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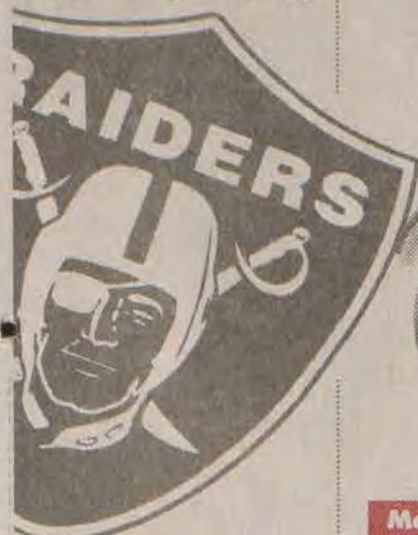
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briefs

Gambling charges filed

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A former member of the governing board of the Floyd County Community Center at Martin has been charged with possession of a gambling device and permitting gambling.

Darvene Hamilton, 52, of Teaberry, was charged with possession of a gambling device and permitting gambling for allegedly having a quarter-pusher machine in Pappy's Mart, a gas station that he owns located in Teaberry.

John Adkins, with the state Alcoholic Beverage Control, said that it is against regulations to have a gambling machine in the same establishment that has a license to sell alcohol.

"It is against regulation to have a gambling device at all in a place of business, but we are so backed up right now that it is hard to enforce that regulation," Adkins said.

Hamilton is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges March 19.

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Today



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Thursday



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Flooding left downtown streets in Martin impassable for all but a few vehicles, most those affiliated with the emergency and cleanup efforts.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

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County pounded by worst flooding since 1984

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Officials begin long task of recovery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With limited information and a five o'clock shadow framed with bloodshot eyes, Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson took a seat at a flood recovery meeting Monday afternoon. For Thompson and the rest of Floyd County, the situation was old hat.

"This is my fourth flood in four years."

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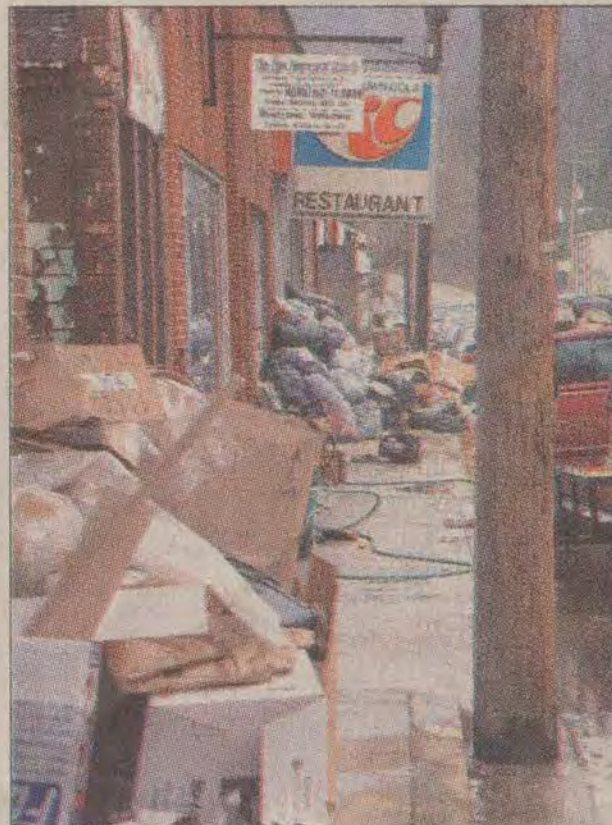


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Residents of Martin began the long task of cleaning up homes and businesses in the downtown area, leaving behind huge piles of flood-damaged items.

Martin hit hardest by high water

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Lester Judd tugged at a picnic table near the front door of his basement and then wiped mud from his hands, stood a minute and glanced at the water surrounding his house, took a breath and then started again. "I just wish they'd just do something about this," he said, and then tugged some more.

Around the curve from Judd's water-soaked home, Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson sat in her car, parked three feet from a police line blocking off downtown, and watched floodwaters crest halfway up the windows of Main Street businesses, including her own flower

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Odds and Ends

■ **GOSHEN, Ind.** — The annual winter rite of predicting spring at Goshen College is just plain sappy.

Faculty and students say spring will begin March 12. At least that's what their "sapometer" indicated during the ritual that makes a satire of forecasting the seasons.

The highlight of Monday's Sap Day was watching a needle on a large wooden scale pick the date spring will arrive.

The sapometer consisted of a bucket of sap that was weighed against a fake groundhog in a bucket of ice. The sap, which dripped from a maple tree during the past two weeks, represented the "strength of spring," a student explained.

The frozen groundhog, wearing a black fedora, represented the "strength of winter."

Ultimately, the sap was lighter than its counterweight, and the

scale tipped to predict a relatively late spring.

Sap Day was steeped in the region's tradition of maple-syrup production. Elkhart County is one of the state's leading producers of the sap used to make syrup.

Sap Day was designed as a quasi-scientific answer to Groundhog Day.

"Lay aside your horoscopes, recycle your dice, retire your woodchucks," joked Paul Keim, a Bible professor.

■ **PALM CITY, Fla.** — Palm City has gone hog wild.

Hordes of huge, hungry, wild hogs have been running rampant in this town 35 miles north of West Palm Beach, scarring yards as they search for worms and roots and causing thousands of dollars in damage.

The hogs, which can weigh up to 400 pounds, come out in the middle of the night and can wipe out an entire lawn in a few nights.

Len Hoag says the hogs caused about \$3,000 in damage in three nights of destruction. She's upset that the county and the state both insist that trapping the havoc-causing swine is not their job.

"When you see the kind of damage those things do to a yard, you wonder what they can do to a young child," Hoag said. "This is a major problem, but nobody wants to deal with it."

Martin County animal control officials say trapping should be left to state wildlife regulators. But the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said it only responds to calls for nuisance alligators and captive animals that have escaped, such as lions or tigers.

Fish and Wildlife Lt. Chris Sella said homeowners groups can hire private trappers to control the pests. So, the Martin Downs Homeowners Association hired trappers to remove about 10 hogs from Hoag's neighborhood.

"It's been somewhat alleviated right now," said Hoag. "If we got hundreds of them now, what are we going to have 10 years from now?"

■ **HICKORY, N.C.** — Two would-be thieves would be \$500 wealthier if only they paid more attention to spelling.

Police say two men tried to pass a \$498 counterfeit payroll check bearing the name, "Boryhill Furniture" last week, but they were turned away by a grocery store office assistant who noticed the misspellings. The company's correct name is Broyhill Furniture.

Police were still searching for the suspects, but have arrested Kathy Elaine Gillman, 39, and her daughter Amanda Kaye Gillman, 18. The Ohio women are charged with aiding and abetting the obtaining of property by false pretense and possession of counterfeit checks.

The women followed the men after they left the store, police said. Police found 42 checks for \$200 to \$400 inside the women's car, along with a software program used to print checks, pages torn from a phone book and a handgun.

The checks were made out to two men, including one police believe is Kathy Gillman's ex-husband and Amanda's father. They were from businesses in Georgia, South Carolina and West Virginia.

Despite the spelling error, Hickory Police Capt. Steve Wright said the overall quality of the checks was impressive.

"There's a good possibility that if the name on the check had been spelled correctly, they would have gotten away with it," Wright said.

■ **RALEIGH, N.C.** — A haunted Statehouse?

Paranormal researchers who set up shop in the state Capitol in November have released findings that include a sighting of a specter in Reconstruction-era clothing sitting in the third chair in the third row of the old House chambers.

Patty Ann Wilson of the Ghost Research Foundation documented the finding.

"I knew if I looked directly at him, he would disappear," Wilson said. "He wasn't in any way aggressive or threatening or scary."

The investigators also have photos of floating orbs of energy and a recorded whisper.

Durham's Rhine Research Center, one of the world's oldest institutions of paranormal study, invited Wilson and other ghost hunters to investigate suspected area haunts last year.

With their infrared video cameras, electromagnetic field detectors and thermal probes, they found enough to make longtime Capitol staffers suspect there might be something to the tales they've swapped of floorboards creaking and heavy doors squeaking.

"I don't know that I would say I'm a ghost-believer at this point," said Capitol historian Raymond Beck, "but there is some fairly compelling evidence that there is something paranormal going on here."

■ **GREENVILLE, S.C.** — Christa Sorauf won't be stuck at home playing Solitaire. She's got a new deck of cards that she thinks is a surefire bet for meeting a potential mate.

While her friends were looking for love on the Internet, she creat-

ed "52 Card Pick Up." Each card has a pickup line on the front and a space on the back to write a name, phone number and e-mail address.

The idea came to Sorauf and Lesley Johnson, now her business partner, from an afternoon of people-watching. A table of men sent drinks to a table of women, but the men never introduced themselves.

"They just kept sending these drinks over and the women kept drinking them, but the guys never went over there," said Sorauf, 34.

Sorauf and Johnson, 37, began brainstorming with some of the

worst lines they had ever heard.

"That gave us the inspiration to do something better," Johnson said.

The cards sell for \$6.95 a pack and come in four styles: the Classic Collection, a Babe Box of Really Good Lines, the Collegiate Collection and the Dude Deck.

The lines range from the innocent "my friend thinks you're cute" to "how about a shot?" to the more suggestive "boxers or briefs?"

"If one doesn't work, you've got 51 others," Johnson said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2003. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Feb. 19, 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution. (However, Congress did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio statehood until 1953.)

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama. (He was subsequently tried for treason and acquitted.)

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.

In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals living in the United States.

In 1942, about 150 Japanese warplanes attacked the Australian city of Darwin.

In 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima, where they began a month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

In 1963, the Soviet Union informed President Kennedy it would withdraw "several thousand" of an estimated 17,000 Soviet troops in Cuba.

In 1983, thirteen people were found shot to death at a gambling club in Seattle's Chinatown district in what became known as the "Wah Mee Massacre." (Two Chinese immigrants were convicted of the killings.)

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton's economic plan won praise from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. The president, visit-

ing Hyde Park, N.Y., suggested the United States might have to consider a national sales tax "not too long in the future," then said he'd meant in 10 years or so.

Five years ago:

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan set out for Iraq on a last-chance peace mission, saying he was "reasonably optimistic" about ending the standoff over weapons inspections without the use of force. At the Nagano Olympics, Austrian Hermann Maier won the men's giant slalom while Hilde Gerg of Germany won the women's slalom.

One year ago:

President Bush opened a two-day visit to South Korea. Peru's justice minister ruled out a presidential pardon for Lori Berenson after the Supreme Court confirmed the American woman's 20-year sentence for aiding leftist rebels. In Salt Lake City, victories by bobsledders Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers gave the United States 21 medals in the Winter Games; Flowers became the first black athlete ever to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Smokey Robinson is 63. Singer Bobby Rogers (Smokey Robinson & the Miracles) is 63. Actress Carlin Glynn is 63. Singer Lou Christie is 60. Actor Michael Nader is 58. Rock musician Tony Iommi (Black Sabbath) is 55. Actor Jeff Daniels is 48. Rock singer-musician Dave Wakeling is 47. Talk show host Lorianne Crook is 46. Britain's Prince Andrew is 43. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Hana Mandlikova is 41. Singer Seal is 40. Actress Justine Bateman is 37. Actor Benicio Del Toro is 36.

Thought for Today:

"I can never give a 'yes' or a 'no.' I don't believe everything in life can be settled by a monosyllable." — Betty Smith, American author (1904-1972).

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Recovery

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Thompson said, and forced a tired laugh.

Late last week, a slow but steady rain began to coat the county and would not stop until Monday afternoon, leaving cities and towns, businesses and homes across the county submerged in mud and water.

Exactly how much rain fell over the last several days? According to the National Weather Service office in Jackson, Floyd County received a little over four inches over the four-day period spanning from Feb. 14 to 17.

The second and third day of that four-day span were the most

significant, according to the weather service, with a record-breaking 2.1 inches of rainfall recorded on Saturday and an additional 1.9 logged the following day.

Unlike the August flooding the county endured in 2001 after a burst of torrential summer rains, this flood had different characteristics, Thompson said Monday.

"This was a different kind of flood," said Thompson. "It didn't localize and just hit certain areas."

No matter the differences, the effects were all too familiar.

Prestonsburg's Archer Park

rested under several feet of floodwater with only the tips of the memorial flags visible for those brave enough to take boats through the flushed park, while at Martin, Main Street was transformed into an impassable canal.

At the southern end of the county, places like McDowell, Hi Hat, Wheelwright and Weeksbury were largely spared, while Betsy Layne, Harold and much of Mud Creek were hit hard.

The Big Sandy River swelled to 39.88 feet at Prestonsburg, just shy of the 40-foot cutoff point at which the city floods. According to Thompson, at 41 feet, floodwaters will reach the city streets.

One of the things local folks are anticipating is when water will be released from Dewey Dam to possibly alleviate water levels.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, water could possibly be released sometime today, depending on the flood stage level in Paintsville. Officials said that because of Paintsville's continued high flood stage level, water could not be released from the dam.

The pool elevation, or actual amount of water in the lake as of yesterday, was at 671.19 feet, much higher than the normal level of about 645 feet for the winter season, officials said.

Prestonsburg Utilities Director Seldon Horne said yesterday that floodwaters had not reached the sewer plant, but had got into some of the sewer lines throughout the city, resulting in a shutdown of service.

"It got into some of the lines but it didn't get into the plant," Horne said. "As quick as the water recedes we can get back up and going."

Horne said that the river's water level needs to drop about 20 feet before the plant can begin operating again. As of yesterday afternoon, the level had dropped only six feet, he said.

Damage assessments as a result of the flooding were few as of Monday afternoon. However, county road foreman Mike Jarrell said that, as of Monday afternoon, approximately 11 roads remained closed and warned drivers of faulty breaks and areas where slides were possible. Jarrell said a minimum of two days would be needed to assess the total amount of road damages throughout the county.

The bulk of a flood recovery meeting held at just after 3 p.m. Monday was spent in approaching a plan to obtain preliminary assessments.

The purpose for getting assessments quickly underway is to hopefully gain federal relief funding, Thompson said.

At this time, federal funding is not available, and cannot be made available until assessments are made and then reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"One problem is we're still owed from 2001 about \$270,000 and last year about \$450,000. That's about \$700,000 out we would normally have to spend on this flood."

Local fire departments will, according to plans, visit homes in the next couple of days and make informal assessments.

Likewise, the American Red Cross, which has agreed to set

up a help center at the convention center in Allen, will begin its round of preliminary damage assessments, according to direc-

(See RECOVERY, page five)



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Matthew Tackett sprays away mud left behind by flooding in Tackett's Muffler in Martin. Floodwaters reached three feet in the station's bays, which are nearly level with Main Street. Owner Bobby Tackett said the high water hurt, but was not quite as bad as flooding in 1984.

Martin

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shop.

"I was wading through Main Street yesterday," Robinson said, and then shook her head. "I took a bag of clothes with me because I knew I'd have to change and was just doing like everybody else, trying to get from work to home."

While Robinson sat in her car, with floodwater mere feet away, a heavy duty camouflage truck parted through the several feet of water covering Main Street to bring a rough estimate of damages.

"Every business in downtown has water in it," Robinson said after a young man riding in the back of the truck gave her a few sketchy details about conditions along the town's main strip.

This was what many Floyd Countians faced after watching a steady rain continue over the weekend and swell the Big Sandy beyond the banks of its tributaries.

Residents waited anxiously and listened to reports of evacuations and flood mark readings Friday, Saturday and Sunday

before the rains finally subsided Monday afternoon.

In Maytown, a family stood in silence on their front porch, watching muddy water beat a current against the foundation of the house and then rush past. Beside them, smoke drifted from a house that burned the night before.

"The house burned last night but nobody's sure if the flood done it," said a neighbor, who was busy gutting his trailer of soaked and mud-caked furniture.

Down the street, a Farm Bureau insurance agent drove slowly, searching for client claims since 7 a.m., while home owners wandered from house to house in hip-high wading boots.

Judd, a disabled railroad worker, had been using his basement as a woodworking shop since moving back to Martin in 1997, but has now changed his perspective.

"They could buy me out right now," said Judd. "If they'd just give me a check, I'd be out of here."

Emergency personnel respond to cries for help

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

FLOYD COUNTY — While various fire departments and rescue squads throughout the county reported their efforts to assist residents endangered by rising waters over the weekend, the Floyd County Rescue Squad was busy with a reported nearly 50 rescues.

As reported by Debbie Collier, the squad employed the use of an ARGO, boats and waders to make the rescues that she estimated as close to 50, though she admitted that they had quit counting after helping evacuate more than 20 people out of Wayland and Garrett on Sunday.

Collier said that the squad made a three-mile trip up Arkansas Creek on Sunday night with the ARGO to get some peo-

ple who were trapped. Rescuers waded through three feet of water while holding on to a rope to rescue five kids and three adults at Hueysville, with two of the children receiving "piggy back rides" to keep them out of the water.

The squad made a rescue at Auxier on Monday morning, at which time Collier reported they brought one family to safety.

Collier said that the squad had made trips to the Right Fork of Beaver, Rice Branch, at Banner, and three trips to Route 979 at Toler.

"We're there 24 hours a day," stated Collier.

Auxier Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles Music reported that they had 30 to 35 homes blocked by the backwater and had enlisted the help of the county and state to open up the old East Point Road to give residents of Fords Gap a way to exit. He said that some had water in houses at River Plain.

Reporting for the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department, John Dooley said that firefighters had

been helping older people with their basements and dealing mostly with traffic.

In reference to the presence of the rescue squad, Dooley said, "They did the biggest part."

The Maytown Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Kevin Goodman, reported there had a house fire on First Street, but firefighters could not gain access to the house due to 10 to 15 feet of water in the street. Goodman, who also works with 911 in Paintsville, said that downtown Paintsville was evacuated on Sunday.

Allen Volunteer Fire Department's Jimmy Osborne reported that the city of Allen lost only a few homes and the only rescue was the furniture of one of the department's volunteers, Larry Castle, who lost his home at Old Allen.

Reporting for the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, Daniel Gullett, director of the EMS Division, said that his region had received only minor flooding that covered Route 122 at Minnie for two hours.

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Our View

Still waiting for the money, and needing more

Floyd Countians are once again facing the aftermath of floods without a definite answer as to when or if funding will be provided to help in overcoming whatever loss may have been endured.

In August 2001, when flash floods swept through the county, it took the Federal Emergency Management Agency three trips into mud- and water-soaked hollows, drenched homes and businesses, before agreeing to provide Floyd County with federal funding, and that was without a looming federal budget deficit.

With the flooding that occurred this past weekend, it has yet to be determined if individual damages will exceed or even match those of 2001, and we're still waiting on federal reimbursements owed to the county from that disaster.

If the county had those funds — which officials say rests at about \$700,000 when coupled with flooding the time before that — available today, the money would certainly be put to good use in light of the circumstances. As it stands, however, county officials are forced to admit to a county reeling from another flood related disaster that funding is simply not in hand at this time.

In spite of the uncertainty of help coming into the area and odds that could easily discourage hope, county residents have again illustrated the close ties that are so often the staple of Eastern Kentucky communities by sending a flurry of calls into county offices offering donations to their more unfortunate neighbors.

Even as this is being written, there are Floyd Countians offering help to fellow Floyd Countians, perhaps offering shelter or lending a strong pair of hands to help wash down the warped paneling of a flooded home.

This is a characteristic in which Eastern Kentuckians take pride.

We should expect nothing less from others.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

CBS: From 'Harvest of Shame' to shameless

by JOHN K. HANSEN

In TV's latest race to the bottom, CBS has proposed "The Real Beverly Hillbillies," a new "reality" program that may stain a great page in that network's history.

Four decades ago, in one of TV's finer moments, CBS broadcast Edward R. Murrow's "Harvest of Shame," a documentary that placed the plight of California's farm workers squarely onto the national agenda.

The shame spotlighted by that program was an outgrowth of the vast social dis-

crepancies involved. It was the whole nation's shame—a disclosure of the fact that here in the "new country," land of opportunity, there were hardworking people that reminded us of our own great-grandparents who fled the brutality and tyranny of serfdom in the old country. While affluent growers on large farms profited, the folks working in the fields were living in shacks like serfs. On the evening Murrow's program aired, there was a gut reaction from millions of viewers that no one in America should still have to live that way.

While California's farm workers still have many challenges, the airtime CBS granted their plight made a difference in thousands of lives. CBS helped clothe, feed, and house the farm workers who benefited from the public sympathy generated by the program. Four decades later, CBS has gone from the integrity of "Harvest of Shame" to just plain shameless.

Once again, in "The Real Beverly Hillbillies," CBS will be clothing, feeding and housing some unfortunate rural citizens. This time, however, the attitude of CBS to the vast social discrepancies involved has changed from condemnation to ridicule. The premise of the program is

to place a poor rural family of limited means and education into a Beverly Hills mansion with a maid and luxurious amenities, and then laugh at their backwardness. While it is important to bear in mind that no family has been found and the program is in the planning stages, the current climate of "reality" television suggests against giving the network the benefit of the doubt. Considering the highly contrived nonsense passed off as "reality programming" these days, it is doubtful that any good will come of "The Real Beverly Hillbillies."

Yes, there are still farm and rural families struggling to make a decent living, raise their children, and grow our nation's food and fiber. In fact, if CBS were truly interested in rural reality TV, it would follow up on the CBS evening news program I appeared on several years ago highlighting a growing problem in rural America—staged accidents that were really suicides. Desperate farmers come to view suicide and cashing in their accidental life insurance policies as the only way to pay off their overwhelming debts, and escape their own unbearable sense of pain and failure. How much pain does a hardworking,

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Letters

'Lest we forget'

"Excuse me, my good sir," being as polite and politically correct as possible. "Who art thou?"

"From whence camest thou?" was the reply.

I stood in awe while our American flag and I exchanged pleasantries.

"Your name?"

I searched for a simple one. "I have a name. However, it's different when compared to my birth one. Patriot. A moment of silence please, while we reflect upon the meaning. Thank you."

Gazing upon it, wind for the sail, stars and stripes forever shall be my friend. My speech scratchy, "Patriot," I exclaimed once more. "What is thy request of me to do?"

"Remain as you are, steadfast and complete."

Understand once, remember all. Freedom is the seed. Democracy is the harvest. Suffer not to become obsolete. Continue on, Mr. Patriot, bearing a humble composure, plainly declared.

"American flag, you're upside down!"

Silence returns that deafening sound. When the time capsule was buried, did anyone put the (I pledge allegiance) in as well?

Remember saying that in school?

Our American flag was placed and hung upside down at a grade school. Location is not a factor. The children, I was informed, hung the flag. There's no way they knew. It was a disgrace to our nation (upside down).

Upon voicing my concerns to the appropriate staff, the flag was quickly, and patriotically, I might add, restored to its determined destiny.

Michael K. Samons
Printer

Support free speech

Referring to an article appearing in the February 14th issue of your paper, it is unfortunate that the Letcher Fiscal Court has denied support for Appalshop's state grant application, based on a remark one of its radio program hosts supposedly made on WMMT.

First of all, one of the beauties of living in America has always been that people here have the right to express their opinions, right or wrong, without censure. It's done all the time on national syndicated radio programs, on which hosts express their opinions loudly and strongly, often misrepresenting them as fact, and many being paid to

do so by various interest groups, political parties, or even countries.

Second, I cannot see how the Appalshop program host's saying that America has killed more innocent people than any other country in the world could be called "unpatriotic". In fact, when I read that, several things came to mind — most prominently the two atomic bombs we dropped on Japan that immediately killed over 105,000 innocent people and, within the following five years, another 350,000 from the effects of the radiation. Also, what about Korea or Vietnam? Hundreds of thousands of innocents died, and we were there. More recently, there are the innocents our bombs killed during the Gulf War and, 11 or so years later, in Afghanistan, to which the

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Embattled Paintsville doctor pleads guilty

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

LONDON — Dr. Frederick Cohn, the physician who was arrested in August 2001 after federal, state and local police seized medical records, documents and computer software from his medical office in Paintsville, pleaded guilty yesterday to three federal offenses stemming from drug investiga-

tions focused on his practice. Through his plea, Cohn, 71, admitted to playing part in a conspiracy to prescribe between 700,000 and 1 million Lorcet tablets without a legitimate, medical reason for doing so.

The New Mexico native also pleaded guilty to his part in conducting financial transactions with profit gained from the illegal prescription activity, as well as admitting that he knowingly

and willingly committed federal health care fraud offenses by submitting false invoices to Medicaid and receiving more than \$160,000 in fraudulent payments.

As part of his plea, Cohn agreed to forfeit \$200,000 — the proceeds taken from his practice of fraudulent prescriptions and claims, a direct violation of federal law.

Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten, whose department helped secure and applauded Cohn's 2001 arrest, was pleased to hear news of the doctor's admission of guilt when contacted by The Times yesterday, and said he hoped it would have an impact on reports from Lexington of the mounting drug problem in Eastern Kentucky.

"Obviously it's certainly a victory for the U.S. Attorney's office and I think that it's a victory for the people of Johnson County and the city of Paintsville and all of us living here," Witten said. "I think the doctor in this case was a direct result in Martin County and Johnson County being number one in the nation in The Lexington-Herald Leader's data they gathered for their articles. It is my opinion that this doctor had a lot to do with those statistics."

Witten said some focus on this conviction could help lead to others, considering they are still doctors in the area adding to this type of problem.

"Hopefully this will make a

major impact on other physicians in the area that are contributing factors to the same thing," Witten said.

At the time Cohn and his colleague, 54-year-old Yakov Gregorevich Drabovsky, were arrested at their pain clinic in Paintsville two years ago, seven people waiting to get into their office were also arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

Cohn received a medical license in Kentucky in 1993, but was placed on two years' probation and ordered to never practice obsetric medicine or perform abortions in the state. Cohn had been placed on probation in New Mexico for 10 years in 1986 for "providing inappropriate patient care".

One condition of Cohn's plea agreement with federal prosecutors will be that he cooperates in investigations of other health care professionals, said U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove.

"This is an important guilty plea as we take the fight against prescription drug abuse to the next level by focusing on holding health care professionals accountable," Van Tatenhove said. "Dr. Cohn's conduct is the most egregious kind that we've seen out there in taking advantage of those who end up becoming enslaved to these prescription drugs."

Cohn could receive up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine, or possibly both, as well as three-year term of supervised release.

He is scheduled to be formally sentenced in London's U.S. District Court on Oct. 23.

Associated Press reporter Roger Alford also contributed to this story.

Family claims to have been terrorized by woman in car

by **JARRID DEATON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Shelbiana woman has been charged with five counts of wanton endangerment for allegedly terrorizing a family with her vehicle.

Valerie Williamson, age unlisted, has been charged with five counts of wanton endangerment and two counts of harassing communications for allegedly harassing the family of Ronald Adkins, also of Shelbiana.

According to the police report, Williamson was chasing the Adkins family at a high rate of speed and intentionally slammed on her brakes when she was in front of them. Ronald Adkins allegedly made several attempts to get away from her

but she continued to follow them.

Adkins said in the report that the children in his car were scared and were screaming. Williamson allegedly called the home of Ronald Adkins 16 times later that night.

Charges were also filed on behalf of a minor who was in the vehicle at the time of the incidents.

According to the report, the minor gave a statement that "She tried to get in front of us and she slammed on her brakes and got us all scared, and that night she wouldn't stop calling and my heart started beating fast and I couldn't breathe."

Williamson was arraigned on the charges Monday and a preliminary hearing for the case is set for Feb. 26.

Recovery

tor Peggy Bach. This information will then be compared to fire department figures. "I think we have to cross-check the fire department's list," Thompson said. "When they turn in, say, 15 houses, I guess we'll have to see who they are. When those people call in, we'll double check the list and see how many additional we pick up."

The task of assessing damage is only the first part of the problem, according to Thompson, who said reaching the homes to begin work could prove to be a bigger hurdle until water levels recede.

Thompson and Disaster

Emergency Services Director Eddie Patton passed photograph printouts of Billy Hall's house back and forth during the meeting, along with other homes roughly assessed Sunday afternoon and evening.

Thompson said Hall refused to abandon his Betsy Layne home even after floodwaters climbed to just below his roof line along the back of his house and a tree had crashed through the window.

"It's going to be hard to get equipment into places like this until the water goes down," Thompson said, referring to pictures of Hall's home. "But I don't know how much more

pressure this home can take. Water is already pushing in the walls."

Many concerned residents have expressed a desire to donate to those affected by the flooding. Those people are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross for further information about how they can best direct their efforts.

Floyd County Jailor Roger Webb has responded to a portion of callers hoping to donate items for flood relief.

"Anybody with furniture, clothing, bed linens or anything to help out neighbors can call the jail and I'll come and pick them up and distribute them," said Webb, who asked that callers contact the jail at 886-8021, ext. 10, for more information.

Residents who have had property or water damage are asked to contact the Emergency Operations Center at (606) 886-9678, or (606) 886-9193. You will need to supply the office with your name, address, telephone number and directions to your home.

Anyone with reports on damage to county roads and bridges is asked to call (606) 452-1001, or (606) 478-1001.

The Emergency Operations Center and emergency shelters will remain open 24 hours a day.

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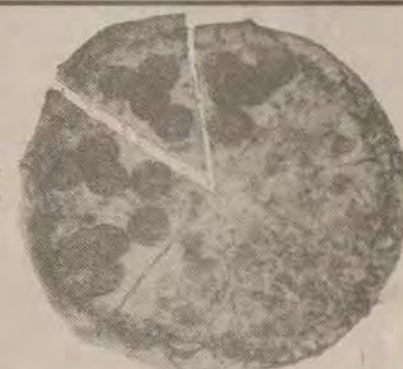
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Martin resident Lester Judd cleaned out his basement woodworking shop Monday afternoon after floodwaters invaded his home. "I wish they'd do something about this," Judd said. "They could buy me out right now. If they'd just give me a check, I'd be out of here."

photo by Sheldon Compton



The flooded Levisa Fork rose up into businesses along U.S. 23 north of downtown Pikeville Sunday.

Appalachian News-Express photo by Tom Kopacz



Water covered the spillway at Fishtrap Dam in Pike County, spilling onto the softball field and road.

Appalachian News-Express photo by Chris Jones

THE FLOOD OF '03



Prestonsburg workers were called into action at Archer Park to retrieve items in danger of floating away, including a gazebo and picnic tables.

photo by H. Allen Bolling



Three feet of water stood in the streets of Martin at the flood's peak, resulting in some flooding in all downtown businesses.

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Watergap Road just outside of Prestonsburg was not spared from flooding.

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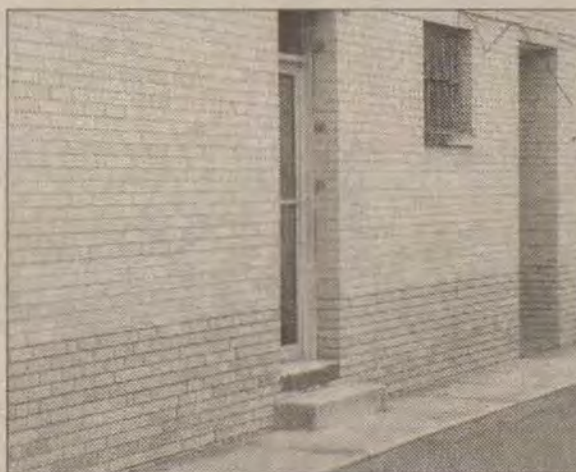


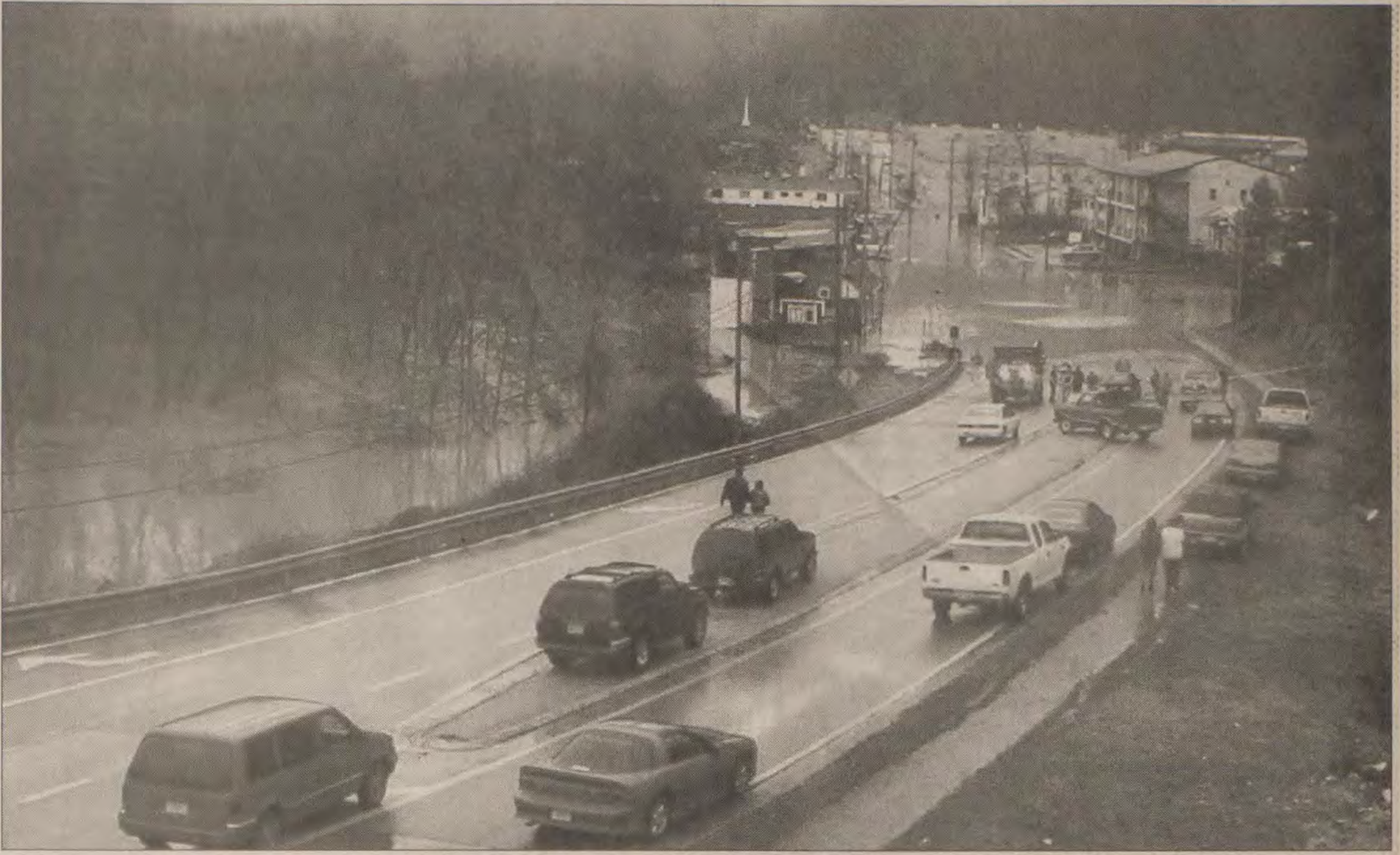
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Floodwaters left their distinctive mark on building walls in Martin, leaving behind a record of flood's depth.



photo by H. Allen Bolling

A Prestonsburg street sign held new meaning as a result of flooding.



Overlooking flood damage in downtown Martin from a nearby hillside.

photo by Sheldon Compton

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Donald Lowe of Pike County Emergency Management helped deploy some towels in an attempt to soak up transmission fluid and motor oil spilled at Thacker Transmission Service in the Mullins area Sunday night, after the flooded Levisa Fork waters came into the property. Pike County hazardous-material teams had put booms and the disposable towels in the water to try to contain the spill, which happened upstream of residential areas.

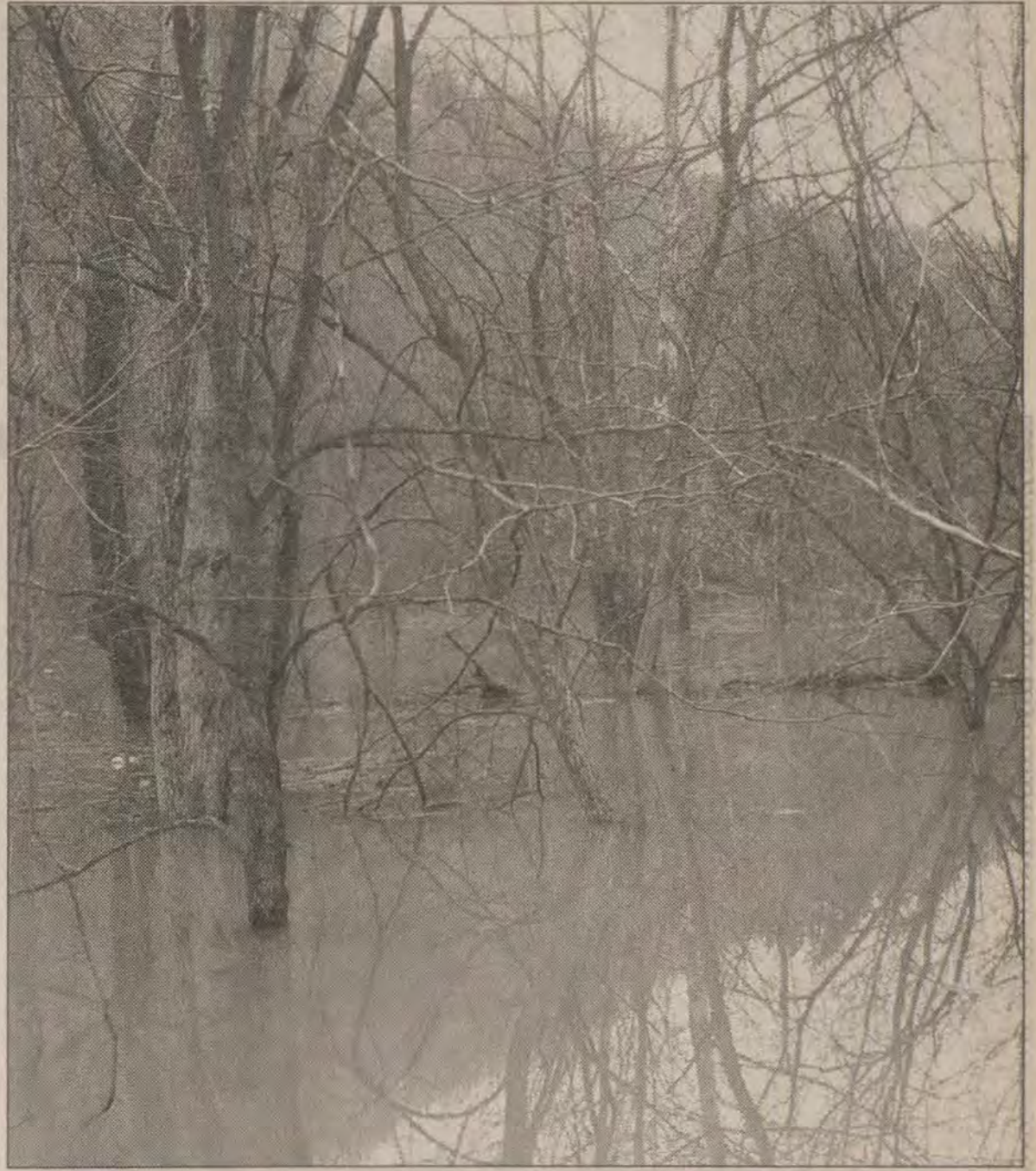


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The entrance to the German Bridge area of Dewey Lake served as testimony to reservoir's inability to release any water, due to continued flooding downstream in Paintsville. Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers speculated that water could be released as soon as today.



photo by Steve LeMaster

While the Prestonsburg sewage treatment plant was spared flooding, the high water still played havoc with the utility's sewer lines.



photo by Jarrod Deaton

Waters covered the road at the intersection of Routes 302 and 1428, at the entrance to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg.

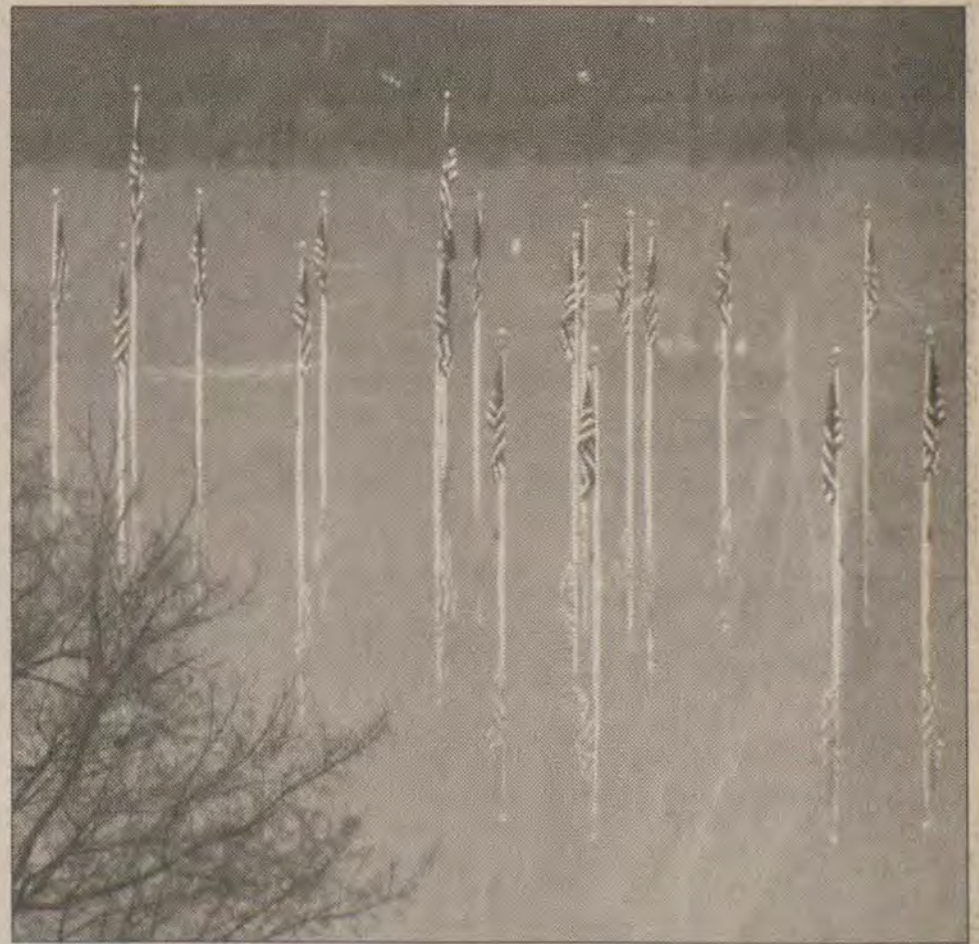


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All that could be seen of the veterans memorial at Archer Park in Prestonsburg was the tops of the flagpoles.

Obituaries

Amos Vaughn

Amos Vaughn, 79, of Dwale, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2003, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

He was born August 21, 1923, at Dwale, the son of the late Edward and Susan Campbell Vaughn. His occupation was that of a mason and carpenter. He was a member of the Church of Christ at Arkansas Creek, Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Bradley) Vaughn.

Other survivors include two sons, Walter Vaughn of Dwale, and Steven Vaughn of Allen; seven daughters, Doreka Vaughn, and Luci Lafferty, both of Dwale, Dedra Vaughn, Carolyn Goble, and Jerry Cornette, all of Prestonsburg, Regina Mullins of Sidney, and Janelle Carver of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 19, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Jack Howard officiating.

Burial will be at the Dwale Community Cemetery.

All arrangements are under direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers are Tom Mullins, Rod Lafferty, Matt Hall, James Clay, Ershel Ray Vaughan, and James Taylor.

(Paid obituary)

Florence Lewis

Florence Lewis, age 86, of Harold, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born March 13, 1916, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Wallace Lewis and Rosie Bell Roof Lewis. She was a former employee of Reynolds Metal Company, Louisville.

Survivors include four nephews, Willis Lewis and Dewey Lewis, both of Prestonsburg, Thurman Lewis of Banner, and William Bruce Lewis of Wonder Lake Illinois; three nieces, Eleanor Lewis Goble and Rebecca Lewis Goble, both of Prestonsburg, and Patricia Duncan of Schaumburg, Illinois; and one sister, Ada Lewis of Glasgow.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Gram Lewis and Malcolm Lewis, and one sister, Eveline Lewis Porter.

Funeral services for Florence Lewis will be conducted Thursday, February 20, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Gordon Fitch officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Mary Elizabeth Burchett Goble

Mary Elizabeth Burchett Goble, 90, of Cow Creek Road, Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 14, 2003, at her residence.

Born April 20, 1912, in McCombs, she was the daughter of the late William Sherman Burchett and Dixie Clark Burchett. She was a homemaker and member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac (Ike) Goble, who died November 9, 1985.

Survivors include five daughters, Patsy Leslie and Janice Puckett, both of Prestonsburg, Dixie Frasure of Winchester, Gypsy Hicks of David, and Peachie Childers of Barboursville, West Virginia; four sons, William G. Goble of Tecumseh, Michigan, James Goble of Howell, Michigan, and John Goble and Phillip Goble, both of Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul E. Goble.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 18, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Interment was in the Goble Family Cemetery, Cow Creek, Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers: Christopher Frasure, Jack R. Ousley II, Darrell Crider, Darrell Crider Jr., Bill Baker, Joe E. Hicks Jr., John C. Goble II, Mark Meadows, Stephen Goble, Paul Phillip Goble, Michael Puckett, Gregory Childers, and Jeffery Johnson.

(Paid obituary)

Jeannie Denise Hughes

Jeannie Denise Hughes, age 25, of Hueysville, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2003, in the St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

She was born November 4, 1977, in Floyd County, the daughter of Arthur and Virginia Hicks Hughes of Hueysville.

She was a graduate of Allen Central High School, and attended Pikeville College. She was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

Survivors, other than her parents, include one son, Arthur Jordan Taylor Hughes of Hueysville; one daughter, Virginia Hope Alexandra Hughes of Hueysville; one sister, Tabatha L. Hughes of Hueysville; and a host of other family members and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 18, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Ted Shannon and Mitchell Shepherd officiating.

Burial was in the Hughes Family Cemetery at Hueysville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Friends can sign the register at: www.hallfuneralservice.com

(Paid obituary)

Sarah Elizabeth Spradlin Goble

Sarah Elizabeth Spradlin Goble, 89, of Westminster Street, Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 16, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. She was a former director of volunteers at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 10, 1913, in Roanoke, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Sherrid Spradlin and Cordelia Stewart Spradlin. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, and a lifetime member of the Prestonsburg Womans Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Y. (Sonny) Goble, who died April 3, 1988.

Survivors include one sister, Otela Smiley of Lexington; one granddaughter, Paula M. Layne of Prestonsburg; one great-granddaughter, Heather Ousley of Prestonsburg; one great-grandson, David Allen Layne II; one great-great-grandson, David Allen Layne III; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Sue Goble Martin (died June 12, 2000); and one brother, Charles Spradlin.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 20, at 1 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. George Love officiating.

Interment will be in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is 1 p.m. until 9 p.m., Wednesday.

(Paid obituary)

John Wesley Blackburn

John Wesley Blackburn, 68, of Prestonsburg, passed away Friday, February 14, 2003, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born September 24, 1934, at Endicott, a son of the late Daniel Webster Blackburn and Minnie (Curtis) Blackburn. He was retired from Vance Volkswagen, where he worked as a mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie (Webb) Blackburn.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include one son, Rickie Blackburn of Prestonsburg; and one daughter, Crystal Butler of Prestonsburg; one brother, Allen Blackburn of Ohio; two sisters, Anna Belle Goble and Cora Grunden, both of Ohio; four grandchildren, Leslie (Chuck) Rowe, Jason (Shera) Blackburn, Zack Butler, and Kaitlyn Butler; and one great-grandchild, Nate Blackburn.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 17, at noon, at Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. David Garrett officiating.

Burial was in the Gethsemane Gardens, Auxier Road, Prestonsburg, under direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

James Brent Reed

James Brent Reed, age 42, of Cincinnati, Ohio, husband of Brenda Reed, formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2003, in the Hospice Care Center of Cincinnati.

He was born May 11, 1960, in Lexington, the son of James L. "Jim" Reed and Shelby Calton Reed of Lexington.

He was an account representative for Horace-Mann Insurance Co., a veteran of the Gulf War, and was a member of the Drift Presbyterian Church.

Survivors, other than his parents and wife, include his maternal grandfather, Hargis Calton of Palm Bay, Florida; one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Reed of Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, Robert Alan (Edith) Reed of San Diego, California; two sisters, Janet (David) Johnson of Pippa Passes, and Deborah Ann Reed of Lexington; three nephews, Christopher Stumbo, Robert Reed and C.J. Davis; two nieces, Rebecca Reed and Kaitlyn Reed.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 18, at 3 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel at Martin, with Sally Miller officiating.

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

Pallbearers: John Calton, Christ Johnson, Morey Daniel, Bryon Reed, Brandon Reed, Michael Brogan, C.J. Davis, and Stuart Reed.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio, or the Drift Presbyterian Church, at Drift.

(Paid obituary)

Dixie Click Campbell

Dixie Click Campbell, formerly of Auxier, passed away Wednesday morning, February 12, 2003, peacefully in her sleep, at the Walnut Creek Nursing Center in Dayton, Ohio. Her stay on this earth was 84 years, 10 months, and 18 days.

Dixie was born March 25, 1918, on the Doc Allen Branch of Beaver Creek. She was the fifth child of the late Joseph and Roberta Ratliff Click, and granddaughter of the renowned mountain doctor, Samuel "Bogue" Ratliff.

In March 1938, Dixie married Hargus Campbell. From this union she was the mother of seven children and four stepchildren. Hargus passed away in 1946, as well as two sons, Samuel Thomas and George Daniel Campbell in infancy prior.

In the early 1960's, Dixie joined the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church at Wilson Creek, Langley, where her family had fellowshiped for many generations. In December 1964, she married James Campbell. They soon left Langley, and eventually made their home in Auxier. From this union she had six step-children, Daniel Campbell, Garnard Campbell, Clinis Campbell, Anna Lea Frazier, Thelma Hale, and Rita Fay Smith—all surviving. James passed away in 1984.

Also preceding her in death were: a son, Andrew Jackson Campbell, in the Vietnam War in 1966; and a daughter, Billah DeBoard, in 1997; two brothers, Fred and Sam Click; one sister,

Annis Mae Deskins

Annis Mae Deskins, age 71, of Shiloh, Ohio, died Saturday, February 15, 2003, at the home of her son, in Shiloh, following a lengthy illness.

She was born January 5, 1932, in Glo, Floyd County, Kentucky, daughter of the late William McKinley and Venious Mae (Ratliff) Music. She had lived in the Greenwich and Shiloh areas most of her life. She enjoyed caring for her family and others, quilting, home decorating, gardening and cooking.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joe and Debbie Deskins, Tim and Donna Deskins, and Jerry Deskins, all of Shiloh; two daughters, Tami West of Shiloh, and Phyllis Evans of Shelby; one sister, Zora Inmon of Greenwich; five brothers, William Eugene "Bud" Music of Cincinnati, Ivan Music, R. Darrell Music, and Ronnie Music, all of Greenwich, Gary R. Music, of Plymouth; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles V. Deskins; five sisters, Barbara Music; twins, Dora and Dortha Music; Yvonne Slone and Billie Jean Deskins; a brother, John Edward Music; and a granddaughter, Tonia Schaeffer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 29 W. Main St., Shiloh, with Pastor Diana Seaman officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Shiloh.

Memorials, if desired, may be given to Hospice of North Central Ohio Inc., 1605 Ashland County Rd. 1095, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

(Paid obituary)

Vernice "Granny" Stamper

Vernice "Granny" Stamper, age 81, of Martin, the widow of Sam Stamper, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2003, at her residence.

She was born March 26, 1921, at McDowell, the daughter of the late Milford and Puss Martin Hall.

She was a self-employed beautician, and was a member of the Martin Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Judy Marshall of Martin; one granddaughter, Gina Scott of Danville; and one grandson, Ian Scott of Danville.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 19, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Tommy Hall, John Hall Jr., Tony Elam, Ray Allen, Joe Scott, Lan Scott and Don Marshall.

Friends may sign the register at www.hallfuneralservice.com

(Paid obituary)

Patricia Ann Lawson

Patricia Ann Lawson, age 47, of Drift, wife of Gregory Lee Lawson, passed away Monday, February 17, 2003, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

She was born February 7, 1956, in Martin, the daughter of Emogene Wright Castle of Allen, and the late James Russell Castle. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband and mother she is survived by one son, Robert Dale Lawson of Martin; four brothers, Doug Castle and James Michael Castle, both of Printer, and Terry Castle and Steven Castle, both of Allen; two sisters, Kathy Ousley of Prestonsburg, and Rosemary Case of McDowell; and one grandchild, Austin Bradley Lawson.

Funeral services for Patricia Ann Lawson will be conducted Thursday, February 20, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Glenna Mae Stumbo

Glenna Mae Stumbo, age 69, of McDowell, passed away Monday, February 17, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born November 3, 1933, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Joe Stumbo and Ida Gibson Stumbo. She was a retired nurse, formerly employed by the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, and was a member of the First Baptist Church, at McDowell.

Survivors include one daughter, Lana Stumbo Smith of McDowell; two sisters, Roberta Lewis of McDowell, and Anna Sue Warrix of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and two grandchildren, Rachelle Nichole Howell and Brandon Howell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Curtis Stumbo, Hershel Stumbo, and Jay Lovel Stumbo; and two sisters, Marie Gibas and Esther Salisbury.

Funeral services for Glenna Mae Stumbo will be conducted Friday, February 21, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Harry Hargis officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Homer Crager would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families who helped during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Sterlin Bolin for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF HOMER CRAGER

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The family of Mary Alice Stephens Herald would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: Those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Dan Heintzelman and Jim Stephens for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

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Stumbo pushes for opening slot machines at race tracks

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo made a forceful case Tuesday for legalizing slot machines at Kentucky horse tracks and dangled a \$400 million offer from the racing industry.

Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said the industry was willing to provide \$400 million up front to the state if slot machines opened at the tracks. The tracks would follow with payments of at least \$200 million in each of the next four years — for a five-year total of \$1.2 billion, he said.

The payments would solve most of the state's budgetary needs, not only in the current two-year cycle but for several years to come, Stumbo said.

"I thought it was pretty commendable that the tracks were willing to come forward and put up that much money on the front end," he said.

Stumbo's comments coincided with the introduction of legis-

lation to allow slot machines to open at the horse track and to specify how the proceeds would be distributed.

Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, predicted the offer of upfront money from the racing industry wouldn't sway enough lawmakers.

"I don't think there are many citizens in the commonwealth of Kentucky that are willing to pay a \$400 million ransom just so there can be gambling at the horse tracks," Lee said in an interview. "So I don't think it has a snowball's chance."

Stumbo broached the subject as the House was preparing to vote on a lean budget cutting many parts of state government.

In a speech to the House, Stumbo said Indiana and Illinois are making \$400 million a year on Kentuckians who cross the Ohio River to gamble on casino boats. If the General Assembly's members were a corporate board of directors, their shareholders would vote them out and sue for malfeasance, Stumbo said.

"It is not a moral issue. It is strictly a business issue," Stumbo said. Referring to the budget bill, he added: "Think of all the people who didn't get what they should have because of our refusal to put a store up on this side of the river."

Stumbo said he didn't want to delve into the gambling issue until the House had completed work on a budget. Stumbo said the timing probably isn't right for lawmakers to deal with expanded gambling in the short, 30-day session, but he said the issue needs to be discussed.

Under the legislation offered Tuesday by Democratic Rep. Tom Burch of Louisville, slots would be allowed only at licensed race tracks, which would reap more than half the money raised from the expanded gambling.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, wouldn't speculate on the proposal's chances, but noted "it's

(See TRACKS, page ten)

Tennessee man accused of sex abuse

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Tennessee man has been arrested and charged with six counts of sexual abuse in Pike County.

Allen Beecher Sturgill, 69, was charged with having unlawful sexual contact with three female victims in June 1984 and July 1990. According to the police report, all of the victims were underage and the sexual contact was against their will. Two of the alleged incidents occurred in 1984, and four of the alleged incidents occurred in 1990.

A \$100,000 bond was set for Sturgill and a preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 27.

Betsy Layne man charged following chase

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Betsy Layne man was arrested in Pike County and charged with a variety of offenses for leading Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers on a chase.

Dante Robert Delmonte, 37, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, two counts of wanton endangerment, fleeing and evading police, reckless driving, disorderly conduct, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving from side to side on the highway, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container, resisting arrest and failure to wear a seat belt.

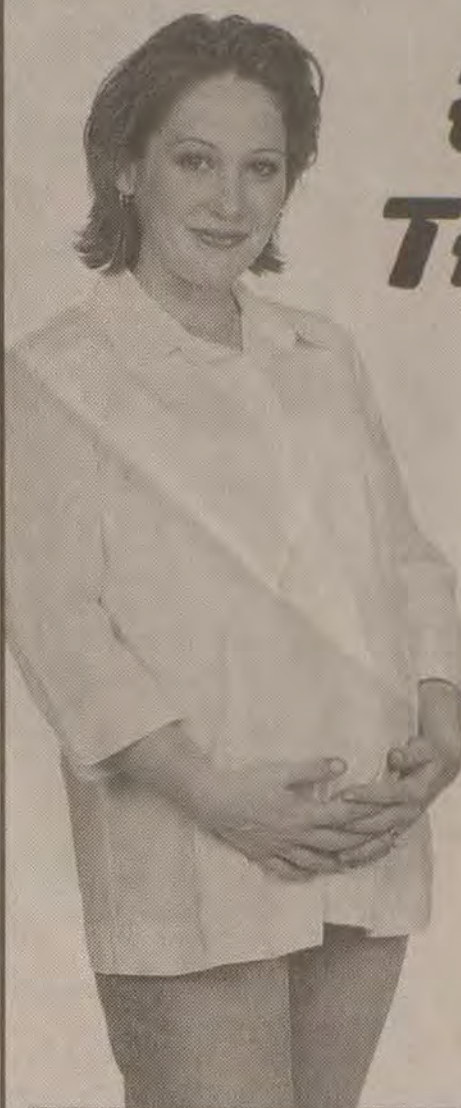
According to the police report, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Dennis Hutchinson saw the subject driving toward him on U.S. 23 in Coal Run Village. Hutchinson turned his vehicle around and attempted to pull Delmonte over.

According to the report, Delmonte continued to drive on the wrong side of the road until he pulled off the road near Food City and struck a parking curb. Another officer placed his car in front of Delmonte's vehicle in order to stop him.

Delmonte was arrested and housed at the Pike County Detention Center on a \$20,000 bond. A pretrial hearing is set for May 15.

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The family of Grace Branham wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Louie Ferrari for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

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Prestonsburg mostly spared — by inches

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While the Prestonsburg Fire Department was out Sunday evening monitoring the rising water and closing roads, they spent a lot of time on Monday retrieving floating items, including equipment belonging to the central dispatch of Respond.

According to Tim Johnson, PFD, the city had one rescue Sunday afternoon, at the entrance to Abbott, where they retrieved a man from his van after the water had pushed the vehicle sideways when he tried to go through it. By that evening, rising backwater had resulted in blocked entrances to several other hollows. Among

those were Right Fork of Bull Creek, Campbell's Branch, Dobson's Branch, Stratton Branch and Mining Camp.

Johnson reported that the department made loops through the city every 20 minutes on Sunday night, at which time they monitored the rising water.

The Floyd County Rescue Squad assisted in what officials thought was a rescue at the Right Fork of Bull Creek, said Johnson. However, the driver of the vehicle that fell prey to the water, reported as Mark Fitzpatrick, had safely exited the auto.

At approximately 1 a.m. Monday morning, the PFD closed Route 302 from St. Martha's Church to the sawmill and at 7 a.m. the intersection at

Lancer was blocked.

Johnson reported that the fire department received a call from central dispatch of Respond Monday morning, at which time they were underwater. He said that they had to go 200 feet to retrieve Respond's equipment, which was floating away. He reported that they also spent around four hours at Archer Park getting the park gazebo and

some picnic tables.

Johnson reported that the river crested at 39.88 feet at 8:21 a.m. Monday morning, just inches below the 40 feet that marks minor flooding.

In commenting on the emergency situation that required quick thinking and collaborative efforts from several departments, Johnson said, "It went real well."

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Shame on CBS for its shameless and callous exploitation of the

folks whose ancestors fired the shot that was heard around the world, and on their sacred honor, pledged their lives and their fortunes to bring the hopes and ideas of the new country to life.

John K Hansen is president of Nebraska Farmers Union, a general farm organization representing nearly five thousand farm and ranch families. For more information, email: info@nebraska-farmersunion.org.

Letters

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military coldly refers as "collateral damage". How much "collateral damage" will we be responsible for if we should proceed to invade Iraq in the coming months?

Then, of course, on our own soil, there are the American Indians, the Negroes, and the military and medical experiments on people incarcerated in asylums and prisons.

Whether or not we have killed more innocents than any other country, I don't know, but with our historical track record, I wouldn't be at all surprised.

The point is, and that fellow made it, our hands are not bloodless by a long shot.

I suggest that the Letcher County Fiscal Court and its magistrates come to grips with the truth, rather than chastise someone who strives to speak it and the organization for which he works. If we really love America, we should continue to support free speech, recognize where we have gone wrong, admit it, and correct it, so future generations will not make the same mistakes. Moreover, the Appalshop does fine work. To withdraw support for its endeavors not only robs the organization of much-needed funding, but also robs the people of the region of the much-needed educational and cultural service it provides.

Elaine Shiber
Van Lear

Tracks

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getting pretty late in the process." Richard said he had never heard of any industry offering upfront money while trying to get legislation passed.

Bob Elliston, president of Turfway Park, said the state's horse tracks are united behind the effort. Last year, nearly identical legislation made no headway with the legislature.

The state Chamber of Commerce is also a strong supporter of the expanded gambling.

Under the proposal, the state would tax proceeds from slot machines at a graduated rate. The first \$50 million would be taxed at 28 percent, and the rate would reach a maximum 41 percent for amounts over \$200 million.

Just over a third of proceeds from slots would go to the state. Another 12.5 percent would go to the horsemen in the form of higher purses, and the rest would be kept by the race tracks. The tracks say the higher purses are needed to attract top-caliber horses that, in some cases, are now being lured to race in other states.

The slots would be regulated by the Kentucky Lottery Corp.

Others have also wanted a piece of an expanded gambling action. Owensboro developer John Bays has said he wants to build a \$200 million casino-entertainment complex in the western Kentucky city.

Elliston said slot machines should be limited to the horse tracks because "we're in the gaming business, we're a known quantity."

Flood brings double tragedy for one family

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MAYTOWN — In the midst of rising floodwater, a Maytown family dealt with double disaster as their First Street home burned in the middle of 10 to 15 feet of water.

According to Kevin Goodman, Maytown volunteer firefighter and Paintsville 911 personnel, the origin of the fire that erupted at the home of Ann Jackson on Sunday evening was possibly flood related, but there was no way to tell at this

point. Goodman stated that by the time the Maytown Fire Department received the call and responded, the fire had already made it to the roof of the house. He reported that the First Street road was beneath 10 to 15 foot of water, which made it impossible for firefighters to get to the home.

Having to combat the fire from Middle Street, Goodman reported that volunteers used the resources they had, deck guns and hoses, but couldn't extinguish the fire.

Endangerment charge results from lockdown

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Indiana woman who inadvertently caused a lockdown at Otter Creek Correctional Facility has been charged with endangering the welfare of a minor.

Amber N. Stephenson, 21, was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor when she allegedly left her 2-year-old daughter at the Super 8 Motel in Prestonsburg while she went to Reno's to get something to eat. According to the police report, the child was left with her grand-

father, who had been drinking and was asleep.

The child was allegedly walking around the halls of the motel looking for her mother. After police arrived on the scene, Stephenson returned after being gone for approximately two hours.

The event spawned a lockdown at Otter Creek after a call from Prestonsburg city police said that Stephenson could be on her way up there after visiting hours. Stephenson's husband is an inmate at the facility.

Stephenson is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on March 12.

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Business/Professions

Principals says vending machines pay for educational extras

For Landon Preece, principal of Inez Middle School in Martin County, it means fees for assembly speakers who can stir student's imaginations about worldly success outside of the coal mines. To principal Billy Johnson at Central Elementary School in Paintsville, it means student field trips to Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville. And, recently, it has meant a new sound system for the gymnasium, and resurfacing of the playground to meet safety standards.

"Without our beverage vending program, there would be no field trips, and that's that," said Johnson. "The trips are 100 per-

cent funded by the proceeds from our vending agreement, and there is simply no money elsewhere in the budget for them."

At Central and Inez, as at elementary and middle schools throughout Kentucky, beverage vending machines accessible to students are turned off until after school has ended for the day. The student-accessible vending machines at Central and Inez see most of their use during extra-curricular activities such as athletic competitions. Both schools also have beverage vending machines in their teacher lounges.

The contractual arrangement between Central Elementary, Inez

Middle, and their selected soft drink vending companies are two examples of the successful partnerships that exist between soft drink companies and schools throughout Kentucky. Said Preece, "We're able to do a lot of good things for our 380 students that wouldn't be possible without the additional revenue from vending contracts."

Johnson said he has never heard any parental complaints about the availability of soft drinks after school and during extra-curricular functions. He pointed out that Central's beverage program offers alternatives such as bottled water and fruit drinks.

Preece agreed with Johnson. "I've been here for seven years, and I've never heard a single parent complain about our beverage program," said Preece. "I think most adults feel a need to pause and refresh with a soft drink in the mid-afternoon, and they figure it's the same for their kids."

The American Dietetic Association (ADA) takes the position that variety, balance and moderation are essential to a healthy diet, and that all foods — including soft drinks — can fit in a well-balanced diet.

"Using a soft drink to refresh oneself after physical activity, or as a way to relax and have fun

with friends — these certainly aren't new behaviors," reminds Mike Ryan, president of the Kentucky Soft Drink Association. "If someone is going to make the beverage choice for students, it should be parents and principals, not lawmakers or government bureaucrats."

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AAA says rising gas prices near gouging

by MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — The recent spike in gasoline prices isn't justified and is coming "uncomfortably close" to gouging, a AAA spokesman said Thursday.

The price of a gallon of regular gasoline has risen about 13 cents in less than two weeks to a national average of \$1.63, and the automobile association's spokesman Geoff Sundstrom said nothing has occurred in the market to warrant it.

He suggested oil companies are looking ahead to what could happen to crude oil prices if the United States invades Iraq.

"What we're trying to do is head off the possibility of wholesalers or retailers charging unfair prices given the current situation," Sundstrom said. "We're not saying anyone is particularly price-gouging, but we're saying that in this environment the possibility exists for it to occur."

In a statement, the Heathrow-based organization said it is "strongly urging the gasoline industry to show more restraint in the pricing of their products and stands ready to support government action against companies that unfairly profit from any future national emergency."

The industry has blamed tensions in the Middle East and a strike in Venezuela that has crippled that nation's petroleum industry. Venezuela is one of the largest exporters of crude to the United States.

John Felmy, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute, which represents the U.S. oil industry, said any suggestion of price gouging is "inappropriate."

He said that retail gasoline prices are simply tracking the rising cost of crude oil. The wholesale price of a barrel of light sweet crude was \$36.10 Thursday, up from \$33.67 on Jan. 31.

"This is a market that moves," he said. "We've seen for a long period time that gas prices lag the crude oil price, and they finally caught up with them. It's nothing more than functioning of a normal market."

The average price of \$1.63 is the highest since June 2001, AAA said. The Florida average is \$1.66, up 15.4 cents from last month.

AAA is the nation's largest auto club with more than 44 million members.

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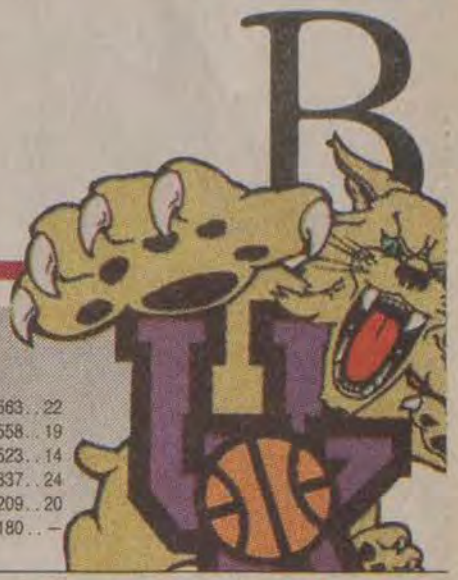
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1.	Arizona (59)	20-2	1,786	1
2.	Kentucky (13)	20-3	1,738	3
3.	Texas	17-4	1,607	6
4.	Louisville	19-2	1,589	2
5.	Oklahoma	17-4	1,464	5
6.	Kansas	19-5	1,437	9
7.	Florida	20-4	1,390	4
8.	Duke	17-4	1,208	8
9.	Pittsburgh	17-4	1,125	7
10.	Wake Forest	17-3	1,109	15
11.	Marquette	18-4	1,008	11
12.	Notre Dame	19-5	990	10
13.	Maryland	15-6	847	16
14.	Xavier	18-4	844	18
15.	Syracuse	17-4	719	17
16.	Oklahoma St.	19-4	611	13
17.	Creighton	22-3	597	12
18.	California	18-4	563	22
19.	Mississippi St.	16-5	558	19
20.	Illinois	16-5	523	14
21.	Stanford	19-6	337	24
22.	Georgia	14-7	209	20
23.	Utah	19-4	180	—

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Fourth quarter spurt lifts Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – South Floyd raced out to an 8-0 lead against host Allen Central Friday night, but the dominance wouldn't last. Before the final buzzer sounded Friday night, the visit-

ing Raiders would have to play from behind to beat the Runnin' Rebels. In the end, South Floyd pulled off a 68-63 win.

After trailing 8-0 in the first quarter, Allen Central rebounded to take a 23-13 lead into the second quarter. South Floyd then battled back to lead 36-35

at halftime.

Swapping leads after each period, Allen Central outscored South Floyd 18-13 in the third period to lead heading into the final period. South Floyd outscored Allen Central 19-10

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- Basketball Roundup
- P'burg-Knott Cental

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photo by Jamie Howell

Brian Meade (12) went up for a shot in the second half against the Allen Central defense.

COMMENTARY

Dicky V. has done much for radio

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

If you've ever shouted "Shut up!" at your television set and savagely hit the mute button when ESPN's Dick Vitale is trying to talk the life out of a perfectly good college basketball game, then you undoubtedly would agree that it's high time he got what's coming to him.

If you're thinking along the lines of Duct tape on his mouth, a surgical procedure to remove

his tongue, or a job as Osama bin Laden's traveling companion, that's perfectly understandable.

But what Vitale deserves more than anything is a lifetime achievement award from the radio industry. Nobody on TV, including John Madden and Kathy Lee Gifford, has done more to promote radio listenership.

When Cawood Ledford was doing the play-by-play for the University of Kentucky radio network, many fans routinely turned down the TV sound and turned on the radio.

This wasn't so much because the network announcers were bad as it was that Cawood was

(See REED, page two)

AUTO RACING

Waltrip wins Daytona 500

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Michael Waltrip hoisted the Daytona 500 trophy above his head in a crowded garage surrounded by family, friends, fans and foul weather.

Then he took off running through the rain.

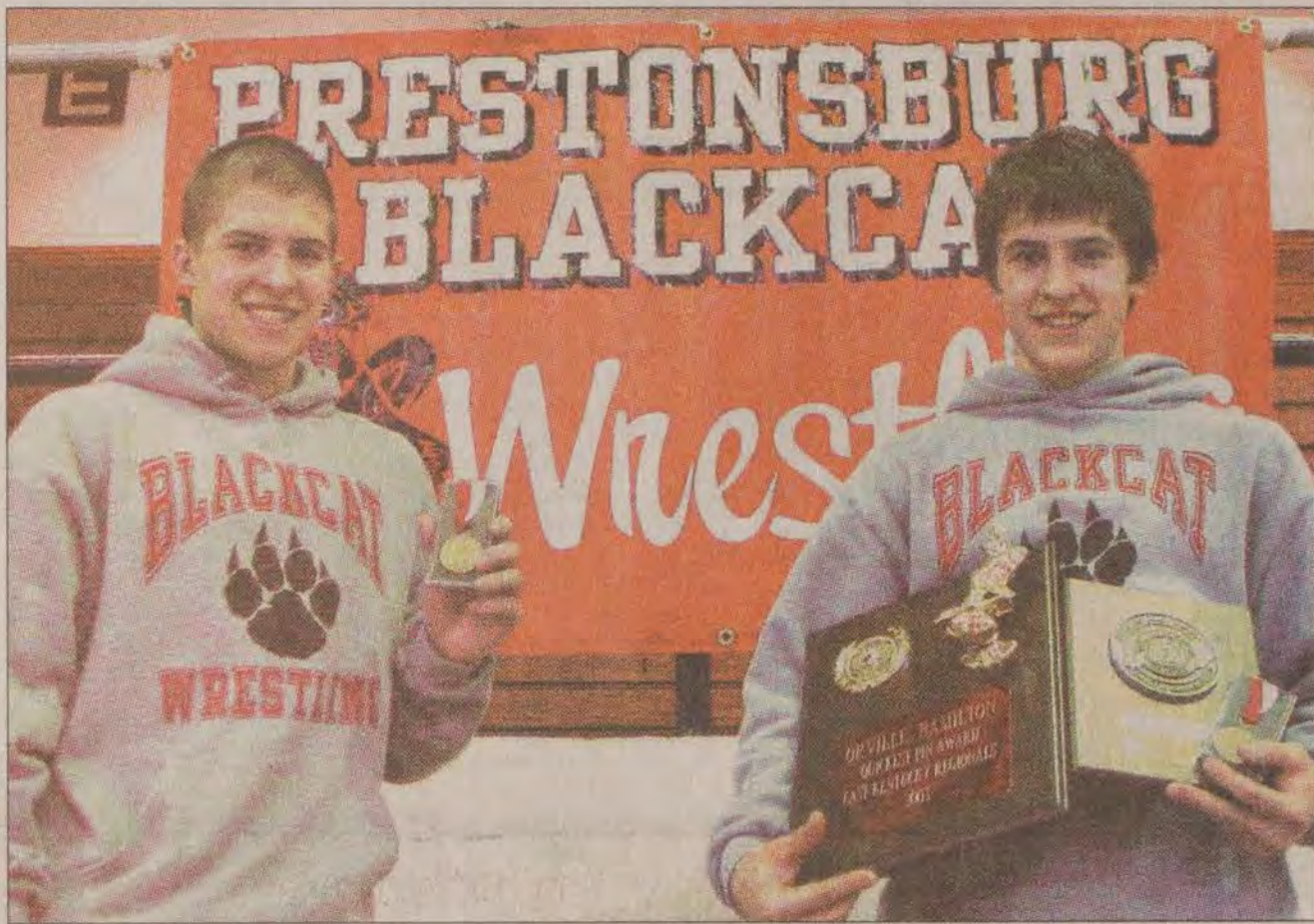
"I don't care if it's raining — we're going to Victory Lane!" he yelled, not bothering to see if anyone was following.

For a driver with as few victories as Waltrip, nothing was going to stop him from making this a celebration to remember.

As black clouds closed in, Waltrip was pulled to the front of the pack by his teammate Sunday to take over the lead in the Daytona 500. When the sky opened up, he retreated under an umbrella with his wife, the two of them wishing the rain would never stop.

It didn't, and Waltrip was declared the winner of the rain-shortened race. In 535 career starts, Waltrip has three wins — all at Daytona and two in NASCAR's biggest race of the

(See WALTRIP, page three)



Brothers Nick (right) and Heath Chaffin each won regional championships Saturday at Sheldon Clark High School.

3 P'BURG WRESTLERS QUALIFY FOR STATE



■ Steven Thompson

"VanHoose is a well-known name in wrestling at Johnson Central," stated Butcher. "A few years ago, I had a state champion there at 103, Bobby VanHoose, so anytime you meet up with a VanHoose from Johnson Central, you look for a dog fight."

2 Blackcat wrestlers emerge as regional champions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BLACKLOG — On Saturday, the Prestonsburg High School wrestling team, coached by Jerry Butcher and assisted by Josh Stepp, traveled to Sheldon Clark High School, the site of this year's 8th Region Wrestling Tournament and came away with an outstanding showing. Two Blackcats — Nick Chaffin and Heath Chaffin, twin brothers — were crowned regional champions.

Prestonsburg entered five wrestlers in the regional

(See REGION, page two)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Rebels outlast South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Four quarters make up a complete regulation basketball game. Friday night, through one quarter, South Floyd held an 11-8 lead over the host Allen Central Lady Rebels. But the lead wouldn't hold up. Allen Central battled back to lead 26-20 at halftime, and eventually pulled away for a 75-54 win.

Before the game, Allen Central Coach Cindy Halbert voiced a concern about her team not overlooking any opponent on its schedule and playing to the fullest of its potential each time out.

"We can't take anything for granted," said Halbert. "At this point in the

(See OUTLAST, page two)

– SCOREBOARD –

SOUTH FLOYD (54) – Hopkins 5, Johnson 12, Anderson 17, Ousley 14, Hall 1, Tackett 5.

ALLEN CENTRAL (75) – Scott 20, Turner 6, Mullins 6, Harris 16, Thomas 15, Caudill 2, Isaac 8.

RECORDS

South Floyd 5-15, Allen Central 14-7

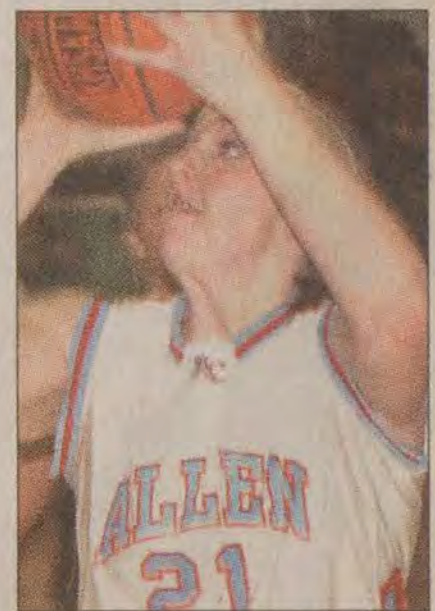


photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central sophomore Megan Harris (21) eyed a shot in Allen Central's win over South Floyd.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne gets revenge five days later

Ladycats even things up with Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — On a day when standout senior Natasha Stratton was honored with a commemorative ball for scor-

ing her 1,000 career point, Betsy Layne pulled off a come-from-behind win to beat Allen Central. The win avenged a loss suffered to the Lady Rebels earlier in the week on Monday.

Stratton led Betsy Layne to the win, scoring 22 points.

Stratton and the Ladycats were sched-

(See REVENGE, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers (left) presented senior Natasha Stratton with a commemorative ball for reaching 1,000 career points.

Reed

so good. Now, however, listening to the radio isn't as much a tribute to UK's Tom Leach or U of L's Paul Rogers, two of the best in the business, but a matter of fighting air pollution.

Vitale assaults the senses so relentlessly that he could turn a bunch of Buddhist monks into stark-raving maniacs. The human bobblehead simply can't shut up. His defenders always say he

deserves credit for the enthusiastic way he promotes college basketball. Baloney. When he's not promoting this coach or that one — the next time Vitale criticizes a coach will be the first

time — he's promoting himself. It's all about Dicky V., all the time. So the game, even an outstanding one such as U of L's 73-70 thriller at Marquette last Saturday becomes secondary, almost an afterthought, to whatever's on Vitale's mind. And since his mind always is on himself, the viewer must go to the radio to get any semblance of coherent commentary and analysis.

ly popular with college students should raise grave concerns about the state of higher education and the nation's future. It also answers the question of whether taste truly is as dead as the two-handed set shot. During the U of L-Marquette game, Vitale devoted one of his soliloquies to the late Al McGuire, who parlayed his New York street smarts and Irish charm into a long broadcasting career with NBC after he retired from coaching.

As the basketball coach at Marquette, McGuire won the NCAA championship in 1977, his final season and the same one in which Vitale's best team at the University of Detroit was drubbed by Michigan in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional at Rupp Arena.

- A LOOK AT SPORTS -

Reds notes from Sarasota

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Thursday, Major League Baseball teams opened the gates to their respective spring training camps, allowing pitchers and catchers to get in and start their workouts for the upcoming season. I am sure that most of major league baseball players have had a lot of training already during the winter months, so there should not be a lot of soreness in the camps.



The Cincinnati Reds have a boatload of arms in their early camp hoping to make the team. Among them is Kent Mercker who once was a starter for the

Reds during the '97 season. Mercker was 3-1 last year but has an ERA of over six.

However, GM Jim Bowden thinks he will come around and help the Reds' bullpen this season.

The other arm, signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, is Felix Herdia who was 1-2 last season with Toronto. Like Mercker, Bowden

thinks Herdia will be part of the bullpen for the Reds this season.

A no-show when spring training open, was Jose Rijo. Rijo is not on the Reds 40-man roster but is trying to come back and make the team. The once hard-throwing right-han-

der is said to be on his way to camp.

The experiment of Aaron Boone at second base and Brandon Larson at third seems to be going well for now for the Reds. Boone said he is comfortable there and likes the position. Larson is elated that he will become an everyday player and hopes to contribute more round-trippers this season.

A healthy Sean Casey is in camp and ready to put 2002 behind him in an effort to return to the old days when he was hitting 21 home runs out of the park. Casey, in the last two seasons, has been hitting more for an average than home runs. That may change this season.

Adam Dunn, who showed up with the pitchers and catchers, is another who felt embarrassed by the way he finished the season last year. You remember the great first half he had in being named to the National League All-Star team? He batted a ane-

(See SPORTS, page four)

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Region

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tournament and all five placed in their respective weight classes.

In the 119-pound weight class, Nick Chaffin had a tremendous tournament, receiving the fastest pin award and also being named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

In Nick Chaffin's first round match, he pinned an opponent from Wayne County in nine seconds. The Prestonsburg senior faced a wrestler from Perry County Central High School in the second round and pinned him in less than one minute. In the finals, he faced a wrestler from Pike Central and tech-fall-ed the Hawk 15-0 for the regional title.

Prestonsburg got its second regional champion before the day would end, shortly after the first one was crowned. Heath Chaffin, the larger of the twins at 125-pounds, would draw a bye in the first round, then go on to win a regional championship as well.

In round two, Heath Chaffin faced Sheldon Clark's Justin Perry. The Sheldon Clark grappler had beaten Heath Chaffin the week before. Prestonsburg Coach Jerry Butcher said that Heath Chaffin had worked very hard in the week leading up to the rematch and thought it would pay off in his wrestler's regional tournament effort.

And it did. Heath Chaffin defeated Perry 19-4 by a tech-fall. The win placed him in the regional finals against Matt VanHoose, an accomplished wrestler from Johnson Central High School.

"VanHoose is a well-known name is wrestling at Johnson Central," stated Butcher. "A few years ago, I had a state champion there at 103, Bobby VanHoose, so anytime you meet up with a VanHoose from Johnson Central, you look for a dog fight."

The Prestonsburg 125 wrestler topped Johnson

Central's 125 in the finals meeting, 3-2. The win earned Heath Chaffin a regional championship and gave Prestonsburg its second regional champion.

The third wrestler to qualify for the state tournament from Prestonsburg was sophomore Steven Thompson. In round one, Thompson pinned a wrestler from Johnson Central in the first period of the match. The win set the stage for a rematch for Thompson with McCreary Central grappler Matt Troxell. Troxell had beaten Prestonsburg's Thompson the week before, 2-1. Thompson worked hard in practice the week following the defeat and his hard work would also pay off in the form of a trip to the regional finals. Thompson beat Troxell 8-6 to earn a spot in the finals. Thompson faced in the finals the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the state in the 145 class, Sheldon Clark's Johnson Thompson. The Sheldon Clark grappler won in the finals, giving Steven Thompson a second-place finish.

Sophomore Zach Lafferty placed fifth in the heavyweight division and Justin Ward, only an eighth-grader, placed sixth in his weight class.

Prestonsburg's head coach came away from the tourney pleased with his team's effort.

"I'm pleased with this team's performance," stated Butcher. "This is a hard-working group of young men. We will be leaving for the state wrestling tournament on Wednesday and we'd like to see more of our fans in the stands."

The state wrestling tournament will be held this week and weekend in Frankfort. The finals of the state wrestling tournament will be decided on Saturday night.

For more on regional and state high school wrestling go online to www.khsaa.org.

Obviously not in McGuire's league as a coach, Vitale decided to be in his league as a TV analyst by copying him. But where McGuire's views and phraseology were unique, Vitale's are forced, contrived, and grating. He's the basketball TV answer to fingernails scraping on a blackboard.

Nobody can rip off a cliché or state the obvious quite like Dicky V. He's totally unprofessional, the direct opposite of a Billy Packer or Larry Conley, but he would take that as a compliment. Earlier this year, he reached a new low with the disgusting way he fawned over high school phenom Lebron James.

Maybe he hopes James will remember when he signs his \$25 million sneaker contract. Heaven only knows how much extra income Vitale makes from the programs he praises most and their corporate sponsors.

But at least Dicky Mute Button is the radio announcer's best friend. As long as he's on the air, they'll never have to worry about having an audience.

Revenge

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uled to play Johnson Cental Monday but weather forced the game to be rescheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Betsy Layne is still without the services of junior Whitney Lykens. At press time, Lykens was due to visit her doctor again. Whether or not she'll return to the playing floor anytime soon was still unknown.

The Ladycats trailed 26-17 at halftime, but blazed back into the game with a 21-8 runout in the third quarter.

Sophomore guard Kim Clark scored 15 for Betsy Layne. Kristal Daniels scored six and Tabetha Witt and Breann Akers each ended the game with four. Tiffany Meade finished with three.

Allen Central played the entire game without junior point guard Terri Mullins. Mullins went out of Friday night's game against South Floyd and remains out of action.

Sophomore center Becky Thomas led Allen Central's scoring effort with 16 points. Tiffany Turner followed with 11. Amber Scott scored nine for the Lady Rebs and Tab Caudill added eight. Megan Harris, after scoring 16 against South Floyd the night before in another 58th District contest, finished with four points.

Jessica Isaac played for Allen Central, but did not score.

Betsy Layne, with its next win, will reach 20 wins for the season.

Outlast

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season you have to have things in order."

Allen Central got production from different players in the South Floyd game.

Amber Scott scored 20 points and sophomores Megan Harris and Becky Thomas finished with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Jessica Isaac scored eight and Terri Mullins, before going down with an injury, scored six.

Tiffany Turner also had six for the Lady Rebs.

Tab Caudill rounded out the Allen Central scoring with a field goal.

Brandy Anderson, a player who returned to the hardwood this season after an absence last season, led South Floyd. She had 17 points. Megan Ousley scored 14, and Ashley Johnson netted 12.

Raiders

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in the game's final quarter to post the five-point win.

Before the game, South Floyd head coach Henry Webb expected nothing less than a battle from Allen Central.

"It's always a big game when we (South Floyd) play Allen Central," said Webb. "Both teams really get up for this game."

Battling the flu, South Floyd senior Michael Hall led the Raiders in scoring with a game-high 27 points. Tyler Hall finished with nine and Adam Tackett chipped in eight. Jack Slone and Brian Meade each had seven.

Heath Hall scored five for the Raiders and Justin Hall chipped in four.

Steven Stanley added one point on a free throw.

Mike Slone and Rossi Samons each had 17 points apiece for Allen Central. Kyle Webb scored

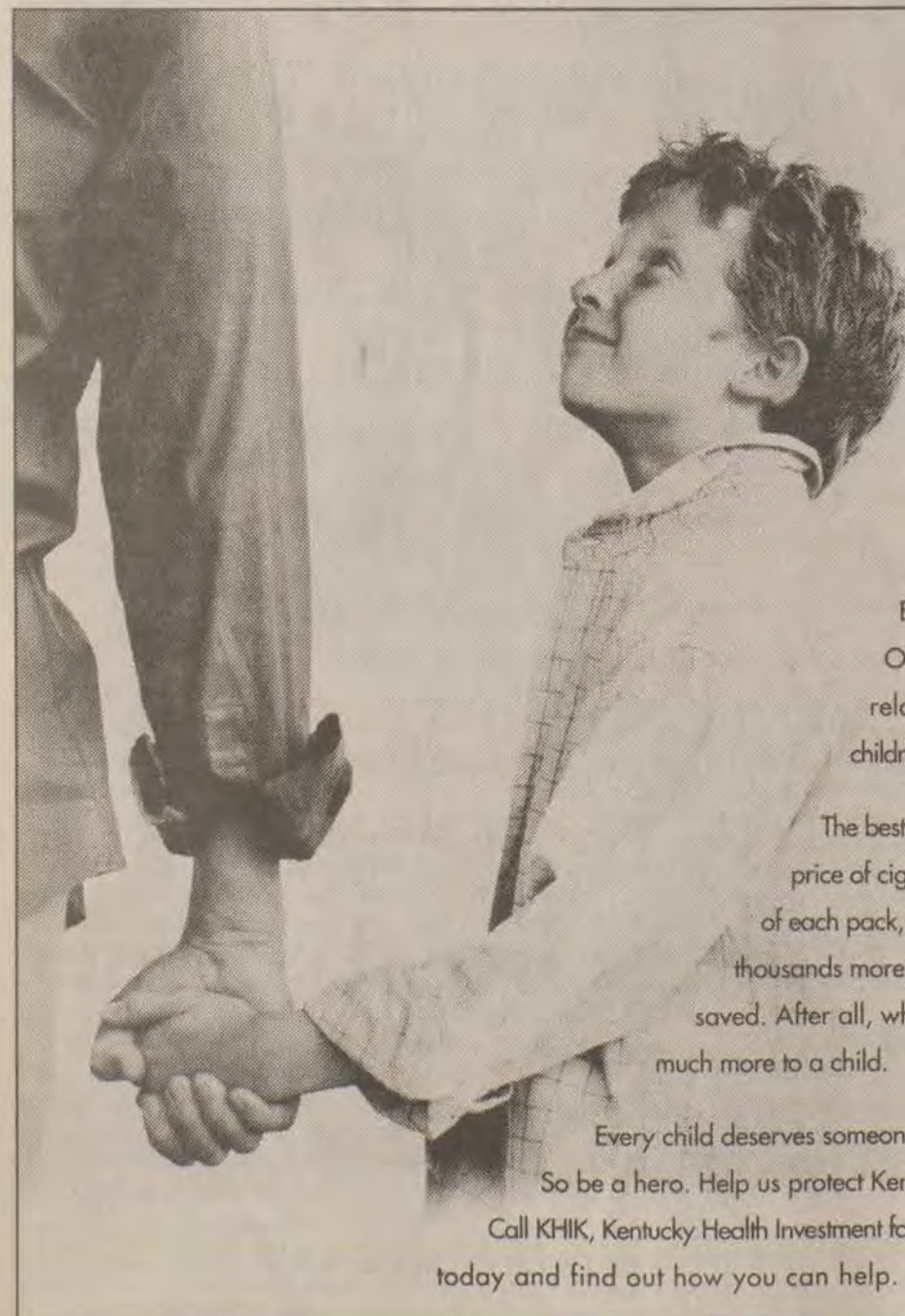
16 to give Allen Central three players in double figures. Neil Allen, who had also battled through the flu, scored eight. Austin Francis scored three and Oliver Kilgore chipped in two.

The South Floyd win completed a season sweep of Allen Central for the Raiders. South Floyd remains undefeated in district/conference play as it continues its quest for an unprecedented fourth straight 58th District title.

SOUTH FLOYD (68) — M. Hall 27, T. hall 9, Tackett 8, J. Hall 4, H. Hall 5, Slone 7, Meade 7, Stanley 1.

ALLEN CENTRAL (63) — Allen 8, Slone 17, Kilgore 2, Samons 17, Webb 16, Francis 3.

RECORDS — South Floyd 15-6, Allen Central 13-7.



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College Basketball: No. 3 Kentucky 68, LSU 57

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Third-ranked Kentucky has been expecting a tough battle for weeks, and finally got one on Saturday.

Keith Bogans scored 20 points and Gerald Fitch added 15 as the Wildcats overcame poor shooting and a late LSU comeback to beat the Tigers 68-57.

Kentucky (20-3, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) won its 14th straight game — the nation's

longest winning streak. But this one wasn't as easy as recent routs of SEC heavyweights Florida and Georgia.

"A game like this really humbles us a lot," said guard Gerald Fitch, who scored 15. "Coach (Tubby) Smith has stressed staying humble, and I don't think that will be a problem after this game."

Kentucky shot 39 percent (22-of-56), its worst shooting performance of the season at Rupp Arena, but outrebounded LSU 46-30 and forced 17 turnovers.

Keith Bogans, who led Kentucky with 20 points, finally got the Cats going offensively with a 3-pointer with 11:31 left in the game. Kentucky surged to a 20-point lead over the next six minutes.

But the Wildcats had four turnovers and only two field goals in the final 5:54, as LSU closed to within five in the final minute.

Erik Daniels made two free throws with 36.1 seconds left and Bogans hit two more six seconds later to finally put the game away. "This is the type of game we

needed to get our focus back," said Bogans, who went 5-for-15 from the field, but 7-for-7 from the free-throw line. "You'd like to play well all the time, but it doesn't always happen that way."

The Wildcats are off to their best start in the conference since the 1995-96 team won all 16 of its regular-season SEC games in Rick Pitino's next-to-last season.

The overall winning streak is Kentucky's longest in a season under Smith. Kentucky won its final 13 games in 1997-98 and its first four games in 1998-99.

"This game will give us a lot to work on," Smith said. "We have got to learn how to handle this prosperity."

Chuck Hayes had six points, 10 rebounds and a career-high six blocked shots, and Daniels added nine points and a career-high 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Hayes bruised his back in practice Thursday and went straight to the trainers' room to receive treatment after the game.

"Chuck really set the tone," Smith said. "He's got that bad back and was having spasms during the game. But he's courageous and very tough."

Jaime Lloreda had 18 points and nine rebounds for LSU (14-9, 3-8), which lost for the seventh

time in nine games.

LSU finished 20-of-54 from the field (37 percent). Kentucky has limited six of its last nine opponents to less than 40-percent shooting.

"We played good defense when we had to," Smith said.

Kentucky's shooting wasn't much better. The Wildcats, second in the SEC in field goal percentage, missed 14 of their first 17 shots, many from close range.

But the Wildcats were the more active team from the start, grabbing 14 of the first 18 rebounds and limiting LSU to six shots in the first eight minutes.

The Wildcats eventually built an eight-point lead. But Darrel Mitchell converted a four-point play with 1:10 left in the first half, sinking a 3-pointer from the corner and then a free throw after a foul by Bogans.

Kentucky, which had won its first nine SEC games by an average of 15 points, struggled to pull away from the Tigers, who slowed down the tempo at every opportunity.

"We came up here to be patient, play a half-court game and not let Kentucky get out in transition," LSU coach John Brady said.

The Wildcats maintained a lead despite foul trouble early in the second half.

Hayes picked up his third foul with 14:44 left, and Jules Camara got his fourth a minute later. Marquis Estill, who had three fouls, replaced Camara. Estill got his fourth foul with 11:43 remaining.

The Wildcats' offense then began to click.

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— Basketball Roundup —

Paintsville 70, Sheldon Clark 54

Paintsville quietly pulled away from Sheldon Clark Friday night in the second meeting of the season between the two 57th District teams. Paintsville beat Sheldon Clark 70-54 for the win.

Junior guard Shane Simpkins, a Martin County native, scorched Sheldon Clark for a game-high 29 points. Adam Collins scored 12 and Stuart Rutledge added 10 for Paintsville. Ryan Jarrell scored seven for the Tigers and Peyton Conley clipped in six. Jason Hammonds, another Martin County native, scored four.

Adam Rice rounded out the Paintsville scoring with two points.

SHELDON CLARK (54) — May 19, Stafford 21, Evans 6, Moore 2, Maynard 6.

PAINTSVILLE (70) — Simpkins

29, Collins 12, Rutledge 10, Hammonds 4, Rice 2, Jarrell 7, Conley 6.

RECORDS — Sheldon Clark 4-15, Paintsville 14-3.

Knott Co. Central 81, Shelby Valley 72

Knott Central pulled off the upset over Shelby Valley, outscoring the defending 15th Region Champion 23-13 in a pivotal fourth quarter. Valley was also outscored 14-10 in the game's final period.

Five different Knott Central players scored in double figures.

Seth Kiser had a game-high 20 points for Shelby Valley in the loss.

Wayne Co. (W.Va.) 68, Johnson Central 67

Johnson Central stood tied at 67 with Wayne County (W.Va.) with less than one minute left to play, but could

not hold on, losing 68-67. The game was the nightcap of the first round of the Marathon District Prep Classic.

Senior Brandon Wheeler led the Golden Eagles with 21 points. Mike Walters finished with 15 and Chris Hurt chipped in 10.

In a game played earlier in the night, Rose Hill downed Tug Valley, another top-notch West Virginia team in impressive fashion, 81-61.

Sports Calendar

Soccer

Floyd County registration

Registration for Spring 2003 Floyd County Youth Soccer season will continue Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen.

The registration fee is \$40. Soccer is open to any child who was at least 4 years old on August 1, 2002, or less than 19 years old on July 31, 2002. Practice will begin in early to mid-March, with the first games scheduled on Saturday, March 29.

Cheerleading

Mountain Classic

The 17th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition will be held at Pikeville High School on Saturday, March 8. The competition will take place for school squads and All-Star squads on both 2 1/2-minute routine and traditional formats. The competition will also feature three age groups — Pee-Wee, Elementary and Junior High. For more information or to register a squad, contact Lisa Wheeler at Pikeville High School by calling 606/432-0185 or via email at wheeler@pikeville.k12.ky.us.

Baseball

P'burg Little League signups

Adams Middle School will host Prestonsburg Little League signups each Saturday this month. Signups will be held each Saturday beginning at 10

a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. The signups will be held at Adams Middle School.

Divisions this year include T-Ball for players ages 5-6; Minor for players ages 7-8; Little League for players ages 9-10 and 11-12; Junior for players 13-14; Senior for players 15-16 and Big League for players 17-18.

In addition, Prestonsburg Little League will offer girls softball this season. Two divisions of girls' softball will be offered, one for players ages 9-12 and another for players ages 13-14.

A board meeting has been scheduled for this Saturday at Adams Middle School.

HAP signups

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold signups on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the Dome at Betsy Layne Elementary. Signups will be held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again on Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 for one child and \$15 for each additional child in the same family. There is no additional registration fee for the third child or any child after that.

A copy of a birth certificate and a copy of a current utility bill to prove residency is required at signups.

A meeting for anyone interested in coaching 13 and 14-year-olds is urged to attend a meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Allen Pro Shop. Anyone with any questions is asked to call Mindi Watson at 478-1482.

Paintsville signups

Paintsville Little League will hold signups beginning this weekend at the board office at the Major League field. Signups will also be held the next couple of Saturdays. Tryouts will be held in late-March.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Bobcats turn away Belfry challenge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The host Betsy Layne Bobcats put over 20 points on the board in each of the first two periods Friday night to beat Belfry in convincing fashion, 84-66. The win was the second in as many outings for the Betsy Layne team. The Bobcats wore out Jenkins in a homecoming game a couple of nights before the battle with Belfry.

Brandon Hall led the Betsy Layne scoring effort with 31 points. Jordan Kidd followed with 12. Senior guard Bobo Hamilton scored eight and Brandon Kidd chipped in seven. Brennan Case scored six and Preston Simon netted five. Chris Cochran and Jordan Case

each had three points apiece. Brandon Thacker rounded out the scoring for the Bobcats with two points.

Senior inside player Zane Smith led Belfry in scoring with 18 points.

Betsy Layne improved to 9-13 with the victory. Belfry fell to 6-13 after the defeat.

BELFRY (66) — Howard 12, Curry 12, Preece 8, Smith 18, Hatfield 8, Maynard 4, Colby 3, Warren 2.

BETSY LAYNE (84) — Newsome 7, Hall 31, Simon 5, J. Kidd 12, Hamilton 8, B. Kidd 7, B. Case 6, Cochran 3, J. Case 3, Thacker 2.

RECORDS — Belfry 6-13, Betsy Layne 9-13.

Waltrip

season.

Unlike the first win, when friend and boss Dale Earnhardt was killed in a wreck on the last lap, Waltrip was able to enjoy this one.

"I'm at peace with what occurred that day," he said. "But I will never close that chapter. I never want to close a chapter on any part of my life, especially not when it comes to losing my friend like that."

With weather the wild card of this race, Waltrip and his crew had to play a guessing game to win.

Jimmie Johnson got gas only and Waltrip took two tires on what teams expected would be the final pit stop before the rain.

Foul weather had already pushed the start of the event up almost 30 minutes and caused an earlier stoppage of more than an hour, and no one expected the race to be run in its entirety.

Johnson had the lead, Waltrip was in second and time was running out.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., the favorite to win here only to have his chances ruined by a bad alternator and dead battery, helped his friend and teammate take the lead on the last green-flag lap.

Earnhardt, running a lap

down, pulled Waltrip past Johnson for the lead.

Caution came out moments later when defending race winner Ward Burton hit the wall, rain began to fall, and the race never resumed, ending 91 laps short of the finish.

"I had a plan," Waltrip said. "I knew what I had to do. I had to get behind Junior. I did that and I was able to squeeze out the win."

Kurt Busch finished second, followed by Johnson and Kevin Harvick. Mark Martin, last year's series runner-up, was fifth, with Robby Gordon sixth and defending Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart seventh.

"Of course I would have loved to race until the end, I felt we had a shot to win the race," Johnson said. "But I'm not disappointed. We never thought we were running an entire race. I just wish I was leading when the rain came."

Waltrip's first Winston Cup victory came in the 2001 Daytona 500, in his first race with Dale Earnhardt Inc. After his latest victory, Waltrip paid tribute to the seven-time Winston Cup champion and Daytona's winningest driver with 34 victories, including the 1998 Daytona 500.

"I'm so thankful — thankful for Dale Earnhardt," Waltrip said. "He made this place so special over the years. He was about this race. I know he's smiling now."

This was the third time in the race's 45 editions that the Daytona 500 was shortened by rain. Fred Lorenzen ran 133 laps in winning in 1965, and Richard Petty took the 1966 race in 198 laps.

Waltrip has practically owned Daytona's famed 2 1/2-mile oval the past few seasons.

He finished second to Earnhardt Jr. in the 2001 Pepsi 400 and was fifth in last year's 500 after winning a qualifying race. Three-time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip's younger brother finally got to fully enjoy a victory in July, taking the 2002 Pepsi race.

The tandem of Waltrip and Earnhardt Jr. dominated this 500.

Junior led 22 laps and was still out front when he started having electrical problems. He finally slowed on lap 88 and drove slowly into the pits the next time around. He lost two laps — and his shot at victory.

Waltrip led three times for a total of 68 laps, including the final four.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Knott Central edges David School

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — The Knott County Central High School Patriots used clutch foul shooting to withstand a furious rally from the David School Comets in high school basketball action Monday night. The Patriots survived by a score of 60-53 when they sank four free throws in the last minute to make it through the Comet comeback.

The Comets were led by Brian Conn who accomplished a rare triple-double. Conn had 18 points, 11 rebounds and 10 blocked shots in the David School effort.

Conn was supported by high-scorer Adam Meade who had 16 points and sharp-shooter Nathan Ousley who had 15.

Going into the fourth quarter the Comets trailed 41-38 and

then fell behind 54-44 behind the hot three-point shooting of the Patriots. Key baskets from Nathan Bentley and James Garrett sparked the Comets as they cut the Knott Central lead to 55-51 with two minutes to go.

Following another Conn blocked shot, the Patriots picked up the loose ball and scored a basket and then converted foul shots for the game's final score.

Comets Coach Ned Pillersdorf called the Comets effort against Knott Central, "the best all-around game the Comets have played in their inaugural season."

The Comets have a semi-home game on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mountain Christian Academy gym in Martin. The opponent for the David School is Betsy Layne.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Patriots top Blackcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — Twenty-three points from Nick Jamerson wasn't enough to stop Knott County Central Saturday night. Prestonsburg fell to Knott Central, 66-59. The Blackcats, after trailing 20-14 at the end of the first quarter, went into halftime tied at 26 with the host team. Knott Central outscored Prestonsburg in each of the game's final two periods to pull out the win.

Knott Central had three different players score in double figures in the game.

Joey Willis scored 14 for Prestonsburg and Trevor Compton added 12. Kris Bentley scored five and John Mark Stephens added four. Michael Morrison rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with a free throw.

Knott Central evened its season record to 10-10 with the win. Prestonsburg fell to 6-12.

At press time, Prestonsburg was scheduled to play in a homecoming game. Results were unavailable.

PRESTONSBURG (59) — Willis 14, Compton 12, Jamerson 23, Bentley 5, Morrison 1, Stephens 4.

KNOTT CO. CENTRAL (66) — Dials 6, Slone 5, Hurley 12, Parke 7, Smith 12, Pike 15, Cook 6, Miller 3.


RECORDS — Prestonsburg 6-12, Knott Co. Central 10-10.

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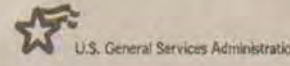
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Johnson free throw lifts Cumberland past PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The 100th meeting of Top 25 opponents Pikeville College and Cumberland College was decided on a free throw with 5.4 seconds remaining in the game.

Ivan Johnson, the sixth-highest scorer on the all-time list in school history, sank a toss to give No. 13 Cumberland a 58-57 win over No. 10 Pikeville on Saturday afternoon.

The win gave the Patriots a 63-37 advantage in the series.

The game was a tale of two halves. Pikeville led 39-35 at intermission as the teams ran up and down the court. But after

the break, the Indians outscored the Bears 23-18 to pull out the win.

A three-point play by junior Kevin Gaines gave the Bears a 54-48 lead with 6:58 left before the Pats began another run. Gaines' basket proved to be the final field goal of the game for the Bears.

Junior Mikael Hadiri sank a free throw before sophomore Patrick Deveney crashed the boards for a bucket to cut the lead in half. After junior Teon Knox split two free throws, Jerald Tisdale and Gaines exchanged one toss to leave Pikeville on top 56-52 with 1:59 left.

Cumberland got within a basket on a spinning layin by sophomore Jake Elder with 1:33 left. Pikeville senior Jason Robinson made one of two free throws with 1:15 remaining to make the lead three, and score what would be the final point of the game for the guests.

The game was tied with 53 seconds left when sophomore Brent Vernon sank a three-pointer from 25 feet out. After the Bears missed a contested layup, the Pats ran the clock down until Johnson's drive at the end.

Pikeville got a shot off but Robinson was heavily guarded and it bounced off the front of the rim.

The game was tied at 26 with five minutes left in the first half,

and the Patriots only managed three field goals the rest of the way. All were tri-fectas, however, and when Charles Sanders hit two free throws with two seconds left, the Bear lead was only four, 39-35.

But the Bears could not hold on in the end, missing some grand opportunities.

Cumberland (21-5, 4-1) was led by Hadiri with 13 markers. Elder had 10 crucial points, and Vernon added nine.

Cumberland won despite shooting 20-of-60 (33.3 percent) and making only half of their 24 free throw tries.

Pikeville shot only marginally better, hitting 21-of-55 (38.2 percent).

Adams rolls over John M. Stumbo

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School Blackcats have suffered through somewhat of a down year by Adams standards, but on Friday night it was the Blackcats of old as Adams ran past a good John M. Stumbo team

on eighth grade night. Adams made quick work of the Mustangs by opening the game with a 20-5 spurt in the first quarter and going on to win 36-39.

Logan Grindstaff led Adams with 13 points and 12 rebounds in the game. Mike Crum and Seth Moore both added 6 points each for the Blackcats in the contest. Adams led 20-5 after one quarter as Chayse Martin netted five points in the first quarter for Adams.

The second quarter was a low scoring affair as Adams outscored Stumbo 8-6 in the period. Adam Gillespie and Chad Conn combined to score 18 of John M.'s 29 points on the night as each finished the game with 9 points. Kory

Henry added 5 points for the Mustangs.

Adams Coach Rick Hughes went to his bench in the second half as Adams held a 28-11 lead at the break. Stumbo was able to outscore Adams 7-6 in the third quarter behind 3 points from Chad Conn. The final quarter would be all Stumbo as the Mustangs went on an 11-2 run over the final period to make the final score close at 36-29 in favor of Adams. Scoring was as follows: Adams — L. Grindstaff 13, Mike Crum 6, Seth Moore 6, Chayse Martin 5, Carman Maines 2, Justin Conn 2, Mike Hernandez 2. Stumbo — Adam Gillespie 9, Chad Conn 9, Kory Henry 5, Colby Hayes 2, Adam Slone 2, Casey Tackett 2.

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Bogans' 3-pointer from the corner with 11:31 left to give Kentucky a 41-31 lead, its first double-digit advantage of the game.

The Wildcats' defense, as it has throughout their winning streak, controlled the game from that

point. The Tigers missed 15 of their first 20 shots in the second half, including five of six from 3-point range.

"The second half, we played well," Brady said. "We missed some shots we normally make."

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GRADE SCHOOL

MCA pulls away from Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Hoping to gain some momentum to head into the post-season with, the Mountain Christian Academy boys' basketball team entertained Betsy Layne Friday evening. The Valentine's Day game resulted in a 58-52 win for the host Falcons. MCA trailed 14-9 at the end of the first quarter. The Falcons then led 26-23 at halftime. The two teams were tied at 39 at the end of regulation before MCA pulled away for the win in the fourth quarter.

Josh Ousley led the scoring charge for MCA with a team-high

13 points. Lincoln Slone scored 10, giving MCA two players in double figures. Taylor Clark flipped in nine and Jeremy Pack added eight.

Landon Slone scored seven and dished out 10 assists for Mountain Christian.

Mike Bednarz scored four, and Steven Slone added three for the Falcons. Jacob Moak rounded out the MCA scoring as he had two points.

James Craft led Betsy Layne with 19 points. Tyler Hamilton scored 14 and J. Bradley added eight. Cody Rodgers tossed in seven and Trai Witt finished with four.



photos by Jamie Howell
Pom and dance teams from May Valley performed at Allen Central Friday night.



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mic 191 the second half of the season and did not make the 30 home run plateau. He vows 2003 will be different.

OTHER STUFF

Coach Tubby Smith and his Kentucky Wildcats have their winning streak intact and stretched it to 14 straight after struggling against visiting LSU. I suppose the Cats are entitled to an off night. Tonight, Tubby and the crew will travel to Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville, Ark., for an encounter with the Hogs. If you have kept track of the rivalry, you know Kentucky never plays well and seldom wins at Arkansas. Soooooo ...

TOURNAMENT TIME

Here in the panhandle, we just completed the girls' district basketball tournament and I

was totally disappointed with the atmosphere, or the lack of it, at tournament time. I understand that the cheerleaders, once the regular season is over, quit for the year. Can you imagine that? I have yet to see a band at any game. The excitement is just not there like in good old Floyd County. It is really sad here.

The boys' district opens tomorrow night and I don't look for anything exciting happening there, either. Only two trophies are awarded, a winner and runner-up. They walk down the sideline and just hand it to the coach. We have it made in Floyd County and the 15th Region. Of course, this is a football state and basketball is not king like in Kentucky.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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POISON OAK

Hurry, springtime

Boy, didn't winter slap the tar out of us last weekend?

Although it could have been a lot worse, we here in eastern Kentucky, were still served up with some pretty rough stuff. But, as the old saying goes, "Hope springs eternal." Or, better yet, "if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Without doubt, we'll all be tickled cherry-blossom pink when spring finally shows up, with all its promises of warmer temperatures, longer daylight



Clyde Pack

hours, and flowery Technicolor landscapes.

Let's not forget romance, either. Remember what some poet once said? "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to things young ladies have been thinking about all winter long," or something like that.

However, since there are other important meanings to the word, "spring," that do not pertain in any way to the season, "spring" should not be taken lightly. Like for instance, when it means "that source of water that flows from the ground." These types of springs are very important to some people, because some springs contain minerals dissolved from the rock by the moving water, and are believed to relieve certain ailments. I can remember when I was a kid growing up in Muddy Branch, hearing Gabriel Heatter, on the radio, talking about President Roosevelt traveling to some place in Georgia, so he could take a bath in some "hot springs" to help his polio.

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How a buddy can help you lose weight

Valentine's Day is a good time for thoughts of the heart: caring for others, taking responsibility for our heart health, and finding satisfying relationships.

If you're interested in shedding pounds or maintaining a healthy weight, this is a good month to put the buddy system to work for you. A buddy is someone who shares your goals of better health. You and your buddy help each other toward those goals in many ways. Following are a few examples.

"A buddy knows what you're going through. She or he has faced similar challenges. When you've worked hard all week and the scale shows a quarter-pound loss, your buddy knows that this is reason to celebrate—because you're on the right track

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- A CONTINUING SERIES -



Andrea Campbell has loved performing since age four.

OUR TALENTED YOUTH: ANDREA RENEE CAMPBELL

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER



Andrea Campbell, sophomore at Prestonsburg High School and member of Kentucky Opry Jounior Pro's.

The Floyd County Times is proud to introduce Andrea Renee Campbell in this series of "Our Talented Youth". Andrea, the 16-year-old daughter of Gene and Melody Campbell, and brother Michael reside in Prestonsburg. She is a sophomore and attends Prestonsburg High School.

Andrea began performing at the young age of four. "My very first performance was at church when I sang, 'Jesus Loves Me'. I wasn't nervous and never really have been. I love to perform. We have tons of videos at home of me singing and dancing for my family," said Campbell.

A member of the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros, for two years Andrea credits Chris Lafferty with seeing and helping to further her talent.

"Chris was my music teacher in grade school and he saw my love for singing and performing and asked me to join and take lessons," she commented.

Campbell loves various types of music. "I mostly listen to soft rock, some hard rock, pop, country, and some rap, too", she explained. "I love the Dixie Chicks, Shania Twain, The Dave Matthews Band and the Counting Crows."

"Sure I would love to be a celebrity, and find myself kicking back by the pool in a California dream house, but if that doesn't happen I just hope I'll be healthy and happy," she shared.

Campbell also plays piano, and is quick to add her mother Melody and grandmother Allene Campbell have been major influences in her life.

"My mom definitely loves music," Campbell said. "She helped to expand my taste in music and supports me wholeheartedly. My grandmother is actually the woman I wanted to sing most like. I've watched her sing in church and she influenced me to do so, and I have ever since."

Andrea Campbell would love to further her singing and performing and dreams of sharing the "star" role spotlight one day.

"Sure I would love to be a celebrity, and find myself kicking back by the pool in a California dream house, but if that

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Happy House Adult Day Center receives special gift

An oak rocking chair was donated to the Happy House Adult Day Center by caregiver Robin Slone in memory of her grandmother, Nancy Akers Leedy, affectionately known at the center as "Granny." The chair bears a plaque engraved with the following: "In loving memory of Nancy Akers Leedy ('Granny') 1916-2002 for her greatest virtue was the gift of giving but most of

all the love that she gave so truly." Slone said, "Without the services offered by Happy House Daycare I could not have worked. This program enables people to get that extra boost for their physical health and social life. Through this gift I wish to acknowledge to the public that these programs exist and that they offer an alternative solution to nursing home care."



An oak rocking chair was recently donated to the Happy House Adult Day Center by Robin Slone, second from left, in memory of her grandmother, Nancy Akers Leedy. Shown with Robin are Dana Caudill, third from left, director, Happy House Adult Day Center, and Crystal Howell, far left, and Hilda Strickland, fourth from left, and Traci Mosley, far right, Happy House staff.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.**

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Feb. 19 - "Heart Health" presentation, 8th grade.

Feb. 20 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.

Feb. 20 - "Bridges" parent meeting, 8:30-10:00 a.m. & 1:30-3 p.m.

Feb. 21 - Science Fair.

Feb. 24 - Respect Class, 7th grade.

Feb. 25 - "Eating Disorders" presentation, 6th grade.

Feb. 26 - "Heart Health" presentation, 8th grade.

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

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.**

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

Feb. 26 - FCHD Dental presentation, grades K-3.

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

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming

school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Feb. 20, 21 - Dental programs for Headstart thru 3rd grade.

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

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their

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

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

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY - RAINBOW JUNCTION FRC

Feb. 27 - "Self Esteem" character program - Gary Boothe

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 24 and Feb. 26, 1993)

An attorney for Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen made an abrupt about-face, Monday evening, in closing comments to the state board of education, recommending that the board reprimand, rather than remove, Floyd County board chairman Ray "Shag" Campbell. Just prior to making that request, Boysen's attorney, Steve Wolnitzek, and Office of Education Accountability investigator Steve Yater were overheard finalizing language for closing comments that would have asked the state board to remove Campbell for misconduct. The change from removal to reprimand apparently was made by Boysen, who conferred briefly with Wolnitzek outside the board meeting room just before closing comments were made...A Floyd County Grand Jury handed down 34 true bills, Friday, which included a 12-count indictment against a Wheelwright man who pulled a loaded gun and threatened to kill the police chief, at a Wheelwright City Commission meeting, last month. Grand jurors charged Rodney Thornsberry, 38, with criminal attempt to commit murder and 11 counts of first degree wanton endangerment. Thornsberry was charged with attempted murder for pointing a loaded gun at Wheelwright Police Chief Bob Moore at a Wheelwright Commission meeting January 23. Wanton endangerment charges resulted when Thornsberry wrestled with Moore over the gun which was pointed in the direction of 12 people who attended the meeting...Tragedy struck in Prestonsburg, Monday evening, when a 32-year-old mother of three was apparently accidentally shot to death by her own 13-year-old son. Theda Rose Gayheart Walters, of Prestonsburg, died, Monday, as the result of a single gunshot wound to the side, Captain Darrel Conley, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, said Tuesday. Conley and patrolman Rick Kendrick responded to reports of a gunshot at 405 North Central Avenue at around 6 p.m., Conley said. There, they discovered Walters lying on the floor surrounded by her three children. Her husband, Tony Ray Walters, told police that he was visiting a sick relative at the time of the incident. Conley said that the boy was apparently playing with a single-shot 12-gauge that he thought was unloaded, when the firearm discharged accidentally, striking his mother...A friendly argument apparently exploded in violence, early Sunday morning, when a Floyd County man allegedly stabbed a friend to death in a drunken rage. According to Floyd

County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, Chad Edward Lovely, 19, of Wayland, and Michael Lloyd Manns, 23, of Seitz, were engaged in a friendly poker match, Saturday night, at a friend's house at Estill. The two began arguing, Thompson said, and had apparently settled their differences when Lovely allegedly plunged a five-inch knife into Manns' back. Manns, the brother of Lovely's step-father, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger E. Nelson...A Floyd County woman was killed at Ligon, Monday evening, in an auto accident that police say was an alcohol-related murder. Cora Tackett Booth, 66, of Hi Hat, was a passenger in a vehicle driven south on Kentucky 979 by her daughter-in-law, 33-year-old Pearl Booth, when a northbound vehicle, driven by Glennis Gayheart, of Beaver, crossed the center lane and struck the Booth vehicle head-on. Cora Booth was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Buddy Smith. Gayheart, 20, who was allegedly driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages, is expected to be charged with murder...A commemorative service will be held, this Sunday, marking the 35th anniversary of the 1958 school bus, tragedy that focused the eyes of the nation on Floyd County. On Friday, February 28, 1958, a Floyd County school bus, bearing 46 children and one adult, struck two vehicles, teetered momentarily on the brink of an 83-foot embankment, and plunged into the icy, rain-swollen waters of the Big Sandy River at Knotley Hollow, near Cow Creek. Twenty-six children and one adult died that day. Douglas L. "Dootney" Horn, driver of the first vehicle the bus struck, along with eyewitnesses, Bennie Blackburn and C.O. Williams, dove into the icy river and helped pull twenty of the stranded children to safety before the bus tragically, inevitably submerged, trapping the other 27 passengers...It appears that plans to bring live harness racing to eastern Kentucky may have once again stalled in the starting gate, Floyd County Development Authority Executive Director Darrell Gilliam told Development Authority board members, Wednesday. Gilliam said that the proposed Kentucky Downs harness track/convention center project continues to be plagued by both financial and time restraints. Initial construction of the track has stalled, Gilliam said, because a necessary change in the track's configuration has required the additional removal and grading of several thousand tons of additional earth that were not included in original feasibility studies...There died: James Walter Henegar, 60, of Wayland, Monday, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital; Theda Rose Gayheart

Walters, 32, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at her residence, victim of a gunshot wound; Earnest Moore, 68, of Martin, Thursday, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Hatler Jones, 45, of Beaver, Friday, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Cora Tackett Booth, 66, of Hi Hat, Monday, at Ligon, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; John Albert Calder, 78, of Louisville, Saturday, at the Baptist Hospital East; Cora P. Robinette, 83, of Harold, Monday, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Robinson Creek; Clarence "Dog" Slone, 69, of Langley, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Easter Mae Lowe, 56, of Harold, Tuesday, at the University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; Luther Thornsberry, 71, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Wheelwright, February 15, at Mercy Hospital, Willard; Oakie Shepherd, 82, of Gunlock, February 13, at his residence; Clyde Stephens, 41, of Van Lear, Tuesday, at U. K. Medical Center, Lexington; Sofa Hall, 92, of Kite, Wednesday, at Whitesburg Hospital; William L. (Mato) Martin, 78, of New London, Ohio, native of Harold, Thursday, at his home; Ethel Ward, 70, of Tomahawk, Tuesday, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa; George Woods, 95, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, in the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Ollie R. Combs, 87, of Fisty, Tuesday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(Wednesday, March 2, 1983)

A year ago, a new county administration under Judge-Executive Jerry Lafferty Jr., bewailed the financial shambles it inherited. From a state report released, it appears this administration has made quite a mess of its own, and state finance officer Robert L. Purdon had stepped in to take partial control of the situation...The vacancy left by the death of County Clerk C. "Ollie" Robinson was filled Friday by Thomas D. Lafferty Jr., nephew of Judge-Executive Jerry Lafferty Jr....Eighteen cases of the highly contagious liver disease, hepatitis, have been reported in this county recently; usually about 10 to 15 cases a year are reported here...There died: Willie B. Lawson, 62, of Betsy Layne, Friday, in Lexington; Woodrow Burke, 58, of Bevinsville, last Wednesday at his home; Farris Johnson Sr., 70, of Garrett, last Tuesday in Lexington; William G. Holbrook, 33, of Middle Creek, Friday; John Henry Hamilton, son of Burnis and Peggy Sue Adkins of Galveston, was stillborn Saturday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Wilda Sells Demurray, 83, of Wheelwright, last

Thursday, in Columbus, Ohio; Mary Ethel Hall Foley, 88, of Betsy Layne, last Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rebecca H. Dings, 90, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; and Ethel J. Cooley, 69, of Garrett, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 28, 1973)

The Third Street building, here, housing The Floyd County Times plant, was destroyed by fire, with almost all its contents, shortly after midnight, Friday...The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club last week initiated a movement to protect the environment of Floyd County—not from stripminers or other industry—but from people who litter the streams and highways of the county...Two commercial fishermen had marketed almost 10,000 pounds of "rough" fish when they ended their operations at Dewey Lake last Friday...The nation's second highest court has affirmed that union coal miners in seven districts have the right to elect their own officials, the UMWA said today...Floyd County Democratic leaders were in Frankfort, last weekend, for a state Democratic fundraising seminar. They are Woodrow Burchett, Henry Stumbo, James Allen, Jim Hammond, Barkley Sturgill, and Chester Layne...Born: a daughter, Jacqueline Denice, December 30, to Mr. and Mrs. James Crowe, of Springfield, O. Mrs. Crowe is the former Judy D. Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Howard, of Prestonsburg...There died: Mrs. Fannie M. Tackett, 70, of Grethel, Sunday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Lizzie S. Miller, 45, of Blue River, Thursday, at a hospital here; Darrell Fitch, 17, of Martin, February 19, at a hospital there; Mrs. Lula K. Hubbard, 93, Sunday, at her home near Patriot, Ohio.

Forty Years Ago

(February 29, 1963)

Contract on construction of an amphitheatre at Jenny Wiley State Park, for the presentation of a pageant written around the life of the pioneer heroine for whom the park was named, has been awarded to the Dana contracting firm of Akers & Akers...If a food stamp recipient refuses work in the strawberry fields, on the farm, or any kind of employment, his card will be pulled, according to a new ruling issued in November...Despite snow and icy roads, about 60 persons interested in U. S. 23 as an artery of traffic into the

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

School

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER
 ■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).
 ■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult

Ed may contact the center for information.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.
 ■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

■ Tuesday and Thursday
 St. James Episcopal Church, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.
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STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 ■ Feb. 19 - "It's Not Just Dirt," grades 2-3, (EKSC)
 ■ Feb. 20, 21 - "Quality Kids," Hygiene and Lice, 8:30 a.m.
 ■ Feb. 25 - Whales, 4th grade, (EKSC)
 ■ Feb. 26 - Whales, 5th grade, (EKSC)
 ■ Feb. 27 - Whales, 6th grade, (EKSC)
 ■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.
 ■ Resource Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
 ■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, Ky, 41601.
 ■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 ■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.
 ■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.
 ■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

THE DAVID SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE
 ■ Monday and Wednesday
 Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.
 Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

Wedding Engagements



Burchett-Biliter plan June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Burchett, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Clark, to Justin Biliter, the son of John Paul Biliter, of Prestonsburg, and Debbie Scott, of Lexington. Jennifer is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Georgetown College, where she received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently teaching her fourth year at The Lexington Christian Academy. Justin is also a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, as well as the University of Kentucky, where he received a B.S. Degree in Geology. He currently works as a Geologist for Tetra Tech., Inc., an engineering firm in Lexington. The couple will be wed on Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

Yesterdays

potential vacationland that is eastern Kentucky, attended the Regional Travel Conference sponsored, last Thursday, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park, by the Kentucky Travel Council...Mickey Goble, 10, a pupil of the Corn Fork school, near Lancer, was reported recovering, this week, from an attack of what is believed to be meningococccic meningitis, the disease which, on February 15, caused the death at Dock, of 12-year-old Marilyn Pitts...Contract for construction of a headquarters building at Harold was awarded, Monday, by the Harold Telephone Company to Akers & Akers, Dana Contractors...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Arnold Dixon, of Lexington, a daughter, Mariann Louise, Feb. 14; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeRossett, a son, Gerald Douglas, Feb. 24 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Bonita Kay Fannin, 12, of Drift, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Starling Sweeney, 67, Sunday, at home at Prestonsburg; Mrs. Lizzie Hoover, 62, of Garrett, Tuesday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Mary Scutchfield, 75, last Wednesday, at home at Water Gap; Thomas J. Combs, 24, of Orkney, last Tuesday, at Louisville; Mrs. Lora Freeman, 83, of Auxier, last Monday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Louisville; Mrs. Lizzie Blanton, 76, of Allen, last Tuesday, in Marion, O.; Ethel Johnson, 18, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at McDowell Memorial.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 26, 1953)

Acting on behalf of the Floyd County Good Government Taxpayers League, Dr. Edward B. Leslie and John Warrix this week filed with the Floyd Circuit Court an appeal asking the court to avoid three orders of the Floyd Fiscal Court fixing the salaries and numbers of deputies the various officials may have, and the pay officials' assistants may receive...On the Jack Arnett Branch on Middle Creek, Floyd County has at least one bed of shale clay, which geologists have declared of industrial worth...With 26 suspected cases now receiving treatment, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, county health officer, said Wednesday, the recent rabies epidemic in Floyd County is the worst he has ever seen...Henry Ward, Kentucky Commissioner of Conservation, will confer here, March 3, with representatives of the Huntington office, U. S. Corps of Engineers, to consider the founding of a state park at Dewey Lake...Employees of the Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright, and Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, at David, resumed work this week, after brief lay-offs described as sympathy strikes in support of striking Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company employees at Pikeville...A reward of \$2,000 has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who caused a shutdown of the Buck's Branch Coal Company at Martin, recently, by cutting a conveyor belt and attempting the sabotage of other mining machinery...The average home value in Prestonsburg according to 1950 census reports, is \$4,950...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Byrel Fraley, of Prestonsburg, a son, Byrel Douglas II, Feb. 14, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Vernice Moore, 16, of Price, at home, February 22; John D. (Dick) Mayo, 70, at his home near Prestonsburg, Thursday.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 25, 1943)

National defense courses and services designed, to boost farm production, have been initiated in Floyd County, superintendent of schools Town Hall said this week...A rationing certificate no longer is required to have passenger car and light truck tires recapped with reclaimed rubber...Complete reorganization of the school bus transportation system of Floyd County as ordered by the Office of Defense Transportation, is underway this week...One hundred seven selectees will leave here, Friday morning, for possible induction to the armed forces...The Red Cross drive for a War Fund quota of \$13,500 will begin March 1...Mrs. A. J. Baldrige, 75, was seriously burned, Feb. 14, at her home on Little Paint Creek...The U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve procurement officer at Cleveland, announced this week that Miss Cassie Patrick, of West Prestonsburg, is Floyd County's first lady Marine, and is also the youngest woman to enter the military service from the county...There died: Asa Brooks Ewen, 58, Floyd coal operator, Wednesday of last week, at Martin; Mrs. Sallie J. Hall Frasure, 83, Floyd native, Friday, at the home of her daughter at Flemingsburg; William Lewis Sammons, 63, Friday, at Hunter; John Branham, 83, Monday, at Emma; William A. Goble, 76, Sunday, at Emma; James Berry Howes, 49, last Wednesday, in an accident at the Atlantic Seaboard Corporation compressor station at Boldman; Mrs. Launa Mosley, 41, native Floyd woman, Feb. 18, at Knox, Ind.; Elder Linzie Moore, 55, Friday, at Gearheart; Phares Bradley, 66, last Wednesday, at Dock.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 24, 1933)

J. R. Dorman, state banking commissioner, has asked bank agents not to foreclose during the next six months on farmers and homeowners to collect amounts due on notes...Mrs. Lula M. Howard, who has been Floyd County tax commissioner since the slaying of her husband, Ellis Howard, last November 5, died Wednesday, on Stephens Branch as she was being taken to a Martin hospital for an emergency operation...Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the Floyd County Health Department, has announced that he has procured railway passes for transportation of indigents to trachoma and crippled children's clinics...It is announced that the county teachers' examination will be held May 25 and 26...Work on the upper stretch of the Allen-Lackey highway, has been resumed after a weather-enforced slowdown...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Smiley, Feb. 20, a daughter, who has not yet been named...There died: G. W. Burchett, 79, of Edgar (on Johns Creek), Monday, at a Martin hospital; Charles Smith, 21, Monday night, at West Prestonsburg.

New Arrivals

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 A daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Johnson, to Jodi and Brian Johnson
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 A son, Caleb Tandy Murrell, to Kathy Stephens
Feb. 4, 2003
 A daughter, Rhiannon Grace Bustle, to Tanya and Mark Bustle
Feb. 4, 2003
 A daughter, Bianna May Gipson, to Angelia May Davis

Campbell

doesn't happen I just hope I'll be healthy and happy," she shared.
 Andrea's performances include talent shows, being a part of the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros opening for Exile, several church singings, motor cross and dirt bike races, and most memorable her very first performance on the Mountain Arts Center Stage.
 "I was filled with excitement," she recalled. "I just love to be on stage entertaining. It just feels so right."
 Campbell shared she always puts God first, and tries to think things through thoroughly before she does them.

When asked about image coming before talent, she adds, "I would never do anything for stardom that would make my family disappointed, or something I would have to feel guilty about doing. I think some take image too far. I suppose it's definitely something that is needed, 'image', but I just feel with God first, and leading, it will all work out."
 "I've definitely learned that there is so much more to being a singer than what people think. It's a lot of practice and hard work, just like any football player has to do. I've learned to appreciate the talent God has given me. And Chris Lafferty being so supportive as my vocal coach has helped tremendously. He's always known what I've wanted to do, and pushed me to do and strive to be the best I can possibly be. His believing in me has helped me so much," Andrea said.

Free tree give-away

The Floyd County Conservation District will be distributing free tree seedlings to residents of Floyd County beginning at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and beginning at 8 a.m. the rest of the week until trees are gone. The seedlings will be given away at the District office, located at the mouth of Brandyke. Species available include the following: white pine, black walnut, black oak, persimmon, and redbud.
 Trees will be given on a first come first serve basis until supplies last.
 For more information, contact the District office at (606) 889-9800.

A member of the PHS Honor Choir, Music TAG, former member of the Dance Cats, track, and peer mediation, Campbell holds several awards, and a position on the A honor roll. And she's even written a few gospel songs for church.
 Andrea Campbell too shares that music is absolutely something that children need in their lives.
 "Especially in school," she says. "Music is such an influence in our lives, to get rid of it, and not make it possible for us to take part in is such a mistake. Music needs to be made a larger portion of our schools instead of removing it. Music sure has been a major influence in my life."

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Oak

Personally, I didn't know anything about "hot springs" at the time, but there was a spring at the edge of our garden in the head of Slaughter Pen Hollow, that had water so cold, that on the hottest day of July, it would hurt my teeth when, as a ten-year-old, I'd stretch out on my belly and drink it.
 And, lest we forget, there's that marvelous invention Mr. Webster defines as "an elastic body or device that recovers its original shape when released after being distorted." Where would we be without that spring? Can you imagine life, as we know it, without it? I mean, think about it. We'd be sore as a carbuncle, and grouchy as a wet cat, if we didn't have bed springs. We'd be late everywhere we went, without watch springs. Our air-conditioning would cost a flat fortune, if we didn't have door springs. And

perhaps most importantly, without springs in firing mechanisms of guns, we'd probably be throwing rocks at each other.
 And if that's not enough, think of all the other terms that have sprung from "spring." How could we ever enjoy swimming without a "spring board" from which to dive? How'd we ever get rid of "eob webs and dust bunnies without "spring cleaning?" And, how would we old folks ever describe just how good we really feel, if we couldn't feel like a "spring chicken?"
 It would appear, then, that "spring" is a pretty important word, and regardless of how you look at it, there's more to it than a few croaking frogs and blooming Easter lillies.
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812-FREE

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815-Lost & Found

REWARD OFFERED for 4 Boxer, 1 year females, 3 boy puppies, last seen Feb. 5th on Beach Road at Talcum in Knott County. 251-3574. Owner misses them very much.

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5428, Renewal (1) In accor-

dance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operations located 1.0 mile Southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile Southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road and located adjacent to and 0.50 miles North of Morgan Fork. The Latitude is 37 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 33 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Leon Greer, Charles McKinnery, Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David Meade, Ella Martin, Clayborne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, Et Al, Sola Williams, Vannie Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter, John Hunter, Willie Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Pataca Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(5) This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be submitted within 30 days of today's date.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00213 MID-STATE TRUST, VIII PLAINTIFF VS. JODY L. HALL AND ANITA G. HALL AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of January, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$77,411.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of February,

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5368, RENEWAL

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This operation includes 4.24 acres of surface disturbance, and underlies an additional 118.0 acres, for a total permit acreage of 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County.

2) The operation is approximately 1.5 mile north of KY Hwy 122's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road, and is located 1.0 mile east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes 30 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes, 46 seconds.

3) The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation uses the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company. The area underlies land owned by Alma Land Company, Hargis and Ruth Hall, and Zella Martin heirs. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road, Stonecoal Branch Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Tanyard Branch, a tributary of Little Mud Creek in the Community of Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of the same tract of land conveyed to Clarence E. Kidd, et al, by deed dated October, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 325, Page 370, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a set iron pin and cap, a corner common to (now or formerly) Christa Hall (DB 894, Pg 409), said pin being located approximately 0.50 miles northeast of the intersection of Tanyard Hollow Road and Ky. Hwy. 1426, thence with a line common to said Hall S 47-30-16 E 168.25 feet to a set iron pin and cap, thence leaving line common to said Hall and with 4 new division line severing the parent tract N 47-31-33 E 194.81 feet to a set iron pin and cap near a large beech, thence N 50-19-11 W 247.59 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of a drain, thence down drain S 29-29-43 W 186.71 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of said drain, thence leaving edge of said drain S 47-34-49 E 19.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.94 acres by survey conducted on May 20, 1999 by Richard A. Reece, PLS#3358 with H & R Surveying, Rt. 1, Box 240, Gray, KY 40734.

Also conveyed herein is a 12' right of way for the purpose of ingress and egress from Tanyard Hollow Road and described along the centerline as follows: Beginning on a point in the southwestern boundary of the above described tract of land, said point being located S 47-34-49 E 12, 26 feet from the southwest corner of the above described tract, thence along the centerline S 50-58-16 W 65.47 feet, thence S 35-29-19 W 58.57 feet, thence S 21-09-40 W 53.05 feet, thence S 41-42-16 W 25.71 feet, thence S 51-52-35 W 36.91 feet to a point in the eastern edge of Tanyard Hollow Road.

It is also understood that the Grantors retain a 12' easement across the above described tract of land for the purpose of ingress and egress to the remainder of their property, said easement will run along the northwestern boundary of the above described tract of land and on the east side of the drain. Unless stated otherwise any monument referred to herein as a "set iron pin and cap" is a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with a red plastic cap stamped H & R PLS#3358. All bearings given herein are referenced to the magnetic meridian as observed in the field on May 20, 1999 by taking random sight and turning angles therefrom.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to Jody L. Hall and Anita Gaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife) by Clarence E. Kidd and Christine Kidd (husband and

wife), Andrew Hall and Sharon Kaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife), and Jody L. Hall and Anita Gaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife) by deed dated June 1, 1999 in Book 436, Page 431, recorded in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

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

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

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

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Smith, Atkins & Thompson, PLLC
P.O. Box 1079
Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master
Commissioner
P. O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
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INVITATION TO BID

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now receiving bids for Optometrist Services. Bids will be accepted by mail or in person, until Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. No late bids will be accepted. For more information, please contact Teresa Carroll at (606) 886-0077, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

INVITATION TO BID

Branham Heights Apartments, of Wheelwright, Ky, is

accepting bids for putting tile in a 5x5 bathroom, 16x6 hallway and a 8x12 Laundry Room. For further information, Contact 606-452-4777

ORDINANCE NO. 02-05
CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, CERTAIN TERRITORY WHICH IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, AND MADE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as follows: SECTION ONE:

That the territory, hereinafter described, be made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as it is now incorporated, to be annexed and made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky.

BEGINNING at a point approximately 55 feet SW of the SW corner of Hall Funeral Home on the West side of the driveway. Thence running with the driveway and parking lot to a point in the center of Right Fork of Beaver Creek, thence running in a SE direction with the center of Right Fork of Beaver Creek, descending, to a point west of the First Assembly of God, thence leaving Right Fork of Beaver Creek and running in a South, Southwesterly direction, crossing Ky. Rt. 122, to its southwesterly side, to a point and passing approximately 175 feet East of the most easterly end of First Assembly of God Church. Thence running in a northwesterly direction along the SW right-of-way of Ky. Rt. 122, to a point approximately 100 feet SE of the Junction of rights-of-way of Ky. Rt. 122 and Ky. Rt. 1428.

Thence crossing to the northeastern side of Ky. Rt. 122, to a point. Thence running with the NE right-of-way of Ky. Rt. 122 to a point in the NW edge of the driveway leading to Hall Funeral Home. Thence leaving said right-of-way and running with the Southwesterly edge of the driveway, running diagonally in front of Hall Funeral Home, to the BEGINNING.

It is the intent of this description to encompass Hall Funeral Home, Highway 80 Junction 122, Martin, Kentucky, Dr. Gerald F. Combs' Office, 386 Ky. Rt. 122, Martin, Kentucky, a private residence, 400 Ky. Rt. 122, Martin, Kentucky, The DeGuzman Clinic, 427 Ky. Rt. 122, Martin, Kentucky, and the First Assembly of God Church, 440 Ky. Rt. 122, Martin, Kentucky.

SO ORDAINED, this the 28th day of January, 2003, by the full City Council of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky.

MAYOR, CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY
Thomasine Robinson
Attest:
Pamela Justice,
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 02-06
 CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY

sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Page 49, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. A life estate was retained by the grantor, Emery Newsome, unmarried. Being the same property conveyed to Wheeler Newsome, unmarried, and Emery Newsome, by deed dated March 6, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 417, page 98, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003,

and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above

described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of

the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
 PLAINTIFF'S

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WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
 Master Commissioner
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 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, CREATING THE POSITION OF CITY ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN.

BE IT ORDERED, by the City Council of Martin, Kentucky, as follows:

The City of Martin, desiring to create the Position of City Electrical Inspector, does hereby create by this Ordinance, a City Electrical Inspector, having the duties of performing all electrical inspections in the City Limits of Martin; with said Inspector to be duly licensed and recognized as license and qualified pursuant to all federal, state and local statutory and administrative regulations.

SO ORDAINED, this the 28th day of January, 2003, by the City Council of Martin, Kentucky.

MAYOR, CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY
 THOMASINE ROBINSON
 ATTEST
 PAMELA JUSTICE, CITY CLERK
 1st reading 11-26-02
 2nd reading 1-28-03
 advertised 2-19-03

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-694 HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. WHEELER NEWSOME DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of January, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$35,008.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for

Beginning at a cement post at the Highway 979, running down with the highway to Andy Tackett line, thence turning right running straight up the hill to the top of the ridge. Thence turning right around the ridge to Herman Newsome line, thence back down the hill with Herman Newsome's line to a cement stake, thence turning right around the garden a straight line to another stake, thence turning left back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Wheeler Newsome and Kathleen Newsome, his wife, by deed dated April 10, 1980, and recorded in Deed Book 247,

TERMS OF SALE:
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may

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The Magic Key

One day, while I was walking down the street, I found a key. Every time I tried to open a lock it opened a door to a world of candy. I ate all the candy I wanted then I went home for dinner. Just as I was going to eat the roast beef, I woke up. It was all a dream. Some day I hope that I will find that key.

Rachel,
3rd Grade

One day I found a key. When I tried to open a lock, it would open right away. But then I stopped. I thought about what would happen if this key that could open any lock, got into the wrong hands. I decided it was safer to hide it. I locked it in a special box that had only one key. I put it away in my closet and I've never dared open it.

Briana,
6th Grade

Every time I tried to open a lock, the key did not work. I tried it in the car but it didn't work. I went into my back yard and I buried it in the dirt. I decided that the key was probably a good luck charm.

Eric,
3rd Grade

One day while walking down the street, I found a magic key. Every time I tried to open a lock it wouldn't work. Finally, the last lock worked and inside was a very sparkly diamond. Underneath the diamond was a note that said, "I will grant you one wish." My wish was to heal my sick mom. Right after school I rushed home and I found my mom watching TV. She felt happy and well and my wish had come true.

Chris,
3rd Grade

My uncle drove me to the toy store but when we got there, it was closed. We were going to leave but right that second, I saw something in the corner of my eye flashing gold. It was a key! Engraved on it were the words, "Use wisely, for only one chance you will get." "OK!" I said to myself. Then I turned around, walked back and opened the door to the toy store.

Drew,
5th Grade

KEEP OUT! LOCKED UP!

Do you have private stuff that you don't want your little brother or sister to get into? How can you keep others out of your private stuff?

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Coin Combos

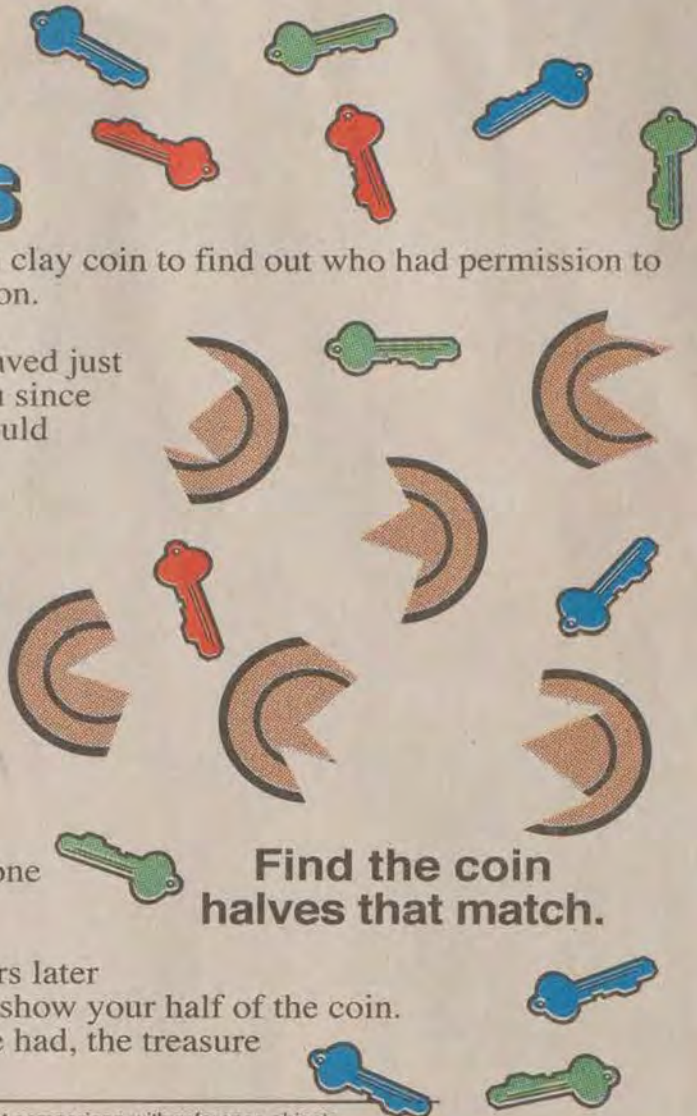
Long ago, people used a broken clay coin to find out who had permission to get certain things and information.

Say your uncle had a treasure saved just for you, but he had not seen you since you were a baby. Your uncle would need a way to know that it was really you coming to get the treasure.

One way to do this was with a broken coin. When you were a baby, he would have given you half of the coin and kept the other half for himself.

(Well, since you were a baby, he would have given it to someone to save for you.)

Then, when you showed up years later to get your treasure, you would show your half of the coin. If it matched the half your uncle had, the treasure would be yours!

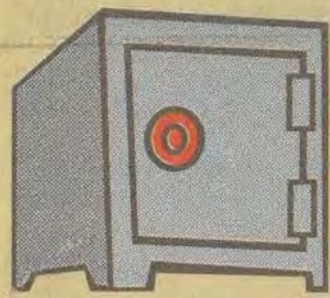


Find the coin halves that match.

Standards Link: Geometry; students make a direct comparison with reference objects.

Modern Combos

Today people use locks with keys or combinations to keep things safe.



To unlock this safe, you must figure out which combination will work. Read the clues and see if you can "unlock" this mystery!

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning; Analyze problems by identifying relationships and sequencing information; check validity of results from context of the problem.

ANSWER: 1389

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3572
5194
1389
6772
3727

CLUES

1. No two numbers are the same.
2. There are three odd numbers.
3. The only even number is greater than 6.

Was it magic?

One of the world's most famous magicians was Harry Houdini. He made a name for himself by escaping from chains locked around his body, from handcuffs and other locked contraptions.

One time he was asked to unlock a bank vault. To make it even more difficult, he would unlock the bank vault from the inside.

He was locked inside the bank vault, and in a short time, he freed himself.

Houdini always said that there was no magic in his acts -- each was some sort of a trick. To discover the trick he used to get out of the locked bank vault, put each sentence part in numerical order from lowest to highest.

6. struggle with the lock, then
2. keep people out, not in.
7. open the door and walk out!
3. The trick was to get them to
4. lock him inside the bank vault.
1. The vault is designed to
5. He simply had to pretend to



Words That Match

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that mean the same or nearly the same thing. For example: wind and breeze, tall and high, friend and pal. If you can't find a synonym for a word, find the letters that spell a synonym.

Standards Link: Word Analysis/Vocabulary; understand common synonyms.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension; follow simple written directions.

ANSWER: READING

How many keys can you find on this page?

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Opposite News

Select five or more headlines from the newspaper. Rewrite each headline so that it means the opposite of what it originally said.

Standards Link: Vocabulary; understand antonyms. Comprehension; contrast information; understand how text features (headlines) make information useful.



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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

KEYS
LOCK
BANK
MAGIC
VAULT
SAFE
MYSTERY
COIN
TREASURE
ADVENTURE
CLUES
OPPOSITE
SYNONYM
HALVES
HOUDINI

A K S K E B A N K Y
 D E M E E P I O H R
 V T A Y V O T O U E
 E I G S C L U E S T
 N S I T U D A N A S
 T O C A I O W H F Y
 U P V N K C O L E M
 R P I M Y N O N Y S
 E O E R U S A E R T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

What keys won't open doors?



ANSWER: Mon-keys, don-keys and tur-keys.

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RIDDLE CARD

1. When is corn like a question?
2. What is the center of gravity?
3. When is a rope like a child at school?
4. What letters are in-visible, but never out of sight?
5. When do your teeth sound just like your tongue?



Answers: 1. When you are popping it. 2. The letter V. 3. When it is taught (taut). 4. I and S. 5. When they chatter.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

IT'S TEE-OFF TIME ON THE FRONT NINE!

1.		T	E	E						
2.		T	E	E						
3.				T	E	E				
4.				T	E	E				
5.					T	E	E			
6.					T	E	E			
7.						T	E	E		
8.				T	E	E				
9.						T	E	E		



Try making par on the following nine-word course! The grid to the left has room for nine words, and they all contain a "tee." Hints are given below.

1. A type of drum.
2. A spirited horse.
3. A type of beard.
4. A military snack bar.
5. He didn't ask to go.
6. A large aquatic mammal.
7. Witty conversation.
8. Found in the mouth.
9. A string puller.

Answers: 1. Steel. 2. Steed. 3. Goatee. 4. Canteen. 5. Drafee. 6. Manatee. 7. Repatee. 8. Eyeteeth. 9. Puppeteer.

ANOTHER BETCHA! Hand someone a big shirt and bet them that they can't put in on and button it up in 30 seconds. In most cases you'll win your bet, because after they put it on, they will start with the top button and button it "down," not "up," as you stated in your challenge.



Illustrated by David Coulson

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. ACT	USES
2. DUE	OWED
3. WALL	AND
4. BAN	LED
5. ERR	ION
6. CALL	ALLY

Answers: Action, duled, wallowed, banally, errand, calluses.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Strike-breaker
- 5 Apply lightly
- 8 Company founded by Rockefeller
- 12 Saxophone range
- 13 One of the Gershwins
- 14 Unstable particle
- 15 Suitable
- 16 Word game
- 18 Show up
- 20 Prejudices
- 21 Morose
- 23 L-P center
- 24 Discarded
- 28 Handle
- 31 Motorists' org.
- 32 Scarecrow stuffing
- 34 Debtor's letters
- 35 Strait-laced
- 37 Slightly grating
- 39 Enthusiast
- 41 Misfortunes
- 42 Houston ball club
- 45 Home of Cornell University
- 49 Pennsylvania city
- 51 1998 Goo Goo Dolls song

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		39		40		41				
42	43				44		45		46	47 48
49					50			51		
52					53			54		
55					56			57		

- 52 Critic Pauline
- 53 Work unit
- 54 Harvest
- 55 Belligerent deity
- 56 "- Doubtfire"
- 57 New Mexico art colony

- 7 Zinger
- 8 Set up dikes
- 9 Below the speed of sound
- 10 Shoe bottom
- 11 Individuals
- 17 Intention
- 19 Swiss peaks
- 22 Gracias, across the Pyrenees
- 24 Potential syrup
- 25 Mercury or Saturn
- 26 1957 movie, "- County"

- 27 Sweethearts
- 29 La-la lead-in
- 30 Purchase
- 33 Poet Whitman
- 36 Large-scale artworks
- 38 Unisex top
- 40 Heavy weight
- 42 "- silly question, ..."
- 43 Cicatrix
- 44 Branch
- 46 Vicinity
- 47 Florentine farewell
- 48 Snakes
- 50 Bobby of hockey lore

DOWN

- 1 Episodic tale
- 2 Hoofbeat sound
- 3 On
- 4 Wine shop (Sp.)
- 5 Throws off
- 6 Curved line

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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Hear the Rhyme?

In each row, circle the two pictures that rhyme.



My Rhyme Time

BOW-WOW, says the dog;
Mew-mew, says the cat;
Grunt, grunt, goes the hog;
And squeak goes the rat.

My Letters

E is for Ear
e is for ear



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter E. Say the letter as you trace it.

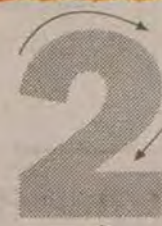
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter E makes in the word ear?

My Numbers

How many giraffe ears?



How many elephant ears?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My ears can



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter E in ear.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

What Can You Hear?
Look through the newspaper for things that make sounds. Try to imitate the sounds. Ask your child which part of the body is used to hear.

Wednesday

Hear, Near, Tear and Fear
Cut out the letters e, a and r from the headlines. Then cut out the letters h, t, f and n. Show your child how you can spell the words hear, tear, fear and near simply by changing the first letter in front of the letters ear.

Thursday

Find the Ears
Play "Find the Ears" with your child. Look through the newspaper and touch each ear that you see. Count the ears. How many can you find?

Friday

Two of a Kind
Have your child find pairs of things in the newspaper. For example, you might find a pair of ears, a pair of eyes, a pair of knees, a pair of shoes, a pair of gloves.

Saturday

Sound Play
Have your child sit in a chair with his/her eyes closed. With a page of the newspaper in hand, walk quietly around your child. Stop and make a sound with the newspaper and see if your child can point in your direction.



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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, the answer for square 7 has been entered in the diagram.

1		2		3
4				
		5	6	
7	1	8		
9			10	11
		12	13	
14				16
		15		
17				

ACROSS

- Nine times 1-Down
- Two hundred less than 14-Across
- Digits of 17-Across reversed
- Eight times 4-Across
- One more than 10-Across
- Three times 7-Down
- Two times 8-Down
- 15-Across minus 14-Down
- The second digit is the sum of the first and last digits
- Three times 9-Across

DOWN

- One-half of 10-Across
- 2-Across plus 3-Down
- 5-Across minus 11-Down
- Sum of the digits is 16-Down
- The last digit is four times the first digit
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- One less than 1-Down
- Sum of the digits is 1-Down
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- One more than 7-Down

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Rational Numbers answers

2	1	8	9
1	5	0	0
		9	2
1	2	0	0
4	3		4
		4	6
3	5	0	
2		6	7
1	2	9	5

S	O	V	A	L	S	M	R	S	A	R	E	S
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Answers

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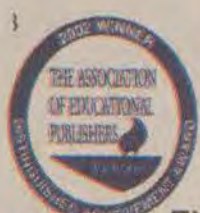
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Way back when

Dogs are thought to be the descendants of a carnivorous, weasel-like animal called the **Miacis** that lived about 50 million years ago. The Miacis had five toes and was probably a good climber. This animal was also the ancestor of cats, bears, raccoons, civets, weasels and **skunks**.



Miacis
(Paleocene period:
65 million to 55 million years ago)

The **Cynodictis** evolved 20 million years ago. This animal looked somewhat like the modern civet (a living fossil) and had some doglike characteristics.



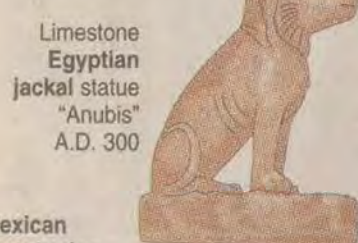
Cynodictis
(Eocene period:
55 million to 38 million years ago)

About 10 million years ago a creature evolved called the **Tomarctus**. Tomarctus resembled a wolf and is the ancestor of all members of the dog family.



Tomarctus
Miocene period
(25 million to 5 million years ago)

Archeologists have discovered evidence that people and dogs have lived together for at least 10,000 years. This makes dogs the **oldest** known domesticated animal. The **saluki** is considered the oldest of the present-day breeds. The saluki probably originated in the Middle East around 5000 B.C. By 1500 B.C., Egyptian art depicts a variety of dog breeds that resemble mastiffs and hunting dogs.



Limestone Egyptian jackal statue "Anubis"
A.D. 300

Mexican cottoy dog from the Colima culture A.D. 300



Ancient Roman guard dog

Big and small: dog sizes

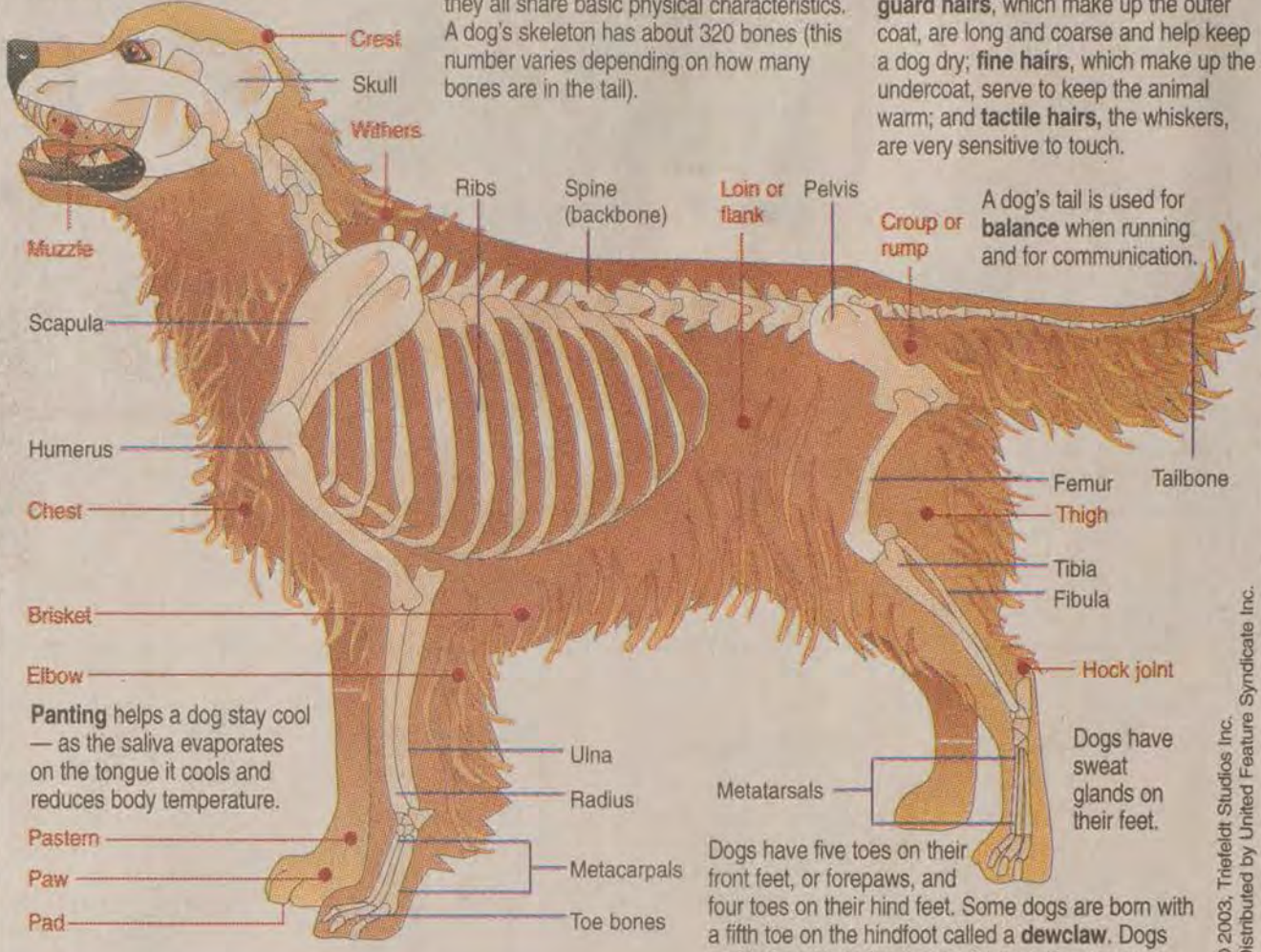
Dogs come in many sizes, from the Chihuahua (world's smallest dog) to the larger breeds like the heavyset St. Bernard or the tall Irish wolfhound. This chart shows the average weight and shoulder height for several breeds.



Chihuahua 1-6 pounds (0.5-3 kg) 5 inches (13 cm)
English cocker spaniel 26-34 pounds (12-15 kg) 16 inches (41 cm)
Collie 50-75 pounds (23-34 kg) 22-26 inches (56-66 cm)
St. Bernard 140-200 pounds (64-90 kg) 26-30 inches (66-76 cm)
Irish wolfhound 126-145 pounds (57-66 kg) 32-34 inches (81-86 cm)



All dogs have a highly developed sense of smell and hearing. Dogs can hear high-pitched sounds that humans cannot, and, under ideal circumstances, some dogs like the bloodhound can track a 4-day-old scent. Dogs see the world in shades of gray and blue. Other colors look the same to them.



DOGS

They have been human companions for 10,000 years, maybe longer, but through the centuries the domestic dog has not lost its charm.

Anatomy 101: Inside and out

Dogs come in many shapes and sizes, but they all share basic physical characteristics. A dog's skeleton has about 320 bones (this number varies depending on how many bones are in the tail).

Dog coats have three kinds of hair: **guard hairs**, which make up the outer coat, are long and coarse and help keep a dog dry; **fine hairs**, which make up the undercoat, serve to keep the animal warm; and **tactile hairs**, the whiskers, are very sensitive to touch.

Famous canines

Laika — The first dog in space, aboard the Soviet satellite *Sputnik 2* in 1957.

Lassie — A line of popular collies in movies and in television. The first Lassie starred in the 1943 movie *Lassie Come Home*.

Le Diable — A French dog trained to smuggle expensive items across the border. His owners dyed his hair different colors to confuse border guards.

Rin Tin Tin — Famous German shepherd movie star. "Rinty" was in many movies before his death in 1932.

Saur or Suening — This dog was put on the throne of Norway for three years by an angry king in the 11th century.

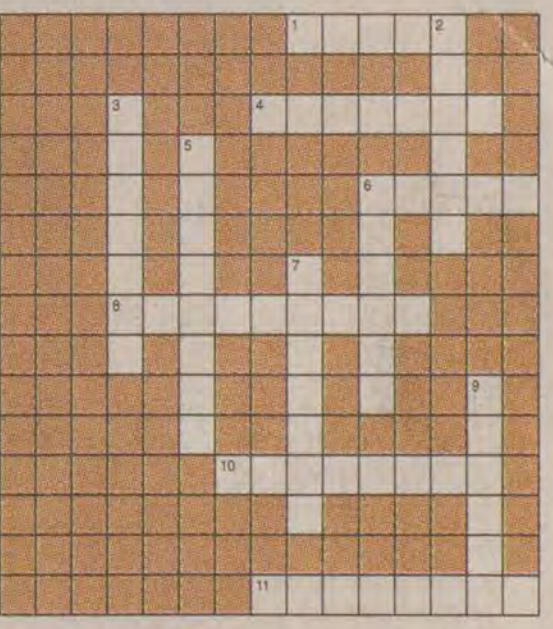


What are we talking about?

- Bitch** — A female dog.
- Breed** — A kind of dog with consistent traits.
- Kennel** — A place where dogs are bred and boarded.
- License** — Permission by a government agency allowing you to keep a dog; a fee is usually required.
- Neuter** — A surgery that prevents male dogs from impregnating female dogs, usually performed around 6 months of age.
- Pedigree** — A list of the dog's ancestors.
- Registration papers** — Proof that a purebred and its parents are on record at a dog registry (kennel club).
- Spay** — A surgery that prevents female dogs from getting pregnant, usually performed around 6 months of age.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 An animal descended from Miacis
 - 4 Many breeds of dogs are bred for this
 - 6 Dogs have a highly developed sense of this
 - 8 World's smallest dog breed
 - 10 Mutts or mixed-breed dogs
 - 11 A list of a purebred dogs' ancestors names
- DOWN**
- 2 A place where dogs are bred and boarded
 - 3 Dogs use their tails for this
 - 5 These dogs were bred to hunt rodents and other small animals
 - 6 Oldest of the present-day breeds (probably originated in the Middle East)
 - 7 This helps a dog keep cool
 - 9 Famous collie from television and film



- Scoring**
Give yourself 1 point for every dog identified correctly and another point for each correct classification.
- 1-5 You need to bone up on your dog breed identification skills
5-10 You're pretty good at this
10-15 Very impressive work
15-20 Awesome! A++
- Answers**
1. English bulldog (Utility)
 2. Bloodhound (Hound)
 3. Border collie (Working)
 4. Bull terrier (Terrier)
 5. Dalmation (Utility)
 6. Irish setter (Sporting)
 7. Saluki (Hound)
 8. Skye terrier (Terrier)
 9. Pomeranian (Toy)
 10. English springer spaniel (Sporting)
- CROSSWORD ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
1 SKUNK
4 HUNTING
6 SMELL
8 CHIHUAHUA
10 MONGRELS
11 PEDIGREE
- DOWN**
2 KENNEL
3 BALANCE
5 TERRIERS
6 SALUKI
7 PANTING
9 LASSIE

Impeccable breeding

Dogs have been bred for many practical reasons: hunting, herding, guarding and even keeping humans warm. Toy dogs in ancient China were carried in wide sleeves to help keep a person's hands warm. It was not until the establishment of the first kennel clubs in Europe that breed histories and pedigrees were recorded. The world's first dog show took place in Great Britain in 1859. In the United States the first all-breeds dog show took place in Detroit, in 1875. In 1884, the American Kennel Club (AKC) was organized; 4 years later, the Canadian Kennel Club was established.

Today there are more than 400 kinds of **purebred** dogs. A purebred is a dog whose **sire** and **dam** (father and mother) are of the same breed and whose ancestors were also purebred, dating back to the establishment of the breed. Breeders mate dogs that have the desired traits and characteristics of a particular breed. **Mixed-breed** dogs are also known as **mutts** or **mongrels**. These dogs have parents of different breeds or are of mixed breeding themselves.

Working for a living

Dogs are classified into groups mostly for dog show purposes. Different countries may have different classifications, but here are the seven used by the AKC: **Sporting dogs** are also called **gun dogs** because they are bred to assist hunters. Pointers, setters, retrievers and spaniels are sporting dogs. **Hounds** are also hunting dogs. Beagles, basset hounds and bloodhounds rely on scent to hunt and are also known as **scent hounds**. Greyhounds, salukis and whippets have highly developed sight and are called **gaze hounds** or **sight hounds**. **Working dogs** have been bred to perform a particular job. Siberian huskies pull sleds, St. Bernards and Newfoundlanders are well-suited to rescue work. **Terriers** specialize in hunting rodents and small animals. **Toy dogs** are mostly bred as companions and to compete at dog shows. **Utility** or **nonsporting dogs** are generally larger breeds and in the past may have been bred for sport work; the poodle originally specialized in retrieving ducks for French hunters. **Herding dogs** like the collie and German shepherd are especially adept at keeping livestock from straying.

Name that breed: Test your knowledge

Below are some pictures of different breeds. Can you identify the breed? You get bonus points if you can name the AKC classification, too. A book on dog breeds from the library might help you.



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