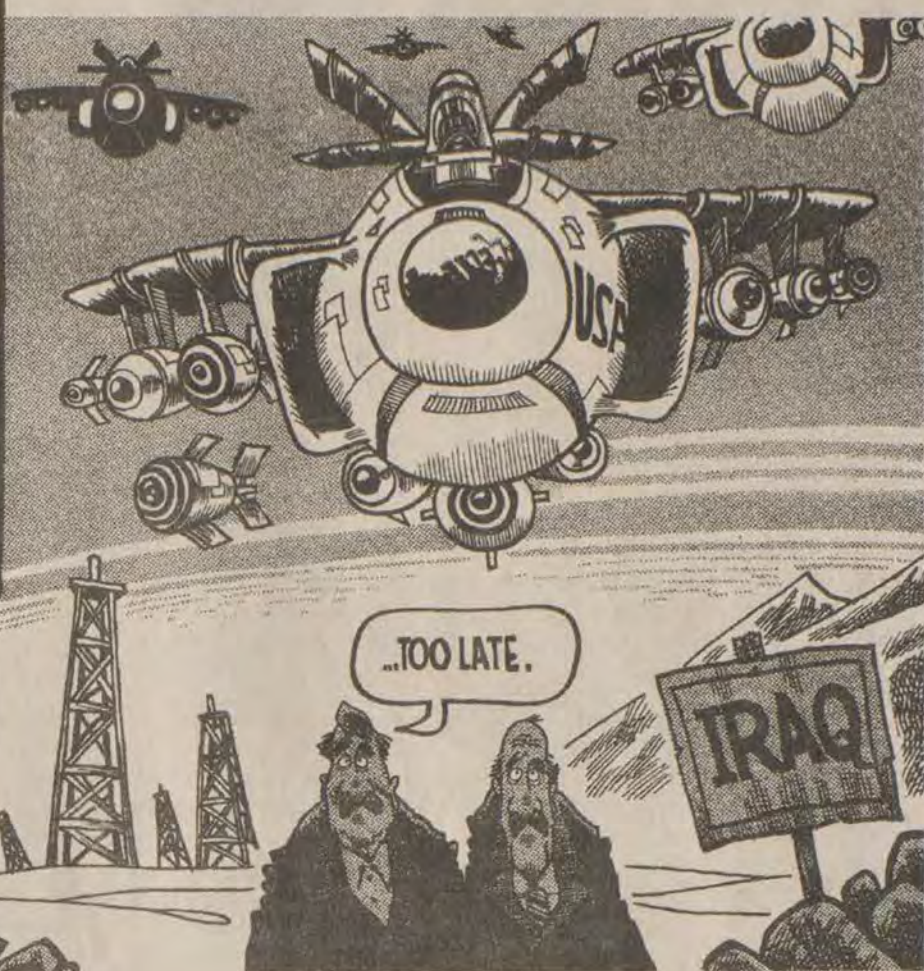
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“Have faith... If the Bucs can win the Super Bowl, I'm sure the economy will recover eventually.”



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— Jim Davidson

### Amazing coincidences

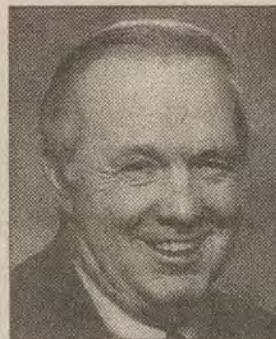
Sometime back, a lady in another state called me on the telephone regarding something about President Abraham Lincoln and in the course of our conversation she asked this question: “Have you ever heard of the amazing coincidences between Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy?” When I confessed that I had not, she offered to send it to me by mail.

When it arrived a few days later and I read it, I was literally amazed, which I'm sure is the reason it's called “The Amazing Coincidences.” I was most impressed with this article and since it was not copyrighted, I decided to include it in my book, *You Can Be The Best*, which is a collection of the best stories and ideas I've run across in the past 25 years.

Sometime back I even thought about sharing this with you in this column, but had decided that most people had already seen it and had pretty well written it off. However, Mr. Herman Brown, editor of the Okmulgee Daily Times in Okmulgee, Okla., has changed my mind. He said, “I know most people have not seen this article and I'm sure they would like to.” Well, Herman, for what it's worth, here are the “Amazing

Coincidences” between former presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy was elected in 1960, exactly 100 years apart. There are seven letters in each name. Both presidents were slain on Friday; both men were slain in the presence of their wives. Both were directly concerned with civil rights. Both presidents had legality of elections contested. Kennedy's secretary's name was Lincoln, who warned him not to go to Dallas; Lincoln's secretary's name was Kennedy, who warned him not to go to the theater. Both of their successor's names were Johnson: Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson. Each name contains 13 letters; both men served in the U.S. Senate; both were Southern Democrats. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908. Booth and Oswald were both Southerners favoring unpopular ideas. Oswald shot Kennedy from a



warehouse and hid in a theater; Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and hid in a warehouse. Booth and Oswald were born 100 years apart and each name, Lee Harvey Oswald and John Wilkes Booth, has 15 letters.

Well, that's the end of it, but even more importantly, what do you think about it? I'll confess that I don't know what to make of it. For me, it's highly unusual and even a little spooky. Here, I'm reminded of the words of Satchel Paige, who pitched baseball in the major leagues until he was over 50 years of age. He said, “Don't look back, something may be gaining on you.” Personally, I'm grateful that we live in a world of order and the odds or chances that something like this would ever occur again have to be very

remote.

As I bring my thoughts to a close in this column, I would like to say that I hope you are enjoying the various topics, ideas and concepts that I've been sharing with you. While today's column has been the exception, as a general rule, I try to be conscious of what I'm saying and present my ideas from a positive point of view. This is not to say that

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— beyond the beltway

### SUV defenders get vocal

by DONALD KAUL

A month ago I wrote a column criticizing sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and, by extension, their owners. I suggested, among other things, that in terms of safety, economy and sensitivity to the environment, they were not the most responsible vehicles one could choose.

Hardly had the piece left my keyboard when the mail started coming in. Hundreds, even dozens, of people wrote to vent their feelings. In the interest of fairness, I thought I'd share a few of the letters with you, along with my response. For example:

“Let me get this straight. SUV owners are bullies, crazed people, insecure and vain, lack confidence, [are] self-centered, self-absorbed; don't care about our neighbors and our communities, [are] beady-eyed serial killers, Nazis, snipers, terrorists and wasteful sloths of our natural resources. Well after seeing your picture by your article I would say you just described yourself.”

Maybe I should stop cutting my own hair.

“In my opinion, the anti-SUV crowd are as bigoted and radical as any right wing religious group. Your generalizations really sound pretty kooky ... and you sound like a nut.”

I don't think calling each other names solves things.

“Your rhetoric and prattle about SUVs is humorous at best and comes right from your OBVIOUS lefty viewpoint. Geez, don't we get enough of that crap from the professional press?”

What do you mean, “professional press?” I'm as professional as the next press. You don't think I'd try and educate flatheads like you for free, do you?

“I read your op-ed piece on SUVs in my local newspaper and I agree with you 100 percent. It was a great, well-written piece.”

Thank you. It's nice to get an intelligent letter once in a while.

“Pointing out all the deficiencies of SUVs is nothing more than a cover to force Americans to drive little kiddie cars and to save oil consumption and be exposed to being crushed by a tractor trailer ... Be honest. You liberals believe we Americans have it too good and for the sake of others who are not as fortunate to live in a free society, plus due to your compassion, we should do with less. Of course, that excludes you doesn't it?”

You're absolutely right; I've been a hypocrite. I'm going to sell my car, give away my shoes and go forth barefoot into the world, throwing broken glass in front of me. A true liberal can do no less.

“If someone is a bully he will be a bully if he is driving an SUV or a Honda ... I drive a minivan and my experience is that the people in small cars are the ones who will cut me off in traffic every time ... You stated that a Chevy Tahoe kills 122 people for every

1 million, while a Honda Accord kills 21. What I want to know is, how many times was it ... the driver of the Honda's fault?”

The difference between being bullied by an SUV and being bullied by a Honda is the difference between going into the ring with Mike Tyson or Woody Allen.

“I recently ran for township office on an Indie platform and lost, but I did get 15 percent of the vote ... As a former Green Party operative (but a registered Republican) I appreciate commentary such as yours.”

Congratulations. Fifteen percent is the most an honest person should expect to get in an election.

“I liked your article a lot. I agree completely. This is one of the first things we noticed when we moved here from Germany two years ago ... The SUV drivers to me are representative of the typical American and so we have the bullying

America and the rest of the world consists of the smaller, so unimportant, vehicles.”

Right. And we keep complaining that the Honda Accord countries are cutting us off in the United Nations.

But enough. George W. Bush has just proposed a new tax break for businesses that buy SUVs and pickups, the bigger the better. Next: a tax subsidy for gasoline thrown on forest fires.

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# Faith Extra

Minister's Moment

## Stepping out of the shadows

by REV. TOM BIDDLE  
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I have always been fascinated by the concept of Groundhog Day. On Feb. 2 of each year, according to rural American tradition, the groundhog leaves the burrow where it has been hibernating to discover whether cold winter weather will continue. If the groundhog cannot see its shadow, it remains above ground, ending its hibernation,

but if its shadow is visible, it means six more weeks of cold weather, and the animal returns to its burrow.

In scientific terms, the groundhog is described as nothing more than a large rodent. Growing up in a farming community as I did, we often thought of a groundhog as nothing more than a pest and nuisance which should be destroyed whenever possible. Yet each year there are thousands of people who put their hopes for a better tomorrow on this short-legged, furry crea-

ture.

It reminds me that there are many people who are searching for even the slightest glimmer of hope in their lives. They work hard. They hustle through busy schedules. They are pushed to their limits in trying to make ends meet. They try to balance work, family and time for self in a world that seems to have no time for any of these things. All they want is to wake up each day, emerge from their homes and receive some positive news about their lives. Then the shad-

ows come, and they run for cover.

The good news is that there is hope in this world. It is the hope that comes from God through His son Jesus Christ. Lamentations 3:23-24 says, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I hope in him." The prophet Jeremiah wrote these words when, in a world surrounded

with sin and sorrow, he saw a glimmer of hope. He remembered that God is full of compassion and love, and that if he would only call upon God, he could be rescued from the darkness around him.

The shadows that surround us and cause us to lose sight of any hope are numerous. It may be tough times financially, illness, the threat of war, family struggles, the winter blues or even death itself. The key is to emerge from the shadows and find the light of Jesus Christ. A good place to find this light is in one

of the several churches throughout our community. Each week they show that God is still full of compassion and love, and that He wants us to call upon him.

I believe that there are better days ahead for each of us that walk with Him. Jesus said, "I come to give you life, and life more abundantly." (John 10:10). Those are not just words, but His promise to us. If you are a person struggling to find hope in your life, turn to Him today, call upon Him in prayer, and step out of the shadows into the light of His love. He will give you hope!

## InterVarsity's insistence on conservative Christian student leaders runs afoul of colleges' policies

by RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP RELIGION WRITER

After 65 years of work on American college campuses, the respected InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has been battling recently with administrators at several dozen schools.

At issue are university rules that forbid recognized on-campus student organizations from discriminating on the basis of religion or of sexual orientation.

InterVarsity believes students who lead its chapters — though not the other participants — should adhere to its eight-point doctrinal platform, and the traditional Christian teaching against same-sex behavior.

"A person's religious convictions are a relevant factor when selecting him or her to lead a religious organization," undergraduate leaders of an independent but InterVarsity-related Christian fellowship at Harvard said in a recent

statement. The issue is under discussion there.

InterVarsity seeks to settle such disputes privately, says the group's attorney, David French. It almost always wins, defending its policies on the basis of religious freedom, says French, whose efforts are supported by the Alliance Defense Fund of Scottsdale, Ariz.

But at Rutgers University, a local chapter was suspended in September, subsequent talks stalled and InterVarsity filed suit in federal court for the first time anywhere Dec. 30.

The same day, news broke that Chancellor James Moeser of the University of North Carolina overruled the student activities director, who had told InterVarsity students to drop their leadership restrictions by Jan. 31 or be thrown off campus.

North Carolina's rules, similar to those elsewhere, require campus clubs to allow "full member-

ship and participation" without regard to religion, sexual orientation or other factors.

Moeser decided InterVarsity could continue as a recognized campus club without changing its rule on leaders. Because it makes "valuable contributions to student life" and since membership is open to all, "on balance," Moeser explained, "preserving freedom of expression is the more crucial consideration."

Originating at England's University of Cambridge 126 years ago, InterVarsity reached the University of Michigan in 1938 and currently has chapters on 560 U.S. campuses.

Its missionary convention at the University of Illinois every three years is the biggest religious event in America for college students; it drew 18,730 in 2000.

Yet deeply religious students tend to find themselves marginalized on campus, says Alan Charles Kors, president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. They wind up as the only group expected to live with "a hostile environment," he said.

Kors, a University of Pennsylvania historian and nonreligious Jew, thinks such students should insist on their rights, as InterVarsity is doing. "A large number don't fight back," he said.

Apparently, college religious organizations often avoid conflict by operating off-campus — or by simply winking at campus rules. But French said "integrity" requires InterVarsity chapters to state their leadership policies.

For many years, there seemed to be no problem. The pressures on InterVarsity first became public at Tufts University in 2000, when a member filed a complaint that student leaders of the local chapter barred her from holding office because she is a lesbian who disagreed with InterVarsity's view of homosexual activity.

Eventually the campus judiciary decided the lesbian had been discriminated against, but InterVarsity's policy did not violate Tufts rules so it could continue operating.

French believes public universities like Rutgers are bound by U.S. Supreme Court decisions that guarantee religious clubs equal access to campus facilities and funding from mandatory student activity fees. In addition, the court

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## Amazing

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I'm not aware of the serious problems we have in our nation today.

In fact, the first five stories on our local television newscast the other evening had to do with murder. While tragic as this is, we can thank God for the fact that murder is still news. If it ever becomes so commonplace that it is not reported, we as a nation, will be worse off than

we are.

What we should never forget is that there are still millions of good people and that we have tremendous opportunities in this country.

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## Magoffin sheriff, KSP make drug arrest

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A Magoffin County man was arrested on Friday and charged with two counts of terroristic threatening and stalking, possession of cocaine, trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia.

John H. Howard, 39, was arrested around 12:15 a.m. by the

Kentucky State Police and Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan while serving an arrest warrant for two counts of terroristic threatening and stalking.

According to the police report, Howard agreed to let the officers search his residence, which resulted in the discovery of three grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and \$6,000 in cash.

The matter is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police and Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan.

## Man killed in Pike County mine

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Letcher County man died after being struck by a metal coupling of a water hose in a Pike County mine, authorities said.

David Lee Wright, 28, of Jenkins, was operating a scoop in AEP Kentucky Coal's No. 10 mine about 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Cathy Prothro, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Mines and Minerals, said Friday.

Prothro said Wright was

engaged in retreat mining, or exiting a section that had already been mined, in the 36-inch high coal seam when the scoop snagged the water hose. The hose snapped, and the coupling hit Wright in the head.

"It was like breaking a guitar string," Prothro said. "We believe that when it broke apart it hit him, although it's still under investigation. It appears that Mr. Wright died from blunt force trauma to the head."

Wright's death was the state's first mine fatality of 2003.

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dent, saying that Fanning had informed her that all that needed to be said in connection to the incident had been said.

"My supervisor has told me that what he told you was all that needed to be said," Frazier told The Times Friday, and then questioned if her comment would be included in any pending articles concerning the incident.

"See, I should have never got on the phone with you, then," Frazier said, after being informed of the chances of her comments being included.

Fanning, who talked with the girl's parents shortly after she was returned to school, said a conference was to be scheduled between the parents, the child and Frazier in the near future to further discuss the matter.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Anna Katherine Craft Allen, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Grace Branham, 73, of Wheelwright, died Friday, January 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Roy Branham. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Grace Evelyn Martin Bryan, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Harry Conn, 83, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Homer Crager, 75, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, January 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lewis Combs, 61, of Hueysville, died Saturday, January 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 28, under

the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mary Belle Goble Hall, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Stephens Herald, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 27, at the St. Joseph Hospital East, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Emmitt Junior Jones, 64, of McDowell, died Thursday, January 23, at his son's home, at Wheelwright. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Stanley Lee, 63, of Allen, died Monday, January 20, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Arnold "Tom" Nelson, 60, of Albion, Michigan, native of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Smith Nelson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

Mary Belle Newman, 92, of Grethel, died Tuesday, January 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Policies

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ry decided the lesbian had been discriminated against, but InterVarsity's policy did not violate Tufis rules so it could continue operating.

French believes public universities like Rutgers are bound by U.S. Supreme Court decisions that guarantee religious clubs equal access to campus facilities and funding from mandatory student activity fees. In addition, the court has backed the right of private associations — in a Boy Scouts case — to select leaders on the basis of moral tenets.

The Rutgers dispute pits adherence to InterVarsity's doctrinal requirements against the university rule that "membership, benefits and the election of officers" will not be made on the basis of "religious affiliation."

The InterVarsity chapter could operate off-campus like many religious ministries do, admits InterVarsity staff adviser Laura Vellenga.

But she said that would relegate it to "second-class status."

losing guaranteed access to campus facilities and a rightful share of student activities fees.

Emmett A. Dennis, Rutgers' vice president for student affairs, said Monday that the school believes a group receiving student fees should open leadership posts to any active participant.

He sees InterVarsity as a national organization seeking to veto local leaders by insisting on its doctrinal standards, although Vellenga says the Rutgers students themselves want to make sure like-minded Christians continue to lead the group.

The issue is simply the right of assembly and "whether groups can come together under particular beliefs," according to Jonathan Crowe, who was student co-leader of the InterVarsity chapter during the Tufis University dispute.

"If you take that away, forcing a Republican group to have a Democratic president or a Hillel group to have a Holocaust denier, you're undermining the integrity of the group."

Nannie Paige, 87, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, January 22, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Billy J. "Big Bill" Robinson, 67, of Langley, died Tuesday, January 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnie Sparkman Jr., 58, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, January 28, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Allen Sparkman. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary L. Wagner, 62, of Wheelwright, died Friday, January 24, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Viola Madelin Chaffins, 71, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died January 21, at Lima Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ruby L. Gibson, 64, of Dayton, Ohio, native of Pippa Passes, died Thursday, January 23, at Grandview Hospital, in Dayton. She is survived by her husband, James W. Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, under the direction of Walter-Getts Funeral Home.

Ellen Louise Jacobs, 43, of Pine Top, died Monday, January 20, at Hall-Mark Progressive Care Center, Clarksville, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cora Sue Patrick Robbins, 64, of Pensacola, Florida, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, January 20, at West Florida Hospital. She is survived by her husband, William L. "Bill" Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Marion Short, 76, of Ocala, Florida, native of Knott County, died Thursday, January 23, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Garland Redford Stone, 45, of Hindman, died Saturday, January 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Stone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the

direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Perry N. Stone, 56, of Hindman, died Friday, January 17, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Madie Stone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae Newsome, 68, of Hi Hat, died Monday, January 27, at her daughter's home in Wheelwright. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Virginia Hayes Compton, 81, native of Lawrence County, died Monday, January 20, at home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Linda Sue Preston Fain, 59, of Lexington, formerly of Lawrence County, died Monday, January 20, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Sally Watkins Mullins, 85, native of Magoffin County, died Tuesday, January 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Mildred Adkins, 40, of Shelby, died Wednesday, January 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 31, at 11 a.m., in the Greasy Creek Freewill Baptist Church and burial followed in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Chloe Road.

Delores Blackburn, 65, of Princeton, native of Pike County, died Saturday, January 25, at the home of her son. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 28, under the direction of Morgan's Funeral Home.

Jane Blankenship, 99, of Phelps, died Friday, January 24, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, in Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Deloris Ann Sears Brooks, 51, of Canton Township, Michigan, native of Pikeville, died Monday, January 20, at her home. A memorial service was held Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Janowiak Funeral Home.

Tina Gearles Combs, 28, of Phelps, died Tuesday, January 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Adell Johnson Compton, 50, of Virgie, died Saturday, January 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Gregory Wayne Compton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Martha Jane Damron, 83, of Ashcamp, native of Pike County, died Thursday, January 23, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Thomas William Goodman Sr., 83, of Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Monday, January 27, at the Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Helena Anderson Goodman. Private services were held Tuesday, January 28. Arrangements were under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Claudia Smith Kellione, 89, of Freeburn, died Wednesday, January 29, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 2, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Charlotte Jean Kinser, 63, of Pinsonfork, died Wednesday, January 29, at Pikeville Methodist

Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Asa J. Kinser. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Johnny Little, 47, of Lookout, died Saturday, January 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Ann Spradlin Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ralph Robinson, 56, of Gillette, Wyoming, a native of Pikeville, died Monday, January 27, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, in Gillette. He is survived by his wife, Linda Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 3, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Edwin S. Smith, 72, of Ransom, died Tuesday, January 21, at Heart of Florida Hospital, Davenport, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Christine Smith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Lucy Steele, 93, of Chattaroy, West Virginia, died Sunday, January 26, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Terry Thacker, 42, of Kingsport, Tennessee, formerly of Pikeville, died in Kingsport. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Bridgeman Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Bobby Gene "B.G." Varney, 71, of Turkey Creek, died Sunday, January 26, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Opal Kirk Varney. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Lola Belle Blair, 91, died Friday, January 24, at Ridgeway

Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Owingsville. Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 28, at the Wells Family Cemetery in Paintsville. Arrangements were under the direction of Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home.

Goldie Daniel Castle, 82, died Thursday, January 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Uyvonna Lynn Cantrell, 52, died Thursday, January 23, at King's Daughters' Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Eulas Paul Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

## Martin County

Toney Adkins, 54, of Sidney, native of Martin County, died Sunday, January 26, at Charleston, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Faye Spears Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James E. Boggs, 69, of Ulysses, died Sunday, January 19, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Wilda Horn Boggs. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Goldie Daniel Castle, 82, of River, died Thursday, January 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 25, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Roy Mitchel (Dooner) Collier Jr., 46, of Beauty, died Tuesday, January 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Moore Collier. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Warfield Funeral Chapel.

George (Eddie) Edward Kirk, 50, died Sunday, January 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

# Obituaries

## Esta Lea Osborne Elliott

Esta Lea Osborne Elliott, 69, of McDowell, died Friday, January 31, 2003, at her daughter's residence at Printer.

Born September 26, 1933, at Dony, she was the daughter of the late Beverly and Maudie Caudill Osborne. She was a homemaker and member of the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer.

She is survived by her husband, Pink Clines Elliott.

Survivors include five daughters, Eula Tackett of McDowell, Sharon Kaye Johnson and Dottie Johnson, both of Hi Hat, Joyce Ann Foley of Martin, and Judy Hamilton of Printer; a son, Danny Ray Gayheart; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Geraldine, Maxine, and Vanda Gay; five brothers, Palmer Osborne, Paul Osborne, Stallard Osborne, Doug Osborne and Doley Osborne and three sisters, Jessery Collins, Thelma Smith, and Betty Lou Osborne.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 2, at 11 a.m., at the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer, with Old Time Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Elliott Cemetery (Frasures Creek), at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Anna Katherine Craft Allen

Anna Katherine Craft Allen, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born November 26, 1925, at Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Albert "Alb" Rice and Florence "Toad" Riddle Rice. She was a homemaker and member of the Lancer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Jess Craft and Hobert Allen.

Survivors include one daughter, Flora Webb of East Point; one step-son, Fred Craft of Gastonia, North Carolina; two step-daughters, Gertrude Elliott of West Prestonsburg, and Sandra Beasley of Florida; two brothers, Marvin Rice of Auxier, and Howard Rice of Georgia; two sisters, Nancy Stephens and Matilda Palmer, both of Ivel; three grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, 15 step-great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Willie Rice and Wesley Rice.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 1, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bobby Carpenter and Jennings West officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

(Paid obituary)



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NAIA

## Bears win on buzzer-beater

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior guard Jason Robinson sank a 22-foot jumper as time expired to give Pikeville College a 68-66 win over Lambuth University Thursday night.

No. 15 Pikeville won for the 19th time in 23 outings and in the Mid-South Conference opener for both schools. Lambuth slipped to 13-7 on the season.

Lambuth led 62-58 when junior Taurus Thomas made a free throw with 55 seconds left. But Pikeville got within one, however, when senior Toni Anderson drilled a three-point basket with 43 seconds left.

Marklus Ray, Lambuth's senior post player, sank two free throws two seconds later to push

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HIGH SCHOOL

## Former principal new coach at Montgomery

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MT. STERLING — Former Paintsville High School principal Dean Cvitkovic is the new head football coach at Montgomery County. Cvitkovic takes over for Bill Letton, who coached Prestonsburg to the Class 2A State Finals in 1992, just missing a state championship.

Cvitkovic, who served as Paintsville's principal in the mid-late 1990s, coached at Powell County for two years

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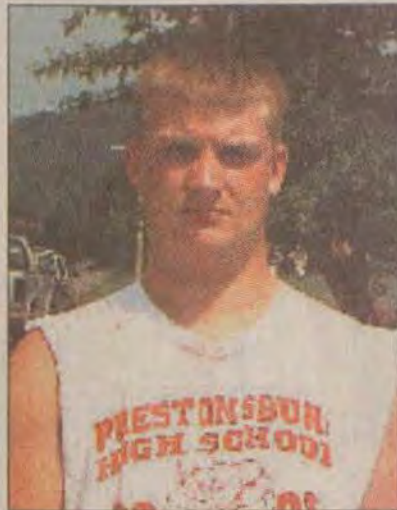
## Prestonsburg slates banquet for Feb. 23

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Coaches and boosters with the Prestonsburg High School football team have set Sunday, Feb. 23 as the date for this year's banquet. The banquet will honor and recognize the 2002 edition of the Blackcats as well as say good-bye to a standout

(See P'BURG, page three)

Ryan Brown will sign with James Madison University in a ceremony some time on Wednesday.



BROWN COMMITS

## Paintsville senior will sign with JMU this week

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Paintsville High senior Ryan Brown answered the question of where he would play his college football Thursday when he made his

choice known public. Brown, who's older brother Matt plays both football and baseball at nearby Pikeville College, has chosen James Madison University, an NCAA Division I-AA school in

(See BROWN, page two)



COLLEGE:  
James Madison University

LOCATION:  
Harrisonburg, Va.

HEAD COACH:  
Mickey Matthews

RECRUIT:  
Ryan Brown

## Paintsville says yes to P'burg grid invite

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Football teams from Paintsville and Prestonsburg won't play each other in the regular-season in the fall, but the two will hook up prior to the start of the season.

Paintsville agreed Thursday to play Prestonsburg in a grid to be played on Josh Francis Field later this year in

August. For the past two seasons, Paintsville played Prestonsburg as part of its regular season schedule but with some schedule shuffling and a new team, Jenkins, added to its district, Paintsville decided not to play the Blackcats for a third straight year. Prestonsburg won both regular season meetings between the two teams.

At press time, both Sheldon Clark and South Floyd were also scheduled for a game in the grid. The grid will feature three games. Paintsville and Prestonsburg will square off at 4 p.m. The 6 p.m. game will

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— YOUTH WRESTLING —



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Junior wrestler Nicholas Rowe was all smiles for the camera Thursday evening. Prestonsburg grapplers as young as pre kindergarten, as in Nicholas' case, and as old as high school seniors, were on hand. The Prestonsburg Wrestling Club and Prestonsburg Junior Wrestling team members were in Athens, Ohio this weekend for a tournament. Results from the Ohio tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

H.S. FOOTBALL

## Yates now enrolled at P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — With the 2002 high school football season now a couple two or three months removed, one Floyd County team possibly has a very helpful addition on the way to its football program. Chat Yates, a player who

(See YATES, page three)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Kentucky adds Murray State to 2003 schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Murray State has replaced Florida Atlantic and coach Howard Schnellenberger on Kentucky's 2003 football schedule, which was released on Wednesday.

The Wildcats were tentatively scheduled to play the Owls on Sept. 6 at Commonwealth Stadium. Instead, Kentucky will play the Racers for the first time.

A Division I-A team can count a victory over a

(See 2003, page three)

H.S. BASKETBALL

## East Ridge wins over Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK — South Floyd began Thursday night's road game with a 14-9 first quarter lead over East Ridge and head coach Denise Campbell. However, the good times would not last for the Lady Raiders.

East Ridge went on to outscore South Floyd in each of the final three quarters for a 64-51 win.

East Ridge (7-11) outscored South Floyd 34-22 in the second half.

Three different East Ridge players scored in double figures. East Ridge turned its defensive

pressure up in the third period, beating South Floyd 15-9 in the period.

Junior guard Megan Ousley led South Floyd with 18 points. Brandy Anderson scored 10 and Tabitha Trammell added nine. Sharee Hopkins and Carla Hall each had five points apiece and Amanda Johnson chipped in four.



Sharee Hopkins

photo by Jamie Howell

Jordan Kidd, pictured bringing the ball up the floor in a game against South Floyd earlier this season, returns to the hardwood this season after a quality performance in this past week's 15th Region All "A" Classic.



GAMES ON TAP

— BOYS' BASKETBALL —

TUESDAY'S GAMES

- Allen Central-East Ridge
- Ashland Blazer-East Carter
- Betsy Layne-Magoffin County
- Fairview-Greenup County
- Fleming County-Lewis County
- Fleming-Neon-Jenkins
- Hazard-Knott County Central
- June Buchanan-Cordia
- Lawrence County-Russell
- Leslie County-Red Bird

LITTLE LEAGUE

## Background checks now required from Little League

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Starting with the 2003 season, Little League programs nationwide will be required to annually conduct a background check of various peo-

ple involved in the program.

Checks are required of managers, coaches, board of directors members and any other persons, volunteers or

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## H.S. SCOREBOARD: GIRLS' BASKETBALL

THURSDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

- Ashland Blazer 60..... Mason County 31
- Betsy Layne 94..... Piarist School 11
- East Ridge 84..... South Floyd 51
- Fleming-Neon 70..... Letcher 48
- Johnson Central 64..... Sheldon Clark 39
- Lawrence County 67..... Russell 60

- Lexington Catholic 76..... East Carter 45
- Magoffin County 47..... Paintsville 44
- Pike Central 64..... Phelps 38
- Powell County 71..... Wolfe County 53
- R. Christian 64..... J. Buchanan 59
- Rose Hill 68..... Elliott County 58
- Rowan Co. 66..... Greenup County 37

- West Carter 90..... Lewis County 24
- Belfry 61..... Pikeville 61

BOYS'

- Cordia 86..... Leslie County 67

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## HALL TO SIGN:

South Floyd senior guard Michael Hall is scheduled to sign with Pikeville College on Monday at 1 p.m. in the SFHS library.



**YOUTH BASKETBALL**

# MCA squeaks past Wesley Christian

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — The Mountain Christian Academy boys basketball team seems to be closing in on becoming a powerhouse in Floyd County boys' grade school hoops. On Thursday night, the Falcons trailed after three quarters before rallying to post a 44-39 win over Wesley Christian. Wesley came out of the gate on fire as James

Michael Lafferty paced the effort with 24 points on the night. The Falcons trailed 15-7 after one quarter and 24-17 at the half. Lincoln Stone and Landon Stone combined to lead MCA with 11 and nine points, respectively. Josh Ousley finished with eight points for Mountain Christian Academy.

Wesley School continued to hold a slim lead at 31-27 after three quarters, but when it counted it was the Falcons who came alive and outscored Wesley 17-8 in the final quarter. A special called meeting will take place Monday at 4:15 p.m. to discuss among other things, the Floyd County grade school tournament, the rest of the season, and the many canceled games due to inclement weather. The meeting will take place at Allen Elementary.

**NAIA**

# Lambuth surprises No. 12 Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Junior center Tia Cawthon led four players in double figures in the scoring column as Lambuth upset No. 12 Pikeville 76-68 Thursday night.

Lambuth (8-14, 2-0 Mid-South Conference) survived a night where Pikeville's two dominating post players excelled but got little help. Seniors Amanda Collins and Teccoa Gallion, who have scored more than 3,500 points combined, scored 44 of their team's 68 while shooting 15-of-20 from the floor and making all



Gallion

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# S. Floyd Middle 81, ACHS Middle 62

EASTERN — In one of the highest-scoring grade school games in recent memory, South Floyd outlasted and outplayed Allen Central for an 81-62 win on the road.

South Floyd led 21-11 at the end of the first quarter and 35-22 at halftime before recording the victory.

Ethan Johnson poured in a game-high 34 points to lead the way for the Raiders. Johnson hit on five three-point shots.

Anthony Thornsberry scored six points, and according to the SFMS coaching staff had at least a dozen rebounds in the game.

Evan Johnson scored 18 for South Floyd. Mark Bennett scored 11 for the Raiders and Jordan Hall chipped in five, all five coming in the fourth quarter on free throws.

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# ROUNDUP

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

### Scott County 81, Sheldon Clark 47

Host Scott County (12-4) controlled the game from beginning to end in a blowout win over visiting Sheldon Clark. The win advanced Scott County to the semifinals of the Toyota Classic.

Scott County began the game with a 21-4 run and eventually handed Sheldon Clark (3-9) its fourth straight setback.

Just two players scored in double figures for Sheldon Clark. Freshman Brandon May scored 10. Another Sheldon Clark player had 11.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

### Boyd Co. 80, Prestonsburg 39

Abby Shafer tossed in 16 points, but it wasn't nearly enough for Prestonsburg (2-12) in the 80-39 loss to Boyd County. Meaghan Slone and Darcey Hicks each had eight points for the Ladycats.

Prestonsburg trailed 24-8 at the end of the first period and 37-22 at half-time before losing.

Thirteen different players scored for Boyd County (13-4).

### Betsy Layne 94, Piarist 11

Betsy Layne continued on its way to this week's All "A" Classic with a 94-11 thrashing of Betsy Layne at home Thursday night.

Twelve different Betsy Layne players scored as the Ladycats held Piarist scoreless over the last two quarters of the game.

The Cassandra Akers-coached Betsy Layne team led 50-11 at halftime of the rout.

Tiffany Meade scored a game-high 20 points to lead Betsy Layne.

Kim Clark added 10 for Betsy Layne and Natasha Stratton ended the game with eight.

Mary Bentley led Piarist in scoring with six points. Stephanie Williams had the other five Lady Knight tallies.

Piarist fell to 0-14 with the loss.

**PIARIST (11) — Bentley 6, Williams 6, Lykins 0, Tussey 0, Tackett 0.**

**BETSY LAYNE (94) — Stratton 8, Clark 10, T. Meade 20, Witt 5, Akers 12, Daniels 12, Smith 9, Bentley 2, C. Meade 4, Spurlock 6, B. Tackett 2, W. Tackett 2.**

### JCHS 64, Sheldon Clark 39

Johnson Central (17-1) outscored Sheldon Clark in all four periods en route to a big win over the struggling Lady Cardinals.

Ashley Wireman led Johnson Central in scoring with points. Rhonda Adams scored 14 and Brianna Daniels chipped in nine.

Kelli Moore scored a game-high 31 points to lead Sheldon Clark (3-11). No other Sheldon Clark player had over three points in the contest.

### Belfry 67, Pikeville 61

Vickie Hall scored 28 and teammate Anna Bevins flipped in 20 to lead Belfry to the win over rival Pikeville. Belfry, after leading 15-14 through one quarter, trailed 24-23 at halftime, but made up the difference and more in the second half. The Lady Pirates outscored Pikeville 29-18 in the fourth and final quarter.

Amanda Hartsock paced Pikeville on offense with 14 points.

Shawna Howard scored 13 for Pikeville, and Emily Colvin and Samantha Howard added 12 each.



# The 1940 Edition of the Auxier Hornets girls' basketball team...

The following players were members of the 1940 girls basketball team at Auxier High School: Edith Burton, Betty Johnson, Tommie Burchett, Nathenia Burton, Anna Mae Wells, Pauline Hyden and Virginia Lee Patton. The team played schools such as Maytown, McDowell, Wayland and Martin High Schools. The 1940 squad finished the season with a 6-1 record. The team was coached by Ezra Robinson. This photo came into The Times courtesy of Marvin Setser of Clintwood, Va.

— Jamie Howell

**BATTLE OF THE BLUEGRASS**

# STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Awards Banquet

LEXINGTON — Eddie Carrier Jr. of Leburn, was crowned the first ever STARS Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts Series Champion on Saturday Night, January 25 at the Continental Inn. The first awards banquet for the up and coming series was held before a packed room as several awards were passed out during the evening. Carrier took home \$7000 for his first career series championship as the points fund money was distributed among the top ten drivers. He also received a champion's jacket courtesy of Gerald Newton of Arizona Sports Shirts and Tony Rose of American Race Tires. In an emotional speech Carrier thanked a multitude of people that have helped him get to this point in his career. Several times during the speech he was overcome with emotion in thanking those that have made his life and career possible. He thanked the Lord first and then his wife, Jamie, Bob and Barb Miller, his father, Eddie, Sr. and his grandfather "Pops" Carrier, who passed a way a couple of years ago. Eddie, Jr. said "Pops" was the one who started it all for us Carriers several years ago, and I know he is looking down on us and very proud of our accomplishments," said the champion. Eddie went on to thank all of his crew and sponsors and vowed to be back to defend his title in 2003. Carrier won three times on the circuit in 2002. He made all 20 features he entered with the series last year and recorded ten top five finishes and six top ten finishes. He only finished out of the top ten four times in 2002. Far and away he led the series in fast time runs with 12.

Timmy Yeager of Harrodsburg, finished second to Carrier in the final point standings. Yeager won two series events and recorded more top five finishes than any other driver with 11. Yeager also appeared at all 20 events and made the feature every time. Finishing third in the final 2002 point standings was Jesse James Lay of Walton. Lay was also present for all 20 events and started every one of them. Lay scored two wins this past season and had four top five finishes and ten top 10 finishes. Another driver attending every event was Johnny Wheeler of Campbellsville. Wheeler had one series win in 2002 and started all but two features last season. Wheeler had eight top five finishes in series competition. Wheeler finished fourth in the final STARS Battle of the Bluegrass points. Rounding out the top five was Richard Smith of Science Hill, who attended all 20 events, starting 19 features and coming home with one feature win, five top five finishes and three top ten finishes.

The rest of the top ten in points honored were Joey Daniel of Liberty, Bobby Carrier Jr of Harrodsburg, Tyrel Todd of

Eubank, Aaron Hatton of Mount Sterling, and Scott James of Lawrenceburg, Ind.

There were several special awards passed out during the banquet including the 2002 PBM Performance Products Rookie of the Year which was presented to Bobby Wolter Jr. of Lexington. Wolter attended all 20 events and made 11 feature races this past season with his

best finish being a seventh place in the Kentucky Klassic at Glasgow. Other special award winners were Jesse James Lay winning the Sportsmanship Award, Aaron Hatton taking the Most Improved Driver Award, Car Owners of the Year were Danny Ray and Diane Preston, Hard Charger Award to Timmy

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Eddie Carrier Jr. capped a very successful 2002 dirt track racing season with a Battle of the Bluegrass Series championship.

## Brown

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Harrisonburg, Va. He will sign with the school in a ceremony at Paintsville High School Wednesday.

James Madison defensive line coach/recruiting coordinator George Barlow, a 1990 graduate of Marshall University, and head coach Mickey Matthews, a 1976 graduate of West Texas State University, played key roles in Brown's recruitment.

Brown started for Paintsville three straight seasons. He started on defense for Paintsville as a sophomore. During his time at Paintsville he played along the offensive line as well. On defense, he played linebacker and defensive line. In addition to football, he also plays baseball for the Tigers.

Brown's father, Mike Brown, says his son could even get five years in the JMU football program if it chooses to redshirt him. Talk has recently circulated that James Madison could possibly make the jump to Division I-A some time in the future.

James Madison currently plays in the Atlantic-10 Conference.

For the second straight season the JMU football team in 2003 will play a 12-game schedule. The schedule includes nine Atlantic 10 Conference games and non-league contests with Division I-A Virginia Tech and Division I-AA foes Liberty and Charleston Southern. JMU will play six home games and six road contests.

The Dukes will open the season Aug. 30 at home with Liberty and will play at Virginia Tech Sept. 6. JMU won't play Sept. 13 but then will have games for 10 straight weeks, including its nine Atlantic 10 games.

JMU will play at Virginia Tech for the second time in five years and for the sixth time overall. The Dukes will meet Liberty for the third time in four years and for the 14th time overall and will face Big South Conference member Charleston Southern for the first time.

In addition to Liberty, JMU will play at home against Hofstra (Sept. 20), Richmond (Oct. 11), Rhode Island (Nov. 1), Charleston Southern (Nov. 15) and Northeastern (Nov. 22). After the Virginia Tech game, the Dukes will have road contests against Massachusetts (Sept. 27), Villanova (Oct. 4), William & Mary (Oct. 18), Maine (Oct. 25), and New Hampshire (Nov. 8).

Three of JMU's 2003 opponents played in the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, and Virginia Tech received a bowl invitation. Competing in Division I-AA post-season play were Villanova, Maine and Northeastern. Villanova advanced to third-round play and Maine to the second round.

JMU completed the 2002 season with a 5-7 record while fielding a team that included only six senior and six juniors.

Brown, during his time at Paintsville, received numerous gridiron awards and accolades. He played on a regional championship team in 2001, his junior season. Brown played all four of his school seasons for current Paintsville Coach David LeMaster.

Ryan Brown is the son of Mike and Sandy Brown. In addition to older brother Matt, he has a younger brother, Casey, a sixth-grader at Highland Elementary in Johnson County.

**BASS FISHING**



Tug Valley Bass Anglers, Top three anglers: Left to right: Donald Collins, Kevin Runyon and Brandon Staten.

# Bass Anglers hold awards banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — On Sunday, Jan. 26, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its annual awards banquet at the Pikeville Gatti's. The banquet is the last function in a hard fought, nine tournament season. There were eleven awards given out in seven categories.

Kevin Runyon, who is the club's president and sponsored by Skeeter Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Yamaha of Pikeville, Falcon Graphite Rods, Lucky Craft Lures, Gambler lures and B.A.N.G. fish attractants was the big winner, taking top honors in both the Angler of the Year and Club Champion races for the third year in a row. Kevin would like to give special thanks to Kevin Hall, owner of Yamaha of Pikeville for his support as well as the Elliott Companies and president Dick Jarvis for giving him the support and opportunity to pursue a dream as a professional angler on the FLW Everstart Tournament Trail.

In addition to the trophies and cash awards, the top-10 in the Club Champion race all received club jackets or shirts. Every member attending the banquet received a duffel bag

with embroidered club logo as well as a new balance beam (fish pulling device).

"Our club has some of the very best fishermen in Eastern Kentucky and I would like to congratulate all of them, especially the guys who qualified in the top 15 for the Club Classic," said Runyon. "These guys worked very hard all year, against some tough competition to get where they are and they deserve it. Fishing in this club is not easy. You're not given anything, you have to work hard every tournament to be successful. The members that make the effort and try hard, learn a lot and get better every tournament and are rewarded for those efforts.

"I would also like to give a special congratulations to Donald Collins and Brandon Staten who finished second and third in the Club Champion and Angler of the Year races again for the second year. Thanks guys, you made it a great tournament season."

The awards and winners are as follows.

Angler of the Year—(Award based on total weight for 9 tour-

(See FISHING, page three)



## A LOOK AT SPORTS

## Betsy Layne faces Louisville Christian in All 'A'

by ED TAYLOR  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will take their 16-2 record to Richmond's McBrayer Arena for first round action in the girls All "A" state tournament. It will be the second consecutive visit by coach Cassandra Akers ballclub in as many seasons. The Lady Cats played in regional competition for the first time last season, falling in the first round of the event.

If Coach Akers could have drawn this bracket up she surely would have wanted to place her team in a bracket other than the one she is in having to face a very good Louisville Christian Academy out of the seventh region.

"They are a tough team and they have them favored by 70 points over whoever they play in their region," said the Betsy Layne

mentor. "No kidding. Over all their opponents."

The Seventh Region did not conclude until this past Saturday



Lykens

but it was a far drawn conclusion that Christian Academy would be the first round opponent of Betsy Layne's

Betsy Layne is having one of their better seasons in the schools history with a sparkling 16 win season already. Coach Akers said



Stratton

she knew coming into the season, her team would be a talented one.

"I knew this would be the most talented team I ever had," she said, "but was concerned about the maturity level and willingness to play together."

Coach Akers said any doubts she may had at the onset of the season was put to rest by the unification of her team. "All that has went great for us this season," she said. "We are playing with a lot of confidence and that helps at the end of games."

While the Lady Cats sport a 16-2 wins, with both losses from out of the 15th region, still Coach Akers knows the history of one Johnson Central, who they have not played thus far but will engage soon. How Betsy Layne will fare against the defending regional champions, is not clear with the absence of their second leading scorer, Whitney Lykens.

"Playing Johnson Central will not be the same with out Whitney in the line up," said Coach Akers. "She will be out for two to three weeks."

Lykens broke two of her fingers on her right hand in a win over Magoffin County. The injury came late in the game with Betsy Layne enjoying a nine point advantage.

Betsy Layne will travel to Johnson Central on February 10 to face the Lady Golden Eagles who are 17-1 on the season. Coach Akers said her teams needs to

exercise and execute — exercise patience on offense as well as execute well with the ball.

"Johnson Central is a steady playing ball club and you have to remain calm and not dig yourself into a hole," said the veteran Lady Cat coach. "If you do dig that hole, they are not going to let you out."

Senior Natasha Stratton leads Betsy Layne scoring with a 17 points per game followed by Lykens at 16 points per outing. Kim Clark averages nearly 10 per points a game. But it has been more than just being a good offensive team for the Lady Cats. Their defense has been a pleasant surprise as well.

"We have been playing really great defense and that was another area I worried about," Akers said. "We have really improved there."

Betsy Layne is allowing the opposition only an average of 42 points per contest. "You can win a lot of games when you hold other teams to just 43 points each time out," she said.

Every team has one or two players who surprises a coach when a season begins. That player you really don't expect a lot of out of early but comes in and makes an impact. Tiffany Meade has been that player for Betsy Layne.

"She had to step in and run the team at the point for us," said Coach Akers. "She has done a great job for us. But Tiffany is an excellent defensive player as well."

Kristal Daniels (6'1" sophomore) has been shown some quality minutes on the court as well for the Lady Cats. "Kristal will get more quality minutes now that Whitney is out," said Akers. "That will only help us when we play in the tournaments at the end of the season."

Betsy Layne is also the defending 58th District champions and will look to repeat when the tournament unfolds at South Floyd later this month. The last district tournament I covered while at The Floyd County Times, Betsy Layne, the one seed, was upset by the Lady Raiders, the fourth seed. To make it worse, it all happened on the Lady Cats home floor.

"After that I don't care if we ever host another district or not,"

said the Lady Cat coach jokingly. "If you remember, we went 8-0 during the conference and lost to them in the first round. Of course, South Floyd went on to win their first-ever district tournament."

With Lykens lost for two to three weeks, Coach Akers said other players were going have to step up their game a bit. Lykens, beside being second on the team in scoring, leads Betsy Layne in assists and rebounding as well as steals.

"I am looking for someone to step in and take up the slack," Akers said. "It is going to make us a better team in the end."

The 15th Region will unveil a

new format in the regional tournament this season, one that Coach Akers is not that fond of.

"I might like it after I try it this year," she said. "That is if we are fortunate enough to get the opportunity. I think tournaments are more special when played at one location."

Christian Academy won their first eight games of the season before falling to Ballard. Their second loss of the season was a 84-49 whipping by Beth Haven.

I wish Betsy Layne the best as they face the rest of the state in the girls All "A."

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## AUTO RACING

## NASCAR sponsor to award \$17 million in winnings in 2003

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — A record \$17 million purse will be split among the top 25 drivers in NASCAR's final Winston Cup standings this year.

The \$3 million increase over last year's purse will result in a minimum payment of \$4.25 million to the champion, \$500,000 more than Tony Stewart received for winning his first title in 2002.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., NASCAR's Winston Cup

## P'burg

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senior class. The banquet will also look ahead to the 2003 campaign. Like last year's gathering, this year's banquet will be held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. It will begin at 4 p.m. and run until 8 p.m.

## League

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hired workers who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.

Those who fail to complete and submit their volunteer application form will result in them being barred from involvement in Little League. Failure by the local league to conduct the proper background checks may result in suspension or termination of the league's charter and/or tournament privileges.

Paintsville Little League was one of the first area chapters to require the checks.

"The Paintsville Little League has been conducting background and sexual offenders checks for several years, and

Series sponsor since 1971, puts up the bulk of the money the drivers compete for over 36 races. The rest of the purse is made up from what NASCAR collects through its fines and other revenue.

## Former

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before stepping away from the sidelines to take over as principal at the school this school year. Previous coaching stops for "Mr. C" as he was called during his Paintsville tenure, included Bell County, Dayton and Hart County.

In other coaching moves, former Hazard coach Paul Rains is the new coach at Lexington Christian Academy. He comes to LCA from Madison Central.

Jenkins is still looking for a new head coach for its struggling football program. Todd Neace stepped down earlier this school year.

## Lambuth

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but one of their 13 free throws. For good measure, they made a couple of three-pointers as well.

But the rest of the team was only 7-of-28 from the floor, while the Lady Eagles flipped in exactly half of their 60 tries on the night.

Lambuth went on an 8-2 run early on, a stretch which began with a Cawthon layup and ended with her sinking two free throws, and led 14-6 with 14:39 left.

The Lady Bears went on a 10-2 run to tie the game at 20 with 10:47 left. Collins had eight points in the stretch, including the three-pointer to tie the game. That was the first of three ties in the first half, including the halftime score of 40-40.

Cawthon scored four points early as Lambuth scored the first six of the second half and was off to the races. Two free throws by Caitlyn Ryan cut the deficit to two (46-44) with two free throws, but could get no closer.

Lambuth led by nine six different times in the second half, but

never pushed it to double digits. They hit 7-of-10 from the line in the last two minutes to hold on for the win.

Cawthon had 17 to pace the winners. Dani Howard followed with 16. Angie DeSantis came off the bench for 12 while Crystal Burton added 10. Senior Mandi Perry had five markers, adding eight assists and five steals.

Pikeville (18-5, 1-1) got 28 from Collins, who added eight rebounds. Gallion recorded 16 while Selena Williams came off the bench to score 10 and pull down seven rebounds.

The Lady Bears won the battle of the boards 36-26, but gave the ball up 22 times while forcing only 10 turnovers.

Mid-South Conference play continued on Saturday when the Lady Bears were slated to travel to Campbellsville to play the No. 8 Lady Tigers. Lambuth will play at Cumberland College.

## Invite

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feature South Floyd against an opponent to be determined. Sheldon Clark will play a team to be named later in the grid's nightcap at 8 p.m.

Both Dairy Queen and The Floyd County Times will be involved with the grid. Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett is excited with how the event is shaping up.

"Community involvement goes a long way," said DeRossett. "Both Dairy Queen and The Floyd County Times are two community leaders."

■ Prestonsburg High full-back Mikeal Fannin, one of the seniors on his way out of high school and on to college, visited Cumberland College this past week. Former Prestonsburg player Kevin Younce is a member of the football team there.

■ Paintsville head coach David LeMaster has also confirmed that his team has now filled its schedule for the 2003 season. The Tigers were previ-

## Fishing

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naments)

■ 1st — Kevin Runyon — Total Weight 61 pounds, 13 ounces

■ 2nd—Donald Collins — Total Weight 49 pounds, 15 ounces

■ 3rd—Brandon Staten — Total Weight 40 pounds, 10 ounces

Club Champion- (Award based on total points for 9 tournaments. 10 points awarded for each win.)

■ 1st—Kevin Runyon, 71 points

■ 2nd—Donald Collins, 60 points

■ 3rd—Brandon Staten, 50 points

■ Bass Award- Mike Johnson, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, largemouth from Yatesville Lake at the March 2002 tournament.

Largest Weigh in Award- (Award based on the largest one day stringer of fish weighed in)

■ Kevin Runyon- 15 pounds, 10 ounces, five fish limit from Yatesville Lake at the March tournament.

Most Improved Angler — Brad May

■ Non-boater Champion — Ralph Taylor

Club Classic Champion- (Top 15 anglers qualify to compete) Douglas Lake, November tournament.

■ 1st — Donald Collins — 20.12 pounds, two-day total.

■ 2nd — Jimmy Kirk- 16.70 pounds, two-day total.

■ 3rd — Kevin Runyon-11 pounds, two-day total.

4th — Brandon Staten — 8.79 pounds two-day total.

5th — Brian Compton — 7.79 pounds two-day total.

## Bears

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it back to three.

But then, Robinson came alive. His basket with 26 seconds left cut it back to one, and 14 seconds later, he made two free throws to put the Bears on top 65-64.

Lambuth was undeterred. The Eagles pushed it down the floor and found Ray, who scored with four seconds remaining to make it 66-65.

After a timeout, Robinson fielded the inbounds pass, drove toward the top of the key and hit nothing but the bottom of the net with no time remaining for the

win.

The Bears got a huge game from senior Jairos Michael, who had 16 points thanks to 7-of-10 and added nine rebounds. Robinson finished with 14, while Charles Sanders and Toni Anderson contributed 10 each.

Ray's 17 points and seven rebounds paced Lambuth, adding three steals. Junior A.D. McCreight had a solid outing, scoring 16 while pulling down six rebounds and dishing out five assists. Junior Antonio Rhodes scored 13 points for the Eagles.

## 2003

Division I-AA team once every four years as one of its six wins required for bowl eligibility. But the I-AA team must have averaged at least 60 scholarship players over a three-year period.

The Owls, who played their first season in 2001, fail to meet that requirement.

The big draw to that game would have been Schnellenberger, who played tight end for Kentucky from

## Yates

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starred this past season in the Johnson Central backfield, now finds himself at Prestonsburg High School. After playing his freshman football season under then-Johnson Central head coach Bill Musick, Yates did not play the first regular-season game in his sophomore season, a turbulent campaign with one-and-out head coach Bruce Humphrey at the helm of the

1952-55 and coached Louisville from 1985-94.

Kentucky plays Louisville on Aug. 30, opening with the Cardinals for the ninth straight season. The Murray State game precedes road trips to Alabama (Sept. 13) and Indiana (Sept. 20).

The Wildcats return home to play Florida on Sept. 27 and then have an off week before playing at South Carolina on

Central program. Yates came back this past fall and had a productive season in a dismal 10-game stretch. During the 2002 Apple Bowl, Yates rushed for all five of Johnson Central's touchdowns in a loss to Paintsville.

Before he can play for Prestonsburg in the fall, Yates must be ruled eligible. He is now living with his mother at her home in Auxier.

Oct. 11.

Kentucky then has three straight home games with Ohio (Oct. 18), Mississippi State (Oct. 25) and Arkansas (Nov. 1) before one more open date.

The Wildcats finish with road games at Vanderbilt (Nov. 15) and Georgia (Nov. 22) before returning home for their traditional final regular-season game with Tennessee (Nov. 29).

## Kentucky's 2003 schedule. Times to be announced:

Aug. 30—Louisville  
Sept. 6—Murray State  
Sept. 13—at Alabama  
Sept. 20—at Indiana  
Sept. 27—Florida  
Oct. 11—at South Carolina  
Oct. 18—Ohio  
Oct. 25—Mississippi State  
Nov. 1—Arkansas  
Nov. 15—at Vanderbilt  
Nov. 22—at Georgia  
Nov. 29—Tennessee





### The Floyd County Times

wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...

# Reader's Choice

## BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST FOOD

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygiene \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Waitress/Waiter \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Crafts \_\_\_\_\_
- Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics \_\_\_\_\_
- Eyewear \_\_\_\_\_
- Exterminating \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm/Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- Financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto-Body Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Bath Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed Linens \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Perm \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookkeeping/Tax \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
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- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

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## MSU professor, appointed to the state's GIAC

Gov. Paul Patton has appointed a Morehead State University professor to the state's Geographic Information Advisory Council (GIAC).

Dr. Steven Parkansky, assistant professor of geography, will

represent all of Kentucky's public universities on the council, which makes recommendations to local governments and other entities about geographic standards.

"I will be getting involved

with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) program," Dr. Parkansky said, referring to a project of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. The federal data committee members develop the

NSDI, in cooperation with organizations from state and local governments, the academic community (including individuals such as Dr. Parkansky) and private companies. These individuals advise the federal com-

mittee is setting standards, policies and procedures for producing and sharing geographic data.

Members of the GIAC volunteer their time and expertise. Among the services they provide are edu-

cational assistance to local governments on various issues, including transportation, water and sewer systems. "We hope to try to get Kentucky in line

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## COLLEGE NEWS



■ Jill Eatherly

## ALC holds opening convocation

Alice Lloyd College held their opening convocation on Tuesday, January 28, in the Campbell Arts Center Auditorium. ALC students, faculty and staff enjoyed hearing from special guest Jill Eatherly who emphasized that there is a lesson in everything that happens in life. Ms. Eatherly is an enthusiastic, high-energy presenter, that founded the Action Quest - Putting People First organization after twenty-five years as an educator and trainer. She received her Master's degree in Education from Middle Tennessee University. Jill is the Director of Minority Affairs with Tennessee State University and the current West Region Project Manager for the Tennessee Board of Regents. Ms. Eatherly also has worked on the state implementation team for School to Work and as the State Director for Tech Prep.

## COLLEGE NEWS

## MSU's ROTC program hosts "Screaming Eagles 5K"

Morehead State University's ROTC program will host its "Screaming Eagle 5K" on Saturday, April 19.

The race will begin and end on the MSU campus, according to Derrick Carver, Vanceburg senior, who is coordinating the run for the second year.

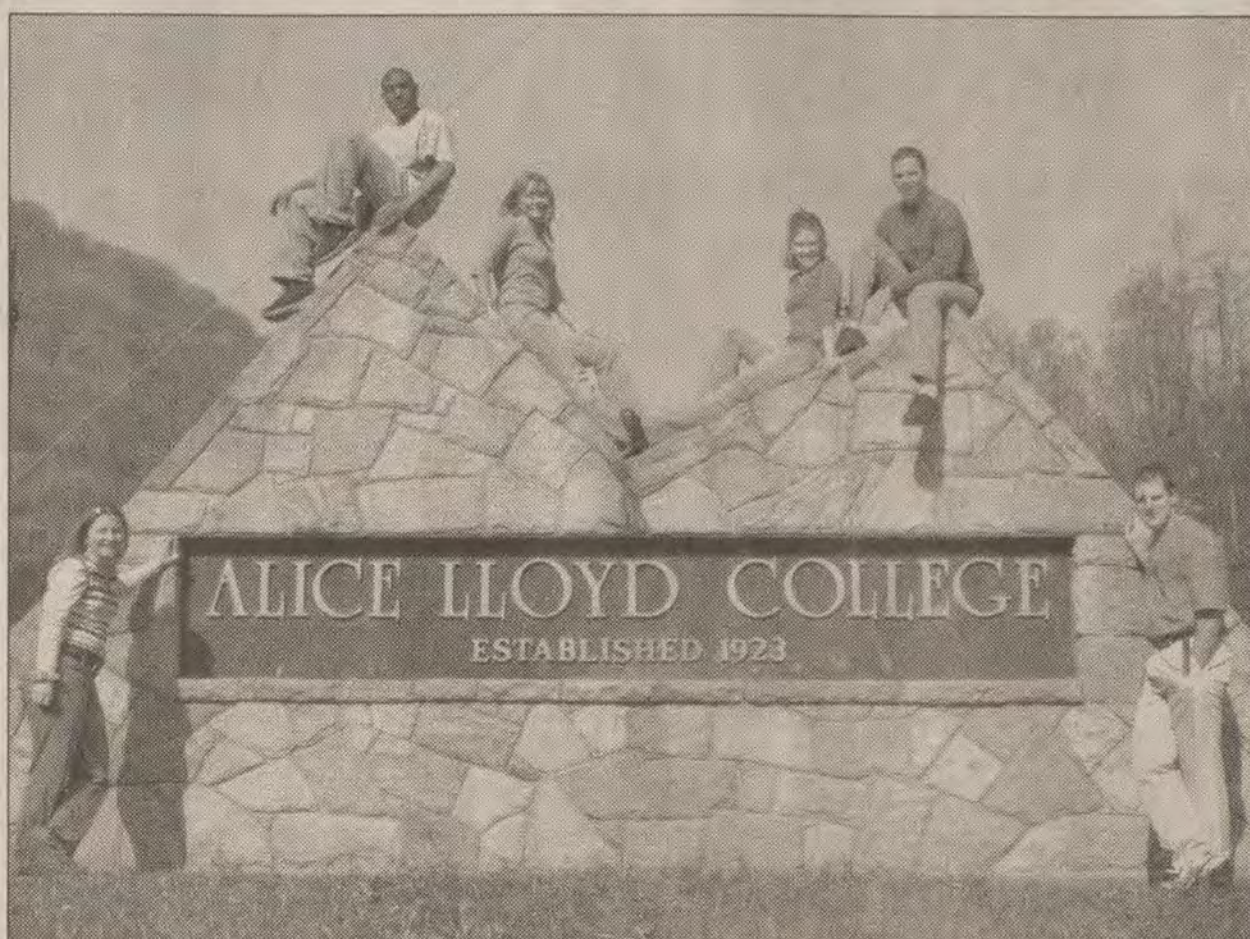
Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the race to start at 9 a.m. First and second place medallions will be awarded to the top male and female runners overall, and in each age group: 15 and under, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54 and 55 and over.

Entry fees are \$10 for those who register before April 12 and \$15 after that. Race t-shirts and goodie bags will be available to the first 100 participants. Make checks/money orders payable to MSU ROTC, and mail to Screaming Eagle 5K, UPO 1361, Morehead, KY 40351.

An Easter egg hunt will be held for children immediately after the race.

Additional information and registration are available by calling Carver at (606) 783-3787, or online at msuarborne2003@yahoo.com.

## — ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE —



## ALC has largest spring enrollment in 9 years

The Alice Lloyd College 2003 Spring Semester officially opened as classes resumed on Wednesday, January 15. College officials are pleased to announce that the Spring 2003 enrollment is the largest since 1994. Mr. Sean Damron, Director of Admissions, commented on ALC students. "We are so pleased with the number and quality of new and returning students. ALC continues to offer the people of Appalachia a quality education at an unbeatable price".

## Local residents make dean's list

Eastern Kentucky University students who made the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester include:

Michael Douglas Goble and Wesley Dean Nelson, both of Banner; David Brandon Baldrige of Blue River; Jordan Sharaan Hall of Bypro; Justin G. Campbell of Dwale; Elizabeth Howard of Eastern; BreAnna Nicole Harris, David Bradley Kidd, and Jessica M. Sturgill, all of Harold;

Contessa Sheena Brock, Morgan M. Caldwell, Julie Lynn Campbell, Kara Brook Sammons, all of Prestonsburg; and Heather Ann Ortiz of Wheelwright.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75

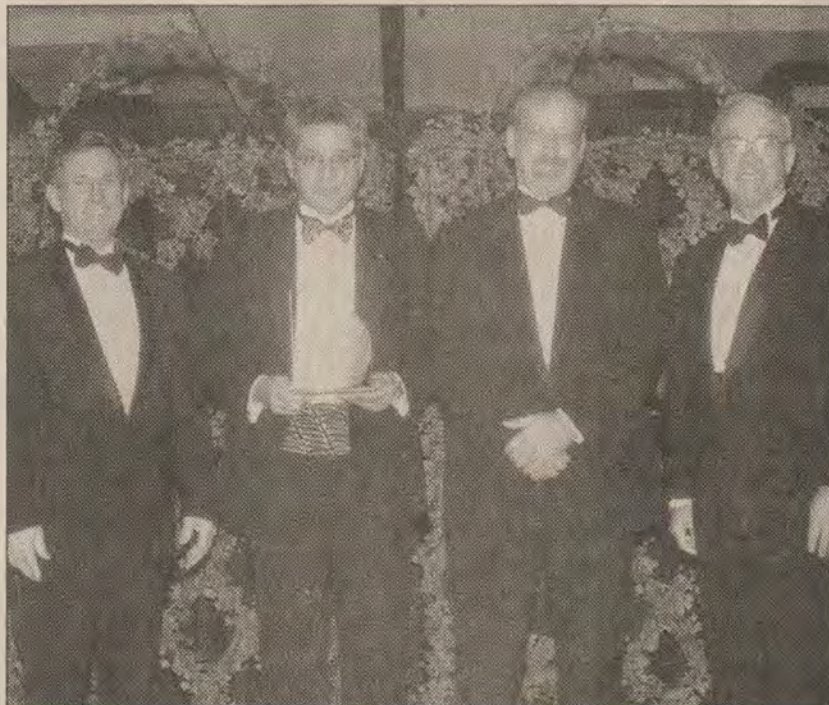
GPA.

"We are always pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said ECU President Joanne Glasser.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving more than 15,000 students on its 725-acre Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester, and throughout the Commonwealth.

## New science wing at HCC

A ribbon cutting ceremony is held for the new science wing at Hazard Community College. Shown above, from left, are Deronda Mobelini, science division chair; Tabitha Engle, student; and Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of HCC. The \$3.1 million wing houses biology, botany, chemistry, and other sciences and is located at the college's Learning Resource Center. The two-story wing stretches an impressive 7,500 square feet to the rear of the main campus building and features six new laboratories/ classrooms, a computer-ready instruction room, four prep labs, ten faculty offices, a large greenhouse, a number of common areas, and various storage rooms. The facility also provides a centralized location for all of HCC's science classes and staff—previously, students who were taking courses in anatomy & physiology, biology, chemistry, and physics.



Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical Colleges and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) recently honored their most valuable benefactors. Shown in this photo are, from left, KCTCS President Michael B. McCall, Mr. Jeff Burke, President and General Manager, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical College President/CEO Dr. George Edwards, and Governor Paul Patton. KCTCS and its colleges honored 37 of the system's major donors and volunteers at the 2002 President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner. Equitable Resources, Inc. was honored for its support of Prestonsburg Community and Mayo Technical Colleges.

## CAMPUS CONNECTION

## Who is walking in your footsteps

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

The snow, oh how my boys love the snow. From the very minute the first flake hits the ground they are scurrying around to find their hats, boots, and gloves.

We have definitely had our share of snow this month and my boys have had their share of red noses and nearly frostbitten fingers. What can I say, when I was young I too loved the snow, so with mop in hand I just follow behind them absorbing snow melted puddles that they leave behind.

One afternoon the laughter and shouts in my front yard drew me to our dining room window. With a cup of coffee in hand, I pulled up a chair and cleared a small circle in the moisture that had taken over my window. I watched as they ran in circles dodging snowballs and then I noticed my youngest son's attention had been drawn elsewhere.



I cleared a larger spot on window so I could see just what was that he was doing. I watched as he would stretch his little leg as far as he could and then leap forward. He would then proceed with the next leg and then I realized what he was doing. He was walking in the footprints that I had left earlier in the snow.

I was somewhat overtaken by the effort he made to place his feet directly into my prints. I then began to think in literal terms and wondered just where my footsteps would take him. Sometimes we have people, some young and some not so young, that are following in our footsteps and we must be careful where we lead them.

Getting an education is one step in the right direction. We lead by example and we need to lead our future generations to get educated and prepared to keep our communities alive and prospering. You may be an older brother or sister currently attending college, or a mom or dad who has often thought of returning to school. Whatever your circumstance, leave footprints that will lead those following you to getting an education. You can begin taking the first step by vis

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## NEWS AND NOTES

## New partnership agreements with two universities in Costa Rica

New partnership agreements with two universities in Costa Rica are strengthening Morehead State University's educational presence on a global scale.

"We now have educational partnerships established on every continent in the world, except Antarctica," said Dr. Robert Frank, associate dean of international education.

As examples, he cited MSU's relationships with institutions in Burgundy, France; Guangxi Province, China; Russia, Poland and the Ukraine in central and eastern Europe; South Africa; and several study abroad programs in areas such as the British Isles and Australia.

"These new relationships will open all kinds of doors for our students," he said, "especially for those with an interest in government and foreign affairs."

Dr. Frank and Dr. Victor Ballester, associate professor of educational administration, recently visited and signed tentative agreements with El Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica and the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica in San Jose.

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## Seasonally adjusted jobless rate goes up in December

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased for the second consecutive month to 5.4 percent in December from 5.1 percent in November, according to the Department for Employment

Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. In December 2001, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 6 percent from

November to December. "The .3 percentage point increase in December is the largest single-month increase in Kentucky's unemployment rate during 2002. Still, the 5.4 percent rate for December 2002 is below the

6.2 percent rate recorded for December 2001," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst. "Kentucky's unemployment rate has been in the 5.1 to 5.4 percent range for 11 of the 12 months of 2002

and we've well been below the national rate for the whole year."

Four of the eight major nonfarm job sectors had employment increases in

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### Medicare AND YOU



**Donna R. Morton**  
Medicare Beneficiary  
Outreach Coordinator  
Administar Federal

**Q** I recently received a notice from Medicare and learned that a service was denied. Do I have any appeal rights in this situation?

**A** Yes. Your appeal rights are on the back of the Medicare Summary Notice you received. The notice also explains why your bill was not paid and what steps to take.

**Q** Do I need to include any additional information with my appeal?

**A** It can be helpful to ask your doctor or provider for any information related to the bill that might help your case. If you follow the steps on the Medicare Summary Notice and also send a letter it is a good idea to make your review request easy to identify. Examples of such requests may include:

- Please consider (review) my claim
- Will you please review this denial to see if more payment can be made?
- I am not satisfied with the payment decision

**Q** Are there any special forms to use in requesting the appeal?

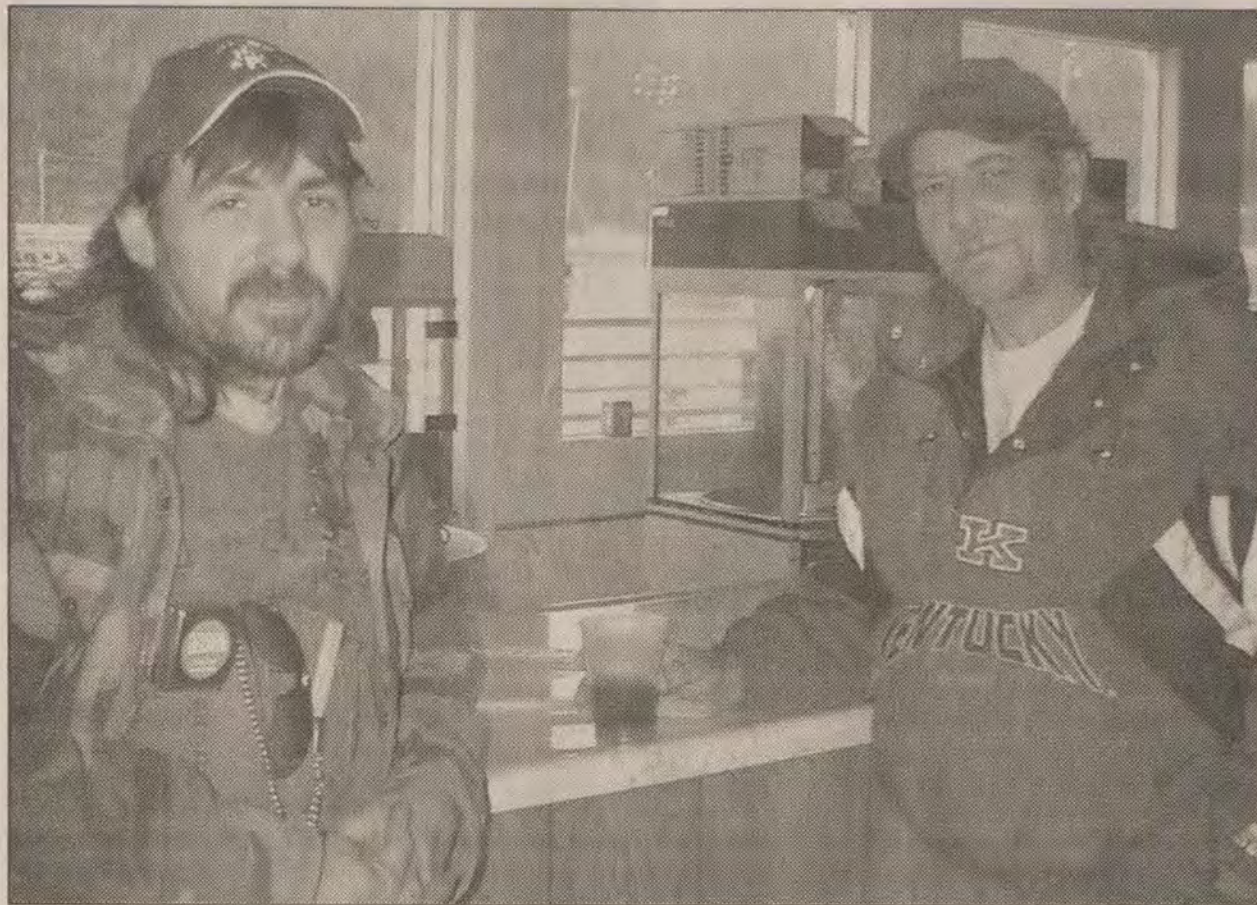
**A** The Medicare Summary Notice with the correct section completed is all Medicare has to have. However, Medicare appeals forms can be found on www.medicare.gov and easily downloaded/printed for your use.

**Q** How long do I have to file an appeal?

**A** Appeal deadlines have recently changed. You now have 120 days from the date of the claim notice to file an appeal to Medicare Part A or B. The deadline date for filing your appeal is shown on the Medicare Summary Notice.

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

### - THUNDER RIDGE RACEWAY -



Thunder Ridge employees Don Castle (left) and John Dale (right) head current work projects at Thunder Ridge. photo by Steve LeMaster

## Thunder Ridge makes changes, alterations

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Thunder Ridge Raceway & Entertainment Complex in Prestonsburg has a new look to its concessions area. In addition, the facility has some other additions and takeaways track overseer Dave Bokelman, who also is a part-owner in the track, feels will be for the better.

"We've done some work which we feel will help the track," said Bokelman. "We got started right after the last dirt track race in the fall.

The horse rink which was located at the right end of the Ridge property and had hosted horse shows in previous years is now gone. With the horse rink gone, new parking space becomes available for bigger events the track has planned for the upcoming dirt track racing season.

The concessions area will now have a full-service bar for patrons to frequent. The concession stand is now bigger and better according to Bokelman. A new aspect to the concession line is an end for the kids. Children may now stop on one end of the concession area which fea-

tures a kids-size counter that is short enough for young race fans to buy their concessions.

Bokelman and associates saw no need for any changes in the entrance where Ridge workers take and sell tickets. The entire inside and just outside portion of the Thunder Ridge concessions area now has a newer, cleaner look. Thunder Ridge employees Don Castle and John Dale are doing the construction.

The wall just outside the concessions portion of the facility is also

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## Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Jan. 24 to 31.

### Pikeville Division

Chapter 7 Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a

court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

- Adam Samons, of Martin.
- Jimmy D. Daniels, of Staffordsville.
- Rodney Shepherd, of Wayland.
- Ronald Rayburn and Misty Rayburn, of Majestic.
- Danny Fouts and Jeannie Fouts, of

Topmost.

- Jacqueline Young, of Phelps.
- Flora White, of Kimper.
- Wendell Damron and Jamie Lynn Damron, of Robinson Creek.
- Eula Horne, of Pikeville.
- Brian Hampton Rollins and

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## Luv Homes recognized for tops in sales



Mike Kirk, left, manager, Luv Homes, in Ivel, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his distinctive accomplishment of achieving a goal of \$3 million in sales during an awards banquet held recently in Knoxville, TN. Kevin Clayton, right, president, Clayton Homes, Inc., presented Kirk with his award.

Mike Kirk, manager of Luv Homes, Ivel, was recently recognized for \$3 million in sales. Kirk was presented with an award for this distinction during the 28th Annual Awards Banquet, sponsored by Clayton Homes, Inc. in Knoxville, Tennessee. The affair was highly attended by retailers from throughout the United States.

Presenting the award was Kevin Clayton, president, Clayton Homes, Inc. Clayton Homes was again recognized as Manufacturer of the Year for the fourth straight year by the Manufactured Housing Institute.

Upon receipt of his award, Kirk recognized his sales and service team as being instrumental

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### CONSUMER CREDIT

## Graham joins Consumer Credit Counseling

Consumer Credit Counseling Service would like to announce the addition of Samantha Graham to their organization.

Graham is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and will be serving the Eastern Kentucky area as a financial counselor for CCCS.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) is a national credit organization of approx. 1,400 branches and subsidiaries in the United States and Canada. CCCS is a non-profit organization offering two basic services which are at no cost to the client. They are:

■ **Debt Management program:** When clients are unable to meet all obligations. CCCS can work out a reduction in payments. The client pays, each month, the total of the reduced payments which is then distributed to the creditors. This program also stops calls from creditors do to CCCS having nationwide support from creditors.

■ **Budget Counseling Only:** When there is adequate funds to meet all obligations but the client has difficulty managing their income. CCCS will complete a budget for the client to follow. Again, this is without cost to the client.

CCCS is funded by voluntary contributions from the business communities, including consumer loan companies,

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### BROADBAND

## USDA launches \$1.4 billion rural broadband initiative

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced that USDA will expand efforts to bring farmers, rural residents and businesses greater access to improved telecommunication technology through the financing of more than \$1.4 billion in loans and loan guarantees to rural telecommunications providers. In addition, Veneman announced that President Bush will propose spending \$196 million for the program in its FY2004 budget.

"In his message to the American people last evening, the President discussed the importance of continued economic growth and opportunity for all Americans," said Veneman. "The expansion of this technology initiative will better equip our rural communities to enhance opportunities for economic development. These tools will help farmers, rural businesses, students and health care recipients, with new technologies and telecommunications services."

The Secretary also announced that the Administration will propose investing \$177 million in FY 2004, an increase of \$44.5 million, to upgrade its County Service Centers, most of which will be used to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies to these offices, allowing farmers and ranchers more access to satellite mapping and planting information. County Service Centers are located throughout the U.S. and utilized by producers and other constituents to receive vital programs and services administered by USDA.

"More effective computer systems and satellite technologies will help USDA provide better services to our nation's farmers and ranchers, who rely so heavily on our services and programs," said Veneman. "These efforts announced today are part of the Bush Administration's continued commitment to invest in rural areas throughout the country."

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# Pikeville College announces dean's list for fall 2002

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wallace Campbell, has released the names of the top students for the spring 2003 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

## Kentucky, Pike County full-time students are:

Gina L. Thompson of Aflex; Terry L. Bartley of Ashcamp; Loretta G. Green and Rachad D. Reynolds of Belcher; Micaela A. Blackburn, Jonathan E. Coleman, Carrie A. Crigger, Roger Edward Green, Bobbi L. Taylor, and Shyla M. Taylor of Belfry; Mary E. Dudley of Burnwell; Suzanne M. Henson, Angela S. McKinney, Loralee B. Varney, and Nathan A. Varney of Canada; Candice Gilley of Dorton; Tara K. Hopkins, Jennifer Dawn Mullins, Ashley M. Ratliff, Carrie A. Slone, Batrina D. Sykes, and Kandi Renee Zadel of Elkhorn City; Kimberly R. Casebolt of Fords Branch; Jamie L. Montgomery of Hatfield; Teddy W. Smith and Sara Danielle Sykes of Hellier; Joshua E. May of Huddy; Michael S. Thacker of Jenkins; Tammy R. Johnson of Jonancy; Joetta L. Hamilton and Annetta Rhodes of Kimper;

Tilda L. Abshire and Nathan D. Rose of Lick Creek; Sherry C. Home of McAndrews; Joshua J. Murphy of McCarr; Erika Brooke Fannin, Jordan K. Hall, Amanda G. Maynard, Courtney LeAnne Mercer, and Mechele A. Stiltner of Phelps; Leigh Ann Bostic and Sandi D. Good of Phyllis; Keri A. Fletcher of Regina; Lora R. Rutherford of Robinson Creek; Tonetta R. Childers, Stephanie Kinney, Rachel E. Meek, and Tabitha N. Thacker of Shelbiana; Lavonda J. Meade of Stanville; Amber N. Fuller of Steele; Deborah W. Smith and Graham P. Smith of Turkey Creek; Jessica R. Holbrooks, Christy M. Hopkins, Anna I. Ignatenko, Lola M. Johnson, Lindsey C. Mullins, Angela L. Tackett, Anthony J. Tackett, and Jessica L. White of Virgie.

Students from Pikeville include: Jason Rush Adkins, Shanna J. Adkins, Jessica L. Allen, William W. Bevins, Bethany Kayla Blackburn, Sarah R. Bliffen, Kayla M. Bunch, Jenny L. Callihan, Racheal R. Charles, Joshua Childers, Natasha L. Collins, Sebastian Contador, Ashley D. Damron, LaDeanna R. Damron, Stephanie L. Damron, Tiffany A. Damron, Angela Kay Davidson, Alexis Fanelli, Kimberly D. Fields, Dana Marie Finley, Lovella S. Fitzovich, Delana Gilliam, Ashley N. Hall,

Patrick L. Hall, Kendra Hamilton, Stephanie L. Holbrooks, Bert D. Holiway, James R. Huffman, Kenneth T. Huffman, Misty S. Jones, Jennifer L. Justice, Tonya S. Justice, John Douglas King, Amanda D. Laferty, Lisa K. Little, Jack N. Lynch, Terry D. May, Tanya L. Maynard, Gina Ndaya Mulumba, Sospeter M. Mwangi, Lana K. Napie, Mary E. Newsom, Vanessa G. Phillips, Kyle B. Pinson, Joshua S. Potter, Travis G. Ramey, Christopher Alan Riley, Pamela M. Robinson, Julie Rogers, Charles E. Rowe, Janice Marie Runyon, Amanda L. Russell, Christine Sloane, Stephen J. Slone, Charity Sowards, Alisha H. Strosnider, Candace L. Tackett, Stacey L. Tackett, John W. Taylor, Stephanie L. Treap, and Crystal B. Walters.

Boone County - Caitlyn C. Ryan Walton.

Carter County - Teccoa D. Gallion Grayson.

Fayette County - Rebecca Amber VanMeter Lexington.

Floyd County - Bethany S. Joseph of Allen; Jennifer M. Dammron of Banner; Heather A. McCoy of Betsy Layne; Jennifer S. Shepherd of David; Amy J. Stephens of Dvale; Jessica Nikole Goble of Garrett; Timothy D. Evans and Billy R. Newsome of Grethel; Jessica L. Carroll, Evelyn D. Gannon, and Amanda B. Rogers of Harold; Anthony S.

Newsome of Hi Hat; Tyler J. Green and Shena Michelle Ratliff of Hueysville; Megan A. Smith of Lackey; Debra Jo Combs and Johnna B. Ison of Martin; Jennifer L. McKinney of Melvin; Loretta Blackburn, Jessica L. Blankenship, Lois M. Rogers, Jessica G. Smallwood, Kaelynn M. Studebaker, and Shauna Lynn Taylor of Prestonsburg; Christina Ann Crase of Wayland; and Crystal L. Johnson of Weeksbury.

Greenup County - Cassandra L. Evans of South Shore.

Hardin County - Gerald R. Giles of Ripleyville.

Hopkins County - Joshua D. Snyder of Dawson Springs.

Jefferson County - Brian S. Gallusser and Stacey L. Wyatt of Louisville.

Jessamine County - Adam G. Lesshaft of Wilmore.

Johnson County - Priscilla A. Spradlin of Denver; Ronnie G. Howard and Valerie N. Owens of Oil Springs; Rebecca L. Perkey and Leanna H. Wright of Paintsville; Erin L. Bryant Staffordville; Ashley D. Justice of Stambaugh; Amanda L. Ratliff of West Van Lear; and Dana K. Rice and Selena A. Williams of Wintonsville.

Knott County - Lyndsay L. Madden of Hazard; Michael P. Conley and Jennifer J. Short of Hindman; and Katherine Elizabeth Hall of Wayland.

Lawrence County - Andrea M. Copley, Darrell N. Riffe, and Robert Thompson of Louisa; and Tara N. McKenzie of Webbsville.

Leslie County - Erin K. Fields of Hyden.

Letcher County - Susan R. Sergeant of Bolia; Cynthia M. Blair of Isom; Autumn S. Vanover and Andrea M. Wyatt of Jenkins; Brandi D. Back of Mayking; Tiffany M. Williams of Mc Roberts; Randi E. Mullins of Neon; and Leslie Brooke Caudill of Whitesburg.

Magoffin County - Jared B. Arnett, Mary C. Borders, Darlene M. Stephens of Salyersville.

Martin County - Krystal R. Wicker of Auxier; Paula Jeanne Crum of Debord; Krystle M.

Fletcher of Pilgrim; Shana N. Blake and Paul C. Patrick of Warfield.

Perry County - Ruby J. Hamblin of Chavies; and Eleanor N. Farler of Viper.

Powell County - Chrystal L. McClure of Stanton.

Rowan County - Joseph Mitchell Mirus of Morehead.

## Full-time outside Kentucky:

Amber M. Simpson of Church Hill, Tenn.; Christina M. Fleming of Kingsport, Tenn.; Laura B. Looney of Breaks, Va.; Deborah L. Justus of Grundy, Va.; Charolette L. Taylor of Raven, Va.; Ashley Paige Staggs of Chattoah, W.Va.; Jeremy Alan Davis of Delbarton, W.Va.; Deanna L. Wellman of Dingess, W.Va.; Melissa Diane Osborne of Lundale, W.Va.; Karen E. Haydu of Matewan, W.Va.; Tristan N. Clark of Meadow Bridge, W.Va.; Kristan M. Dotson and Andrea R. Layne of Williamson, W.Va.; Jessica Fleck of Centerville, Ohio; Teresa M. Sanderson of Garfield Hts., Ohio; Hilary E. McKenzie of Lucasville,

Ohio; Cassidy L. Schaub of Polk, Ohio; Jason J. Graham of Buffalo Grove, Ohio; and Kyle W. Burt of McDonough, Ohio.

## International students include:

David A. Griffiths of Downpatrick, Great Britain; James Kamau Machungo and Anne Jeptoo Chepyator of Nairobi, Kenya; Vesna Taseva of Skopje, Macedonia; Jason M. Johnson of Macedonia; and Leonardo Lopez of Ciudad Del Este, Paraguay.

Part-time students include: Misty Parks of Hindman; Barbara A. Moore of McDowell; Shannon L. Deskins, Robert E. Foster, and Amanda G. Howell of Pikeville; and Lori D. Walters of Shelbiana. Pikeville College is a private, four-year liberal arts and sciences college nestled in the heart of central Appalachia. Founded in 1889 by Presbyterian ministers seeking to provide educational opportunities for mountain youth, Pikeville College has played an integral role in the academic, economic, and social development of its service area for over a century.

## USDA

In making the announcement, the Secretary and Undersecretary for Rural Development Thomas Dorr joined Rural Utilities Service Administrator Hilda Legg in demonstrating how new technology can be used to serve rural areas. During a live two-way webcast linked to various rural businesses and community centers from across the country, they talked with residents and businesses benefiting from the USDA loan program.

Officials from NEX-Tech Corporation in Kansas explained how they were able to develop broadband infrastructure to service all homes and businesses in

three rural communities. Several local businesses have reported increased economic opportunities as a result.

Members of the University of Virginia Medical School in Charlottesville also discussed how they used the advanced technology to treat patients at a hospital in rural Virginia. Medical staff talked about how they were able to help a two-year old rural West Virginia boy who suffered from a severe heart condition. Through the expansion of broadband infrastructure to this rural community the child was provided medical treatment without having to travel from hospital to hospital.

"Economic and quality of life opportunities largely depend on access to markets and the ability to compete in the global digital economy," said Dorr. "The return on this investment will be the opportunity to create more jobs and stronger rural economies."

Building high-speed technology infrastructure is an investment in the future of rural America and a key element of President Bush's economic agenda. Stressing the importance of broadband during his August Economic Forum in Waco, Texas, President Bush said, "In order to make sure the economy grows, we must bring the promise of broadband technology to millions of Americans....broadband technology is going to be incredibly important for us to stay on the cutting edge of innovation here in America."

Guidelines for the program and information on how to apply for loans, is available today in

the Federal Register. Interested applicants can also obtain information by visiting USDA's web at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

USDA Rural Development is the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. It administers financial and technical assistance through a network of state Rural Development offices, various non-profit and educational institutional partners, and its national office. Further information on these and other rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

## Connection

iting Mayo Technical College or Prestonsburg Community College and let them show you how to leave an impression that will last a lifetime. The opportunities are endless when you know where you are going. Look ahead, set your goals, and lead those following you.

If the weather is keeping you in you can visit us on the web at [www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu](http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu) or give us a call at 606-789-5321, 606-886-3863, or toll free at 888-641-4132.

## Sales

in this accomplishment. "My salespeople, along with my service people, all joined together to make this possible. It took a combined team effort to make Luv Homes \$3 million in sales. I'd like to recognize and thank my sales team, Robbie Blair, Bob Munz and Johnny Martin, as well as my service folks, Jim Elkins, Danny Johnson, and Tim Setser, for their help in this accomplishment," he said.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Clayton Homes is also one of the nation's largest retailers of manufactured homes. Employing over 7,000 people, the company builds, sells, finances, and insures manufactured homes and operates in 77 communities. Clayton's retail network includes more than 300 company owned sales centers and more than 700 independent retailers in 33 states.

## GIAC

with federal standards," Dr. Parkansky said. He will serve a four-year term, to end September 1, 2006.

On the MSU faculty since 1997, Dr. Parkansky teaches in the University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP). The faculty and staff in this unit work to combine information and methods from diverse fields to help understand the culture, government and physical environment

## New

At El Instituto Tecnológico, the two educators discussed opportunities for MSU teachers and students in several programs such as Spanish and English language studies, tourism, student teaching and faculty exchanges.

"Spanish is the largest language program we offer at MSU," said Dr. Frank, "so this partnership could be very valuable for developing skills of our students and faculty, as well as theirs. MSU instructors

also may gain great experience implementing specialized programs and workshops in other fields, such as business, science, agriculture and nursing."

"We also met with a local senator to discuss possible internships for our students at the Costa Rican National Assembly," he added.

At Universidad Latina, the oldest private university in the country, administrators were interested in faculty exchanges to aid their English conversation courses and to run workshops in such disciplines as nursing and business administration.

"Both institutions have a definite interest in having MSU faculty and student teachers help their English language instructors improve their skills," said Dr. Frank.

"We hope to return in the spring to discuss exchange programs at both institutions that we could have in place this fall," said Dr. Frank.

## CCCS

banks, credit unions and merchants who sell on credit. CCCS is a non-profit organization designated by IRS code 501-c-3.

CCCS educates people on how to live within their income and rehabilitates persons burdened by debt without resorting to the stigma of bankruptcy or garnishment. CCCS is not a charity organization, a lending institution or a collection agency. CCCS serves anyone who needs help.

CCCS has an office located in Pikeville at 317 Main Street, Ste. 400 in the U.S. Bank Bldg azardHH. They offer face-to-face counseling or counseling by phone or internet. For additional information or for a confidential appointment please call toll free at 1-800-355-2227, or locally at 606-432-5337. CCCS can also be accessed over the internet at [www.cccservices.com](http://www.cccservices.com).

also may gain great experience implementing specialized programs and workshops in other fields, such as business, science, agriculture and nursing."

"We also met with a local senator to discuss possible internships for our students at the Costa Rican National Assembly," he added.

At Universidad Latina, the oldest private university in the country, administrators were interested in faculty exchanges to aid their English conversation courses and to run workshops in such disciplines as nursing and business administration.

"Both institutions have a definite interest in having MSU faculty and student teachers help their English language instructors improve their skills," said Dr. Frank.

"We hope to return in the spring to discuss exchange programs at both institutions that we could have in place this fall," said Dr. Frank.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Frank Parkansky at (606) 783-5419.

## Rate

December, while three recorded decreases, and one stayed the same between November and December, Cracraft said.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the construction sector registered the largest job gain in December with 700 new positions. Employment gains in heavy construction and special trade contractors were offset somewhat by job losses by general building contractors.

The services sector recorded the second largest job increase with 400 new jobs in areas such as hotels and other lodging places, educational services and social services. "December marked the sixth consecutive month that the services sector has added employment," Cracraft said.

The state's manufacturing sector gained 200 jobs in December after adding jobs in November. "This is the first time in over two years that the manufacturing sector has recorded employment growth in consecutive months," Cracraft said.

From December 2001 to

December 2002, Kentucky's manufacturing sector lost 1,300 positions.

The transportation, communications and public utilities sector also reported 200 more jobs in December. Even with the increase from November to December, this sector has declined by 2,400 jobs over the past year with the majority of the losses (-1,900) occurring in the air transportation industry, Cracraft said.

On the negative side of the ledger, Kentucky's trade sector had the largest number of job losses in December with 700 positions. "December marked the third consecutive month that trade sector employment has declined, losing 3,200 jobs over that three-month period. During December, employment in many of the retail trade establishments fell after seasonal adjustment because

holiday hiring was less than usual for December," Cracraft said.

In the trade sector, employment in miscellaneous retail stores, such as toy stores, declined 400, food

stores fell by 200, and apparel and accessory store positions dropped by 200. Over the year, the trade sector has seen a 4,700-job jump.

In the government sector, the number of positions fell by 300 in December.

The mining and quarrying sector had 100 fewer jobs in December.

The finance, insurance and real estate sector had the same number of jobs in November and December.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for December 2002 was 1,872,809 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is down 6,418 from the 1,879,227 employed in November 2002, but up 24,855 from the 1,847,954 Kentuckians employed in

December 2001.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for December 2002 was 106,736. This figure is up 5,056 from the 101,680 unemployed in November 2002, but down 15,883 from the 122,619 Kentuckians unemployed in December 2001.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for December 2002 was 1,979,545. This figure is down 1,362 from the 1,980,907 recorded in November 2002, but up 8,972 from the 1,970,573 recorded for December 2001.

The civilian labor force includes non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. It does not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Employment and unemployment statistics are based on estimates. They are compiled to indicate employment trends rather than actually to count numbers of people who are or are not working.

**NOTE:** Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends.

## Filings

Jennifer Lynn Rollins, of Sidney.

Catherine Jo Luxmore, of McDowell.

Evelyn W. Blankenship, of Stopover.

Harold Dee Hughes, of Hager Hill.

Rhonda Kay Marcum, of Lovely.

Steven Stratton, of Allen.

William Lynn Castle, of Paintsville.

Michael J. Adkins, of Prestonsburg.

Erma Blevins, of Van Lear.

Debra Reed, of Salyersville.

Roy Leedy, of Martin.

Gerney Dwan Collins, of Harold.

Marilyn Estep, of Jenkins.

Charles Akers, of Harold.

Billy Gene Newsome and Debbie Lois Newsome, of

Pikeville.

Roger M. Little and Melissa Little, of Blue River.

Stephen Grimm and Heidi Grimm, of Staffordville.

James Holland and Tina Holland, of Paintsville.

Charles E. Maddox, of Oil Springs.

Dwight Shell and Geraldine Shell, of Redfox.

Ricky A. Niece, of Isom.

Linda Mullins, of Cromona.

**Chapter 13**

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

Freddy Jr. Kennedy, of Sassafras.

Jr. Joseph Johnson and Sandra Jo Johnson, of Melvin.

Elizabeth C. Shepherd, of Whitesburg.

track betting in Hazard, features a Prestonsburg off-track betting parlor open five days per week, all year long. Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Santa Anita and Arlington for thoroughbreds and Meadowlands; Hoosier Park, Northfield and Lebanon tracks among many more for standard-breds are the tracks simulcast.

Doors open at noon Wednesday-Sunday with full dining available.

Liquor sales on Sunday, which is highly uncommon in Kentucky, are available at Thunder Ridge.

With the talk of slot machines and gambling still floating in the state's legislature, Bokelman can't help but think about the potential and what if slot machines would bring to his place of business.

"As before, we have to take a wait-and-see attitude," said Bokelman. "It's been in the works for a while now."

The Prestonsburg raceway will begin its dirt track racing season in April. At press time, Bokelman and staff were making preparations and plans for new dirt for the track's dirt track oval.

Thunder Ridge, which also off-

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## Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Value the Intangibles in Our Children's Lives in 2003

Our family recently got wrapped up in the fascinating PBS special on the life of Benjamin Franklin. What caught our interest was how Franklin looked at life with an uncanny ability to explore the "hows and whys" that most of us pass right on by.

While I run for cover when I



see a bolt of lightning, he launched a kite in the eye of the storm to ponder the physics of the electrical charge! Wherever he went, he sketched inventions, whether of lightning rods or city sewer systems. He was no doubt a genius, but even if his ideas failed, he kept at it. He had this intangible drive to make life better for the common person through his inventions.

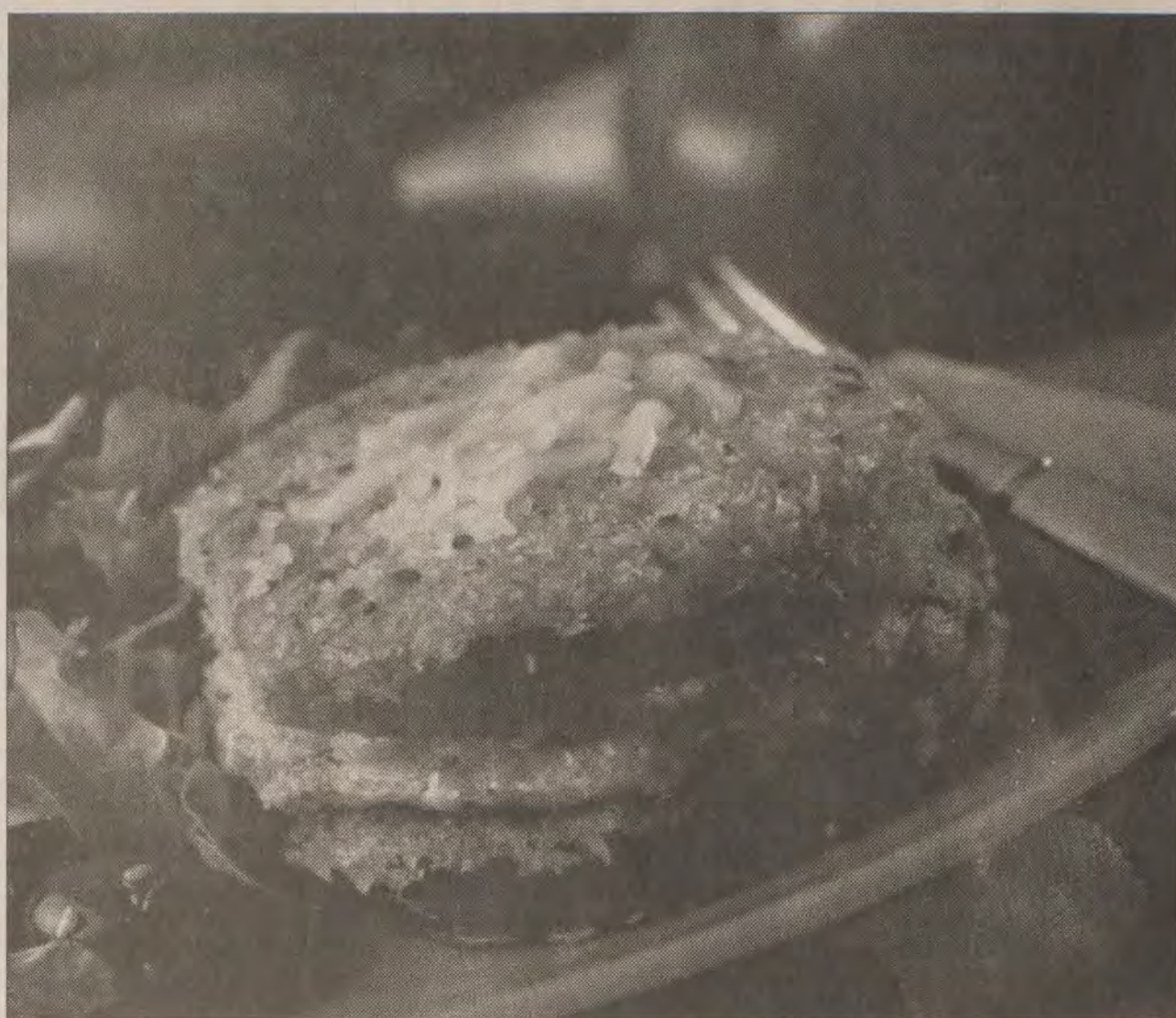
At the end of my son's football season last fall, the coaches referred to the elements that make a player successful. Yes, some guys have natural speed, some size, but there are others who have an intangible drive to win and perform at the top of their game, setting them apart.

So how do we encourage the development of these intangibles in our children?

As a mom and a former teacher, I have observed that intangibles can be developed in children when we encourage them to succeed but allow them to fail. Seeing a direct correlation between hard work and success is important in this process.

Not bailing your children out when they've put off homework might teach them lessons in the importance of getting things done on time. Steering conversations to constructive actions instead of blaming others for school and relationship problems will help develop valuable problem-solving skills.

When kids face up to an obstacle, a roadblock or opponent, they are beginning to develop those intangible skills that will serve them well in life. In the meantime, as parents and caregivers, we can guide them along so they understand that their worth is more than grades or touchdowns. This confidence gives them the freedom to reach down deep and do their best this year and in years to come, whatever their best might be.



## FRESH TOMATOES GIVE TASTE OF SUMMER

It may be snowy and wintery in my neck of the woods, but down South they're harvesting those juicy, luscious tomatoes to send us a touch of summer. They're picked when mature enough for shipment but need to fully ripen on your kitchen counter, away from direct sunlight.

Time and again you've heard about the health benefits of fresh tomatoes and tomato products; you've heard words such as antioxidants, lycopen and flavonoids that help reduce the risk of certain cancers, stroke and heart disease. Now British researchers find that the yellow gel around the seeds is also beneficial and may help prevent blood clotting.

Tomatoes are rich in vitamins A and C as well as potassium, are low in sodium and provide some fiber. While these facts are important, most people eat tomatoes just because they enjoy their refreshing flavor, their color and the many ways they can be used.

Here is one you should try. It was top winner in a recipe contest for student chefs. A cheese filling is sandwiched between two breaded, fried slices of tomato, then topped with mozzarella and baked.

### ROASTED FLORIDA TOMATOES PARMESAN

2 large firm fresh Florida tomatoes (about 1 pound)

3/4 cup flour  
2 eggs  
1 cup dry Italian-flavored bread crumbs or Panko\*  
1/2 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1 cup ricotta cheese

1 egg yolk  
1/4 cup thinly sliced basil leaves  
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/4 cup shredded mozzarella

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Cut a thin slice from the top and bottom of each tomato. Cut each tomato into four thick slices; place on paper towels and pat dry. In a shallow bowl, place flour; in another, beat two of the eggs. In a third bowl, combine bread crumbs with 1/4 cup of the Parmigiano-Reggiano. Coat each slice first in flour, then in egg and finally with bread crumbs.
3. In large skillet, heat oil. Add a few tomato slices at a time; fry until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Drain on paper towels; cool.
4. In a bowl, combine ricotta, egg yolk, basil, pepper and remaining 1/4 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano. Place 4 of the tomato slices in a single layer in an ungreased shallow roasting pan. Top each slice with about 2 tablespoons of the ricotta mixture; cover with remaining

Reggiano. Coat each slice first in flour, then in egg and finally with bread crumbs.

3. In large skillet, heat oil. Add a few tomato slices at a time; fry until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Drain on paper towels; cool.

4. In a bowl, combine ricotta, egg yolk, basil, pepper and remaining 1/4 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano. Place 4 of the tomato slices in a single layer in an ungreased shallow roasting pan. Top each slice with about 2 tablespoons of the ricotta mixture; cover with remaining

(See BLOCK, page five)

### THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

### Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Goulash and Hungary are truly synonymous in the cooking world. My version offers you another twist

### New twist on an old favorite

by simply substituting cooked chicken (or turkey, if you prefer) for the traditional beef. Enjoy!

#### HUNGARIAN CHICKEN GOULASH

1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1 cup frozen cut green beans, thawed  
1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce  
Sugar substitute to equal 1 table-

spoon sugar, suitable for cooking  
1 tablespoon paprika  
2 cups hot, cooked noodles, rinsed and drained  
1 1/2 cups diced, cooked chicken breast

In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion and green beans for 5 minutes.

(See FOODS, page five)

## Dear Diane...

### Win-win situation

#### DEAR DIANE:

I am 23 years old and work tech support in a large office building — which means I'm visiting virtually every floor on any given day. I think I met every person in my company the first day on the job!

Here's my dilemma: I am infatuated with a secretary on the third floor. Her name is "Kwashawndra."

Kwashawndra is the absolute opposite of everything I have ever found attractive in women. I like tall women, Kwashawndra is a little over 5-feet tall; I like blondes, she's a brunette; she smokes, I don't; I'm a vegan, she eats meat. I could go on and on. There isn't a single thing about Kwashawndra that even remotely matches my likes.

And yet, she fills my every waking thought. I can't get her out of my mind.

I just don't get it. I know in my heart that if we were ever to go out, it would be a disaster, and yet I still want her. I must possess Kwashawndra.

Suggestions?  
— OBSESSED  
IN OREGON

#### DEAR OREGON:

First, sweetie, go down to the nearest fire station and have one of the nice firemen drench you with the big hose. For an hour. When you get back, finish reading this response.

Dried off? Good. Calmed down. That's a good boy.

Now that you've settled down, listen to me. You already know that any kind of relationship with Kwashawndra would be a disaster. So, the answer is for you to ask her out. Have your "date from hell." Get over her.

If, however, the two of you go out and somehow hit it off, then you'll be yet another couple who proves the old wives' tale that opposites attract.

Either way, you're in a win-win situation.

Send letters to Diane clo King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail her at DearDianeV@aol.com.

## Options for Varicose Veins are many

#### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have varicose veins really bad. They hurt a lot. Do you think I should have surgery? If so, whom do I see? My doctor says insurance won't pay and any surgeon is OK. — M.C.

#### ANSWER:

Varicose veins are dilated, stretched-out-of-shape leg veins. If we walked on all fours, we wouldn't have them. The pull of gravity on vein blood when we walk upright is great. Blood pools in leg veins and stretches them. To overcome this, veins

have valves. Once blood begins its journey back to the heart, leg vein valves close and thereby overcome gravity's pull. People with varicose veins have incompetent leg valves. And the final ingredient in the varicose vein recipe is a family history of such veins.

Have you tried self-help measures? Elevate your legs when sitting and lying down so blood can drain out of them. When standing, move around. If you cannot move, contract your leg muscles. The squeeze of leg muscles on veins pushes blood upward toward the heart. If you are carrying too much weight, you must reduce. Wear compression hose —



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

(See HEALTH, page five)

# Chicken Soup for the Soul: Papa's gift

#### Cookie Potter

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WRITER'S SOUL")

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Papa wasn't smiling that night. He'd been very quiet lately -- not his usual jolly self at all. I was only 6, but I knew his thoughts were far away from our bedroom, where we both sat on Mama and Papa's bed with our backs against the bed pillows. He was reading me a chapter from "Wind in the Willows," but he didn't even laugh at the funny places. The chapter over, he sat without speaking for a long time. Finally, his mind wandered back

through the mists to join me.

"Cookie," he said, "I've read or told you a story almost every night for six years. Now it's your turn. You tell me a story, and I'll write it down."

"OK," I said after a few minutes. "I think I got one. When I was a little kid about 4 years old," I began, "Mama and I visited Grandma Cook's farm. Mama and Grandma went into the house, but I stayed out in the yard. It was a very hot day. I was barefoot and liked to feel the cool grass between my toes.

All of a sudden, I heard a loud 'cock-a-doodle-do.' I turned around, and a big, red rooster almost as tall as I was stood next to me. He was looking at my feet. He must have thought my toes were something to eat, because all of a sudden he stabbed my big toe with his beak. Ouch, it hurt like anything.

It felt like a sharp knife had cut me. He got ready to do it again, but I started running. He chased me, pecking at my heels. 'Mama, Mama, I yelled. She heard me and came out of the house. She snatched me up in her

arms just as the rooster was going to stab me again. Grandma grabbed a broom and chased him away. I was sure glad I was safe. Mama put medicine on my toes. It stung, but it didn't hurt as much as that rooster's beak, thank goodness."

Papa was writing furiously. "Did you get it all?" I asked. "Every bit," he said. "That was a fine story -- very scary. What a mean rooster! I'm glad he didn't eat you."

"I thought he was going to," I said. Three weeks went by. Papa read to me or told me a story every night, but he still didn't seem as happy as he used to be. One night, as we sat on the bed again, he seemed like his old self.

"Have I got a surprise for you!" he said, giving me a hug. "Close your eyes."

I did, but when I opened them, all I saw was a newspaper.

"Look closer," he said. I did, and there in black letters I recognized my name: Myrtle Cook.

"It's your story," said Papa. "This page is called the Junior Page, and it has stories written by children. I sent your story to the editor, Mother Hubbard, and she printed it so the other girls and boys could read it."

"Honest?" I said. I couldn't believe my eyes. My own story in the paper

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# Books: How to Buy Your Perfect Wedding Dress

## How to Buy Your Perfect Wedding Dress

by Ronald Rothstein and Mara Urshel with Todd Lyon (Fireside \$14)

## Joining Hands and Hearts: Interfaith, Intercultural Wedding Celebrations

by Rev. Susanna Stefanachi Macomb with Andrea Thompson (Fireside \$14)  
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

Planning a wedding? Whether your dream is an intimate June garden party or an

elegant Christmastime extravaganza, there's one piece of advice any woman who's been there will agree on: It's never too early to start planning.

One of the trickiest aspects of planning a wedding ceremony can be merging very different family traditions into one seamless whole. An interfaith minister tackles the subject with sensitivity and creativity in "Joining Hands and Hearts," helping couples initiate discussion about rituals, language and spirituality, and suggesting ways to integrate them into one beau-

tiful, meaningful event. The book includes lovely sample vows, prayers and readings that illuminate the special qualities of such "atypical" unions, and it is highly recommended for couples seeking to create a ceremony that is all their own.

On a lighter note, do you dream of looking like a fairy princess on your wedding day but can't tell a wattle from a walrus? Check out "How to Buy Your Perfect Wedding Dress." The book is jammed with general information you can take anywhere, from definitions of

styles, fabrics and nearly every type of accessory imaginable, to how to go about achieving your favorite individual look. It's a great resource, whether you have no idea what you want yet, or know exactly what you do want but just don't know how to describe it.

Both these books are recommended reading for the creative bride seeking the wedding of her dreams.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

# Getting your mind ready for fitness



Have you made the decision to use this year to get in the best shape of your life? Well, before you perform the first ab crunch, you should make sure you're truly ready to complete the program you have envisioned. No exercise, nutritional program or fitness routine can grant you success if you are not emotionally prepared for the time, the unforeseen challenges and the commitment needed to see the program through.

There are many factors that can influence whether you are successful at becoming fit. Often we believe that if we only had more time, a cook, a personal trainer and a home gym, that this fitness thing would be easy. The truth is no matter what resources you may have, success will not come until you are mentally and emotionally ready to begin, and no one can tell you when that is but YOU.

You are the one who has to make the food choices and complete the cardio and resistance training, and YOU are the one who has to overcome challenges.

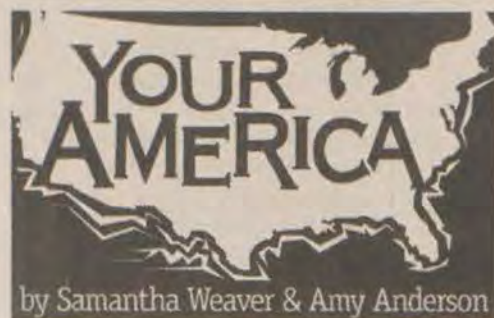
Evaluate what has been successful for you in fitness programs you have used in the past, as well as what has not. Examine the circumstances around each. Was your life less or more hectic? Did you have more or less responsibilities? Were you happy, stressed, sad? Becoming aware of your emotions during the times you

began previous programs can help you identify what it will take for this time to be different.

After looking at everything that's going on in your life, you may decide that you can only handle one lifestyle change at this time. That's OK! If walking is all you can do for now, that's a great start. If drinking water in place of soda is a realistic goal for you, go for it. Find what works for you.

Fitness should not be synonymous with words like "guilt," "disappointment" and "discouragement." Just because a friend started a program and is enjoying success does not mean that you can, or even should, do the same thing. Maybe only part of his or her program would work for you. The important thing is, YOU have to decide what will work within your life. Congratulate your friend and begin to find a creative program that suits you.

Now don't get me wrong, I would love to see everyone healthy and fit, but it is all right to not be ready to start a lifestyle-enhancement program right now. Work on finding what is keeping you from making the commitment and start there. Once you have made that first step, you will know for sure that when you are ready to begin this time, you will succeed. Fitness is a marathon, not a sprint — so pace yourself for the finish.



They love a parade in Tucson. Heck, who doesn't? But they like it the old-fashioned way — horses, buggies and lots of people walking and waving. And they get it, too — to the tune of more than 200 participating groups with floats, outfitted riders, buggies, folk dancers and more. It's billed as the largest non-motorized parade in the world, and it is just the icing on the cake for La Fiesta de los Vaqueros — the Celebration of the Cowboys — Tucson, Arizona's most beloved event.

The Fiesta can be broken down into three major parts: the Tucson Rodeo (the granddaddy of all events in Tucson and the event on which the festival stands), the Rodeo Parade, and the other surrounding events

# Celebration of the Cowboys

held in honor of the first two. These include the Women's Rodeo, the opening of the Rodeo Parade Museum, and Trail Dust Days at Tucson's Old West theme park, Trail Dust Town.

The Tucson Rodeo is held throughout the week of Feb. 16-23, and it's one of the top 15 professional rodeo events in the country. More than \$250,000 in cold cash is up for grabs, and the eight-day event gets upward of 700 contestants vying for that prize money. You'll find all the standard events, such as bull riding, calf roping and bronc riding (that's a bucking horse). All the events came from real-life skills that cowboys needed to know on the ranch.

The Rodeo Parade is held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. It's such a community event that the schools (and more than a couple of local businesses) close for the day. You can view it anywhere along the parade route, from both sides of the street, or you can grab a space in the grandstand for only \$4. Get there early in any case.

While in Tucson, check out the Women's

Rodeo, and take in the Rodeo Parade Museum, which is only open in January and February each year. It is located in an old airport hangar and has more than 100 buggies and wagons, as well as Old West artifacts. Or you can visit Trail Dust Town, which will be holding a corresponding festival — the Cowboy Traditions Festival — on Feb. 21-23. It has a whole host of events planned, including an appearance by Baxter Black, the noted cowboy humorist.

For more information on the Tucson Rodeo call 1-800-964-5662 or log on to www.tucsonrodeo.com. Information on the Rodeo Parade and the Parade Museum can be found by calling (520) 294-1280 or by logging on to www.tucsonrodeoparade.com. Trail Dust Town info can be found at www.traildusttown.com or by calling (520) 296-4551. Happy trails!

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# The candy bar Baby Ruth was not named after the baseball player

I'm sure you've seen pictures of women in Africa carry large loads balanced on their heads. It's a skill they start learning as young girls, and by the time they're young women, they can carry up to 25 percent of their body weight this way. In fact, relative to body size, these women can carry more weight, more efficiently than pack mules.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was not named after baseball legend Babe Ruth, but after the first baby girl ever to be born in the White House — Ruth Cleveland, daughter of President Grover Cleveland.

A queen bee can lay as many as 3,000 eggs in one day.

According to the Census Bureau, in 1990 the city of Las Vegas, Nev., had a pop-

# Strange BUT TRUE

ulation of 852,737. By 2000, the population had risen to 1,563,282. That's an increase of 83.3 percent in only 10 years.

A quarter has 119 grooves around its circumference. It's not reported, however, who made that observation. Or why.

The custom of saying "Bless you" after someone sneezes began in the Dark Ages. At that time, it was believed that sneezing caused your heart to stop momentarily. You were, in effect, dead for an instant and there-

fore needed to be blessed.

It's been reported that there are more telephones than people in Washington, D.C.

In 1919, thoroughbred racing began to recognize the Triple Crown — any horse that won the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes in the same year. Since that time — 83 years in all — only 11 horses have accomplished that feat.

Minnesota is known as the Gopher State. Oregon is the Beaver State. Wisconsin is the Badger State.

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## Thought for the Day:

"If the fools do not control the world, it isn't because they are not in the majority." — Edgar Watson Howe

## COUPON CUTTER



By Marge Svenson

Each new year we resolve to exercise more, eat better (or less) and rid ourselves of whatever harmful habits we may have.

It isn't as easy as it seems, though, and after a few weeks, we tend to slide back into the old ways. The trick is to establish a pattern, and sometimes that takes more than just a few weeks. It might take a few months, for instance, to get used to eating a good breakfast, but the benefits will start to pay off. And that makes you want to continue healthy habits.

# Healthful Choices

So keep it up. You deserve your best intentions, even if living up to them is hard sometimes.

Here are this week's coupon savings:

Healthy Choice offers a coupon for fresh fruits and vegetables up to \$3 in value with the purchase of five of its products. Also save \$1 on any three Healthy Choice frozen meals, entrees or mixed grills, and 50 cents on any two soups. Expires Feb. 9.

Save \$1 on any Healthy Choice frozen treats and 50 cents on any container of ice cream. Expires Feb. 28. Also save 75 cents on any one-half pound of Healthy Choice deli meats (expires March 9), \$1 on any three packaged lunch meats (expires April 5) and 50 cents on any package of microwave popcorn (expires March 29).

Lean Cuisine offers a \$1 coupon on any of its Skillet Sensations dinners and a \$1 coupon on any four frozen dinner varieties. Expires March 31.

Smart Beat has a 50-cent coupon on its Smart Balance Plus buttery spread and a 35-cent coupon on any of its other oils or spreads. Save 35 cents on any variety of Smart Beat Fat-Free cheese slices. Expires June 30.

SnackWell's offers a 35-cent coupon on any of its cookies or crackers. Expires Feb. 2.

Save 55 cents on any two Jell-O fat-free puddings and snacks. Expires Feb. 28.

Equal offers a 50-cent coupon on any 100-count or higher box of artificial sweetener. Expires April 5.

# This Is a Hammer

By Samantha Mazzotta

## Fix That Squeaky Floor

The hardwood floor in my loft apartment is beautiful. It's very old and has a rough look from generations of use, but the floorboards squeak loudly in several places. The landlord says the floors are as-is and won't repair them, but he did say I could attempt to fix the problem myself. How do I do that? — Tony B., Boston

Squeaky floorboards are an annoying problem, and can be an expensive fix depending on the cause of the squeak. If the boards just squeak when stepped on and don't sag under your weight, the sound can be minimized without too much work.

Floorboards squeak because one board is rubbing against another. On a perfect floor, boards don't rub against one another because they lie flat against the subflooring and are placed firmly side by side. Over the years, however, heat, cold and damp, as well as everyday use, cause the boards to swell and contract, sag under heavy weight, and spring up away from the subfloor.

A quick fix, one that works on minor squeaks, is to squeeze graphite powder between the boards. (Some folks use talcum powder instead.) This lubricates the joints, and although the boards still rub against each other when you walk over them, the squeak will be minimized or disappear — but only for as long as the lubricant stays in place.

Larger squeaks and sagging boards take a bit more work. If you have access to the subfloor-

ing (unlikely in an apartment building), stand beneath it as someone walks across the floor above and pinpoint the squeaky areas. Then, hammer shims (thin wedges of wood) between the joist nearest the squeak and the subflooring, and put wood screws up through the subfloor to the center of each board to reattach them to the subfloor.

Chances are you don't have access to the subfloor, so you'll have to work from the top. In this case, locate the squeaky spots and hammer finishing nails into the edges of the boards at several spots. Angle the nails slightly so they'll have less chance to work back out. You can also re-anchor the boards to the subfloor from this direction by placing either nails or screws along the center of each board. Drill a pilot hole first, and then either drive a nail or a screw into the board, sinking the head of

the nail below the board surface. Fill the small hole that results with wood putty to hide the nail head.

If a floorboard squeaks and sags so much that you're afraid you'll fall through, it's time to re-engage the attention of the landlord. Check the lease laws in your state — most lean in favor of the tenant. If the flooring problem is so severe that it impacts your ability to live comfortably in the apartment, the landlord has an obligation to fix the trouble.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguard2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## Block

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tomato slices. Bake tomatoes 20 minutes.

5. Sprinkle tops with mozzarella; bake until ricotta filling is set and mozzarella is golden, about 5 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes. Garnish with fresh basil sprig and pars-

ley, if desired. Serve as an appetizer or accompaniment to roast chicken or pork. Makes 4 portions.

\*If using Panko, season with salt and pepper to taste before coating tomato.

## Foods

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Stir in undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, sugar substitute and paprika. Add noodles and chicken. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 (1 1/2 cups each) servings.

Each serving equals: 259 calories, 3 g fat, 24 g protein, 34 g carb., 735 mg sodium, 4 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 2 Vegetable, 1 1/2 Starch.

## Soup

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with my name at the top. I was never so thrilled in all my life. It's a good thing, too, because the following months were very sad. A few days after Papa showed me my story, he didn't come home. Not that day or the next or the next.

"Where's Papa?" I'd asked every night. After a few weeks, Mama told me. "Papa and I are getting a divorce," she said. "That means he isn't going to live here anymore. He got a new job in a place called Chicago, far away. He loves you very much and wanted to get a job near here so he could see you all the time, but there weren't any jobs around here. He had to take this job because he needed money to send us for food and clothes."

I was heartbroken. How could Papa do this to me? Who would read me stories now? Not Mama. She was too busy working. Even though papa and

I exchanged cards and letters during the years, I never saw him again. I would have grown up thinking Papa didn't love me except for that wonderful thing he did — sending my story to get published. That was the beginning, because soon after that, I started school, learned to write and began sending stories myself to the Junior Club page. Almost always they were printed. How could I stay mad at Papa? He gave me the best goodbye gift imaginable. It opened the door for me to enjoy a lifetime of happiness, brought me wonderful excitement, magnified all my days, colored my whole life. I'm 84 years old now. I've spent countless marvelous hours dreaming, composing, plotting, then spending the checks my editors send me. Writing has been my hobby, my vocation, nourishment for my soul. Thank you, Papa, wherever you are.

## Health

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elasticized hose whose pressure stops blood from pooling in the legs. Don't wear anything that constricts the legs, such as garters.

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