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Accused JROTC teacher defends tactics

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A motion to dismiss a charge of menacing against Betsy Layne High School JROTC instructor Glen Ripkoski for allegedly "cussing and yelling" at one of his students in early

April was filed during a hearing Wednesday in Floyd District Court.

In the motion filed by Ripkoski's attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, the teacher is arguing to be afforded military immunity against the charge.

Ripkoski, although a teacher at Betsy Layne, remains a member of the United

States Marines and Pillersdorf argues in his motion that this should render him immune from claims dealing with how he chooses to conduct his JROTC class, including disciplinary measures.

His motion for dismissal cites that, just this year, a Kentucky Supreme Court decision recognized that as early as 1953 the

United States Supreme Court determined that the military "constitutes a specialized community that is governed by a discipline separate from that of ordinary civilian society."

Charges were brought against Ripkoski

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Baseball Signing

Mike Slone signs with King College in Bristol, Tennessee

- Section B

briefs

P'burg streets to close 3 weeks

PRESTONSBURG - Utility relocation for the new Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg will begin on Monday, June 9.

In order to relocate the utilities and build the approach to the new bridge, it is necessary to close Graham Street and Front Street to through traffic, according to Robin Trimble Justice, PE, construction resident engineer of Highway District 12.

Local traffic for the residents of these streets will be accommodated.

The closure will begin the morning of June 9 and continue for about three weeks, depending on the weather.

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Today



High: 78 • Low: 59

Tomorrow



High: 76 • Low: 63

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photo by Sheldon Compton

A two-car accident along Route 321 in Auxier sent this man to the hospital yesterday afternoon when a black Geo Prism drove into the rear bumper of his Ford Escort. The man could not be identified as of press time, but officials at the scene said injuries sustained in the accident were relatively minor. No further information was immediately available.

Shoplifting arrest turns to drug bust

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - After being detained by Wal-Mart security on suspicion of shoplifting last Saturday, a Garrett woman was charged with trafficking in

cocaine, OxyContin and methadone, after she was allegedly found in possession of drugs with street value totaling over \$8,500.

According to court documents, Sabrina M. Chaffins, 29, was detained by Prestonsburg Wal-

Mart security on May 31 at approximately 8:40 p.m. for allegedly shoplifting items valuing \$58.76. But police say that the drugs that came from underneath her clothing during a routine

(See DRUGS, page three)

DirecTV sues Pike man over descramblers

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - The latest lawsuit, filed June 4, by a California-based satellite television provider

against an Eastern Kentucky resident is one of several accumulating from a nationwide crackdown originating from Writs of Seizure from a mail shipping facility, which located illegal devices that

were "intercepting" company dollars.

As previously reported, two lawsuits initiated by DirecTV

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

DUI dad says offense was a 'choice of evils'

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf has filed a motion to dismiss a case against a Floyd County man arrested for drunk driving while taking his pregnant wife to Pikeville Methodist Hospital to have their baby.

Danny Tackett, of McDowell, was stopped and arrested just before 10 p.m. on May 25 by Department of Transportation vehicle enforcement officer J. Rose, on U.S. 23 near Pikeville's Super Wal-Mart while transporting his wife, who was in labor at the time.

The motion to dismiss doesn't contest that Tackett was drinking at the time of the

arrest, only that, under the circumstance, the action was legally justified, Pillersdorf says.

"He (Tackett) had had some beer to drink and she went into labor, so he drove from McDowell to Pikeville," said Pillersdorf. "A DMV officer arrested him and made her to drive herself to the hospital while in labor."

Pillersdorf cites in his motion to dismiss the charge Kentucky's "choice of evils" statute 503.030, which states that an offense is justifiable when "the defendant believes it to be necessary to avoid an imminent public or private injury greater than the injury which is sought to be prevented".

(See DUI DAD, page three)

Heptitis scare unfounded

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A complaint issued against the Prestonsburg restaurant, Pizza Palace, claiming that one of its employees was infected with a form of hepatitis has been determined to be without merit, according to reports from the Floyd County Health Department.

In a report from the health department completed

Tuesday, an investigation into the complaint yielded no information to substantiate the complaint, saying the investigation itself was "purely conducted to inform the management of the complaint."

The rumored problem was quashed through the inspection, according to reports, because the complaint was not "confirmed based on medical evidence".

(See SCARE, page three)

Students' 'respect' for themselves turns into \$250

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

MARTIN - "Respecting" Floyd County's graduating seniors, Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Dr. Chandra Varia awarded four young women \$250 scholarships on Wednesday.

Beginning in 1995 as a pilot project at Adams Middle School, "Baby Think it Over" dolls are now an integral part of a program geared to give students firsthand experience in caring for a newborn. The Respect Program, an abstinence-based program designed by Our Lady of the Way to assist in promoting the postponement of sexual involvement by

young women, is presently being conducted at Allen Elementary, Allen Central Middle, Adams Middle, and Medowell Elementary. It has been conducted for South Floyd Middle and former Auxier Elementary.

The program is available, with site-based approval and parental permission, to all Floyd County schools that have sixth- and seventh-graders.

The program's nine sessions, one hour in length, cover topics that include male and female anatomy, sexually-transmitted diseases, communication, budget as a teen mother, diet and exercise, and career

(See RESPECT, page three)



photo by Loretta Blackburn

A host of people involved in the Respect Program gathered at Dr. Chandra Varia's office on Wednesday, to witness the winners of four \$250 scholarships, which were given to four of Floyd County's graduating young women.

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# Odds & Ends

The Associated Press

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — The winner of the state's annual tall-tale telling contest is planning a career in politics. Justin Wood, 17, a junior at

George Washington High School, was named the biggest liar in last month's Liars Contest, held in conjunction with the 27th annual Vandalia Gathering. "I'm just a natural liar, I

guess," said Wood, the recently elected class president who plans to major in political science at either American University or George Washington University.

Wood won the junior competition last year and based this year's monologue on fame attained from the 2002 victory, saying paparazzi followed him through Charleston, and Nike courted him to endorse "Air Liar" sneakers.

But his lie was rooted in truth. He came up with the idea after being recognized in a restroom.

Wood won a cash prize of \$100 and a golden shovel.

■ **LENEXA, Kan.** — On his 49th birthday, Johnson County District Attorney Paul Morrison helped chase down a young bur-

glary suspect.

The 16-year-old boy gave up his flight as a shoeless Morrison and a neighbor were bearing down on him Sunday evening.

Morrison was driving through his suburban Kansas City neighborhood with his wife, Joyce, when he noticed a car parked with the passenger door open and a young man at the wheel.

Seconds later, he heard a woman scream and saw another young man run from an open garage carrying a 12-pack of beer.

The man in the car sped away, and his companion dropped the beer and ran.

Morrison turned his pickup around and followed the youth who had fled on foot. The fugitive cut between two houses, one of which happened to be

Morrison's.

Neighbor Garold Sokolenko, 27, was sitting on his front porch when Morrison yelled that he was chasing a burglar. Morrison got out of his truck, kicked off his sandals and started running, and Solenko joined the pursuit. They held the youth until police arrived.

Lenexa police arrested a second youth, 17, later Sunday. On Monday both were charged with burglary, theft and possession of alcohol.

As for his own role in the case, the prosecutor said, "Not bad for an old man."

■ **BEND, Ore.** — When Linda Bertolani left her front door ajar for her Himalayan cat, she got another feline visitor - a full-grown cougar.

The cougar sneaked into her

kitchen Sunday night and let out a high-pitched scream, Bertolani said. He had her 16-year-old cat, Sebastian, in his mouth.

"You should have seen Sebastian's fur flying," Bertolani said.

The cougar dropped Sebastian, ran from the house and vanished over a fence before the police and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife got there.

Sebastian is recovering at home.

Corey Heath, a Deschutes Wildlife District biologist, said no other cougars have been spotted in the neighborhood since Bertolani's call.

Heath said people should not run if they encounter a cougar, but instead try to scare the animal away by making noise, throwing rocks or waving a coat in the air.

Wildlife specialists say cougars, bears and other wildlife increasingly come into inhabited areas as humans encroach on areas where the animals have always lived.

■ **CLEVELAND** — Would-be bank robbers take notice: keep your getaway car running.

After rifling the tellers' drawers, a bank robber on Monday bolted to the waiting getaway car.

The car wouldn't start.

The driver didn't move but the holdup man jumped out and tried to steal a car parked in the lot. When that failed, he ran into a home, where he tried to steal the keys to another car. Still no luck.

Then he ran to Interstate 90, where he tried to flag down cars and trucks. The only response he got was from the police.

One officer said it all was pretty stupid, adding "I don't think we're dealing with genius here."



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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 6, the 157th day of 2003. There are 208 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Shavuot begins at sunset.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the D-Day invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

### On this date:

■ In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

■ In 1903, 100 years ago, composer Aram Khachaturian was born in Tiflis, Russia.

■ In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over

the Germans, began in France.

■ In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

■ In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater opened, in Camden, N.J.

■ In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

■ In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

■ In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

■ In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

■ In 1978, 25 years ago, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

### Ten years ago:

A Chinese freighter holding 300 illegal aliens ran aground off New York; up to 10 Chinese died after jumping overboard. At the Tony Awards, "Kiss of the Spider Woman" won best musical; "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches," won best play.

### Five years ago:

The U.N. Security Council demanded in a unanimous vote that India and Pakistan refrain from further nuclear tests and sign nuclear control agreements. "Real Quiet" was denied horse racing's Triple Crown as "Victory Gallop" won the Belmont Stakes by a nose.

### One year ago:

Stung by intelligence failures, President Bush called on Congress in a nationally broadcast address to remake the government with a terrorist-fighting Department of Homeland Security. Israeli troops stormed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in response to a Palestinian suicide attack on a bus that killed 17 Israelis.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Billie Whitelaw is 71. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 69. Singer Levi Stubbs (The Four Tops) is 67. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds

is 64. Country singer Joe Stampley is 60. Actor Robert Englund is 54. Folk singer Holly Near is 54. Singer Dwight Twilley is 52. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 49.

Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 48. Tennis player Bjorn Borg is 47. Actress Amanda Pays is 44. Comedian Colin Quinn is 44.

Record producer Jimmy Jam is 44. Rock musician Steve Vai is 43. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 37. Actor Max Casella is 36. Actor Paul Giamatti is 36. Rhythm and blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 35. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 34. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 30. Rapper-rock-

er Uncle Kracker is 29. Actress Staci Keanan is 28.

### Thought for Today:

"America is a land where a citizen will cross the ocean to fight for democracy — and won't cross the street to vote in a national election." — Bill Vaughan, American journalist (1915-1977).

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# Pike Methodist launches air ambulance service

Times Staff Report

**PIKEVILLE** - After first envisioning the plan nine months ago, Pikeville Methodist Hospital announced Tuesday morning the start of MedFlight of East Kentucky, an air ambulance service that hopes to provide better treatment for Eastern Kentuckians.

The ribbon cutting ceremony, headed by the hospital's president, Walter E. May, took place Tuesday to introduce the hospital's permanent base for helicopter transport service touting

the facility's Twin Star helicopter as ready around the clock year around.

The staff will include critical care nurses, paramedics and pilots and be afforded "state-of-the-art" equipment to offer "first-class service", the hospital says.

Hospital representatives say they will now be able to respond more rapidly to areas that cannot be quickly reached by traditional ground transportation, while also making the Twin Star helicopter available to other hospitals in the region in need of ser-

vice, including Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Hazard and Jenkins, as well as others.

MedFlight Director Linda Minton says the official start of operations marks the beginning of a long-anticipated break in

regional care. "Pikeville Methodist Hospital is thrilled to be able to add the air ambulance service to the hundreds of other quality

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## DUI dad

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According to the motion, Tackett has said that the option of having his wife deliver their child "unaided by health care professionals" exceeded the fact that he had "consumed several beers" before leaving to take her to the hospital.

In a sworn affidavit included with the motion, Tackett's 22-year-old wife, Amanda, said her husband "did not appear drunk" and, even if that had been the case, was "certainly in better shape to drive".

She gave birth to their 7-pound, 3-ounce son, Adian, the following

evening, but said in her affidavit that her husband's arrest had so "extremely upset" her that she had to be administered a shot to curb her labor.

"The statute says you can violate the law under emergency circumstance, like if you cut your finger off, you can drive to the hospital to attach it," Pillersdorf said. "I used it once in a medical marijuana case where a woman had cancer and the judge said then if it had been a case of medical emergency it would have applied. This is exactly that type of case."

## Respect

choices. Varia pointed out that teen pregnancy has dropped since the onset of the program. She asserted that students who adhere to the suggestions should be rewarded for "doing the right thing" and is doing so by giving two graduating students from each high school a \$250 scholarship.

A host of people involved in the Respect program gathered at Varia's office on Wednesday, where four names were pulled from a basket. Two of the names pulled from the basket containing the names of girls that had completed the Respect program in sixth or seventh grade were Rachael Spradlin and Stacy Gregory from Allen Central High School, with Heather Miller being an alternate. The other two were Jequette Parker and Tara Sword from South Floyd High School, with Ashley Reynolds being drawn as an alternate.

Each girl will receive a \$250 scholarship, providing she is

## Scare

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However, the report further states that the manager of the restaurant, which is owned and operated by local businesswoman Becky Kuss, was warned of the potential dangers such a situation could cause.

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going on to college and she has not been or is not currently pregnant.

Prestonsburg High School had students available for the scholarships, however, Neva Francis, director of community outreach at Our Lady of the Way, stated that they could not secure a list of names.

Francis asserts that over 500 of Floyd County's young women have benefited from the program that fosters self-esteem, self-confidence, motivation and an understanding of the consequences if abstinence is not practiced.

## Lawsuit

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named 17 people in area counties, seven in Floyd, six in Pike, two in Johnson, one in Letcher, and one in Perry. On Wednesday, DirecTV added one more name from the Big Sandy area to that list by filing suit against Jimmy Crum, of Pikeville, in U.S. District Court.

The evidence gathered in these cases was the result of an execution of Writ of Seizure, on May 25, 2001, at the mail shipping facility used by several major distributors of pirate access devices.

Those distributors, Vector Technologies, DSS-Stuff, Shutt, Inc., Intertek, and DSS-Hangout, make equipment used to unscramble the signal of access cards,

which allows reception of the satellite signals.

DirecTV proposes that its main revenue source is subscriptions paid by properly authorized users of its signals. The company obtained a substantial body of shipping records, e-mail communications, credit card receipts and other records from the shipping facility that confirmed a country-wide distribution of devices, marking a considerable loss of signal fees.

The latest lawsuit states that Crum purchased devices on July 7, 2001, which were designed to illegally program valid access cards, as well as repair others that had been rendered inoperative.

Crum, like the others, is being sued for violating federal telecommunications laws and DirecTV is asking for \$10,000 on each count that alleges Crum used the equipment for personal use and \$100,000 on each count that he allegedly shared codes or used equipment to descramble the company's signal.

The lawsuits propose that the value of the programs that each defendant is capable of viewing easily reaches thousands of dollars a year.

## Instructor

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in early April by Eulana Hall, mother of Betsy Layne student Shannon Hall, who was enrolled in the instructor's JROTC class. She said then that Ripkoski had "cussed and yelled" at her son and also advised him to get a restraining order.

Ripkoski's defense admits in a memo in support of the dismissal that he "verbally reprimanded" Hall when the 15-year-old arrived in class with his uniform in "disarray" and that the reprimand did include "cussing and yelling," but maintains this to be an allowable method of military discipline fitting to the violation.

"Though it might be considered unorthodox in civilian society, this is not an uncommon method of discipline in the United States Marines and the JROTC program at Betsy Layne High School is a program which trains students who may join the United States Marines in the future," the memo reads. "When the juvenile arrived in class with his uniform in disarray, it was an obvious sign of disrespect that would not have been

## Drugs

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sobriety check valued over \$8,500.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Danny W. Martin charged Chaffins with theft and public intoxication, as well as trafficking in cocaine for allegedly possessing six baggies full, two counts of trafficking in OxyContin, a total of 177 20 mg. and 40 mg tablets, trafficking in methadone, 80 tablets, possession of OxyContin, possession of Percocet, possession of Lorcet, and possession of Viagra, which was not in its original container.

Chaffins was arraigned on June 2, at which time a \$25,000 cash bond was set.

# Ambulance, hospital sued over mother's death

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** - A Floyd County family recently filed suit against Tran-Star Ambulance Service and the Morgan County ARH Hospital for allegedly playing a negligent role in the death of their 71-year-old mother, Josephine Yates.

In a lawsuit filed by Yates' son, Deniz Yates Jr., against Lafferty Enterprises, the corporation that owns and operates Tran-Star Ambulance, the suit claims that his mother was wrongfully given nitrous oxide in place of oxygen during transport to Lexington.


Yates says that on August 20, his mother was being transported from Martin to Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital when members of the Tran-Star's medical team were forced to make an "emergency stop" at the Morgan County ARH Hospital in West


Liberty. Yates claims the emergency stop came as a result of members of the Tran-Star team neglecting to take the advice of the attending physician at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, who he claims told the service members to provide the "proper" amount of oxygen to Mrs. Yates during the trip.

At the Morgan County hospital, Yates says an attending physician instructed the facility's maintenance staff to provide Tran-Star ambulance members with oxygen to be given to his mother, but that, instead, nitrous oxide was provided and later fatally administered to Mrs. Yates.

Yates is asking that both Tran-Star Ambulance Service and Morgan County ARH be held responsible for his mother's death, as well as payment for past medical expenses, mental and physical pain, suffering and inconvenience and a trial by jury.

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**Burchett-Biliter**



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burchett, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Clark, to Michael 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. Justin is also a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, as well as the University of Kentucky. The couple will be wed on Saturday, June 7, 2003, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. A reception will follow in the Church's Family Life Center.

# Viewpoint

## Amendment 1

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## Worth Repeating ...

"A man must carry knowledge with him, if he would bring home knowledge."

—Samuel Johnson

## Guest View

# Editorial roundup

*The Mercury, Pottstown, Pa., on support for the Head Start program:*

To understand Head Start, it's necessary to understand what starting school is like without one - without the head start that the advantages of a stable home life, food, clothing, shelter and nurturing adults.

Children who don't have those things start school already behind their peers.

That was the premise of the government-funded preschool program for children from low-income families that began about 40 years ago.

Head Start was intended to prepare children for the rigors of kindergarten while providing a network of support to help families accomplish necessary tasks, such as scheduling doctor appointments, helping single parents go back to school and securing mortgages.

Every five years, Congress must reauthorize the program's funding, and every time, changes are made. As Congress heads toward another reauthorization vote this fall, it will consider making some of the most significant alterations to Head Start in the program's 38 years of existence. ...

The most alarming potential change to some is a move away from the social support aspect of Head Start toward a more academically intensive program, a move that is being spearheaded by President Bush. ...

Changing the program to shift the balance in the favor of academics is a mistake. In the spirit of leaving no child behind and making education an equal opportunity for all, the social support aspect of Head Start is essential. ...

*York (Pa.) Daily Record, on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq:*

John F. Kennedy gambled in 1962 when he ordered the U.S. Navy to quarantine Cuba. When Kennedy and his advisers learned that the Soviet Union had built nuclear missile bases just 90 miles from Florida, they considered doing nothing.

Instead, they moved in on the Soviets nose to nose. ...

Forty years later, George W. Bush took a gamble with Iraq over "weapons of mass destruction."

He and his advisers may have believed Saddam Hussein had them. Americans want to believe that.

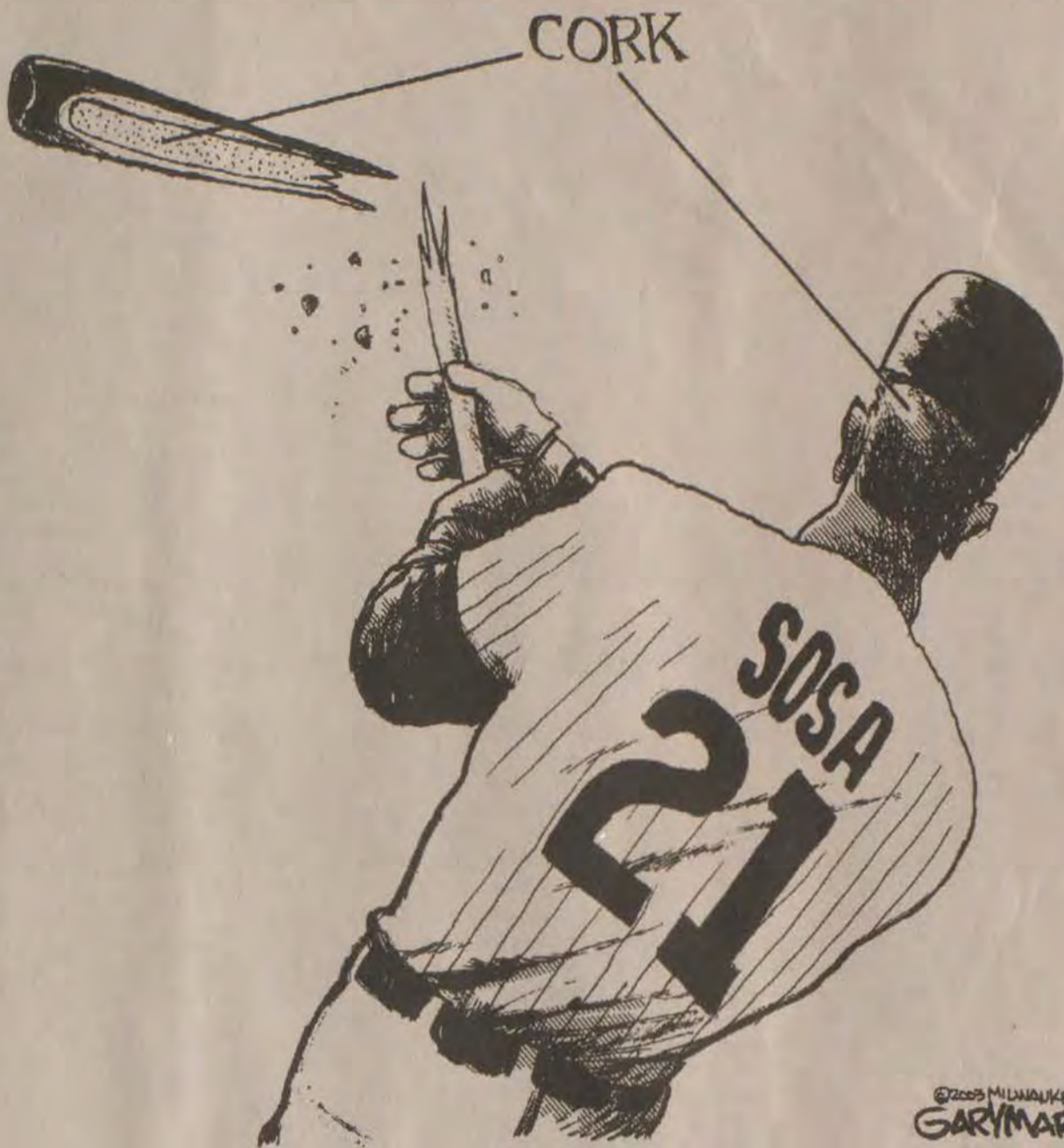
We don't want to believe the president would have attacked Iraq just to protect American businesses' interest in oil or that he wanted to finish what his father started. He wouldn't have tried to sell war in Iraq to Americans and the United Nations on "proof" he didn't have, we hope.

The problem is we don't know. We can't be sure President Bush was telling the truth or twisting it. No one has found those weapons of mass destruction. ...

What real proof did the Bush administration have? Colin Powell, Donald Rumsfeld and the president skimmed on the details before the war. We need to hear them now. ...

We went to Iraq to end the threat against the United States.

Was there one? ...



## In the moment

### A new beginning

The inevitable process of change is once again a force in my life. With a combination of sadness and excitement, I am writing my last column for the Floyd County Times. I am taking a new job

at Appalachian News-Express and "In the Moment" will appear in their Friday edition as it currently does in the Times.

As with all change, there is some regret due to the grieving process encountered when leaving the familiar behind, but the

change will improve my living situation and the challenges of adapting to a new environment are enticing.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Things do not change; we change." I find this to be an interesting and thought provoking statement,

as it says that we ready ourselves for new encounters. I acknowledge the changes in me and realize that things must also change at this time.

I have never been one to elaborate when confronted with endings, I usually just leave. As a popular tune titled "Closing Time" states, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end", therefore it is simply a new beginning.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

## Guest View

### Worrisome wording

by DONALD J. BOUDREAUX

Whose brainchild is "Click It or Ticket"? I wish I knew; I'd send him a dozen black roses. Whenever I drive past a highway sign heralding this admonition, I'm tempted to unbuckle my seatbelt in protest against being governed by people whose artlessness is exceeded only by their arrogance.

The weedlike spread of "Click It or Ticket" caused me to reflect on how deeply public policy is shaped by ideas (I use this term loosely) that gain currency only because they are expressed alliteratively or in rhyme.

Consider: "Merger mania." Pundits and politicians love this catchphrase. It's so clever, so alliterative, that it must be descriptive. If two or more mergers happen to be announced within a week of each other, the news media seem compelled to explain the trend as "merger mania."

Do the countless people who use this term ever pause to think about its meaning? A "mania" is a crazed obsession — a mindless and intense, if temporary, passion. Is it likely that businesses choose to merge with each other out of irrational, maniacal urges? I doubt it. There's nothing like having millions of

your own dollars at stake to focus your mind on reality and to encourage you to think rationally.

It is true that many mergers fail. But this fact is evidence only of humans' inability to foresee the future perfectly and of the intensity of market competition, not of any mania that inspired the mergers.

It's also true that mergers sometimes occur in clusters. For example, there were genuine increases in merger activity during the 1890s, the 1960s, and the 1980s. Describing such clusters of merger activity as "manias" suggests that they resulted more from a mindless herdlike instinct than from a thoughtful recognition of systematic economic or regulatory changes that make merging a more attractive option.

To those who sincerely believe in merger mania, I have a sure-fire recipe for personal riches: sell the stock of merging firms short. Firms managed by maniacs will surely fail.

"Crony capitalism" A representative definition is found in the on-line encyclopedia Wikipedia: "Crony capitalism is a variant of capitalism in which the opportunity to open or succeed in business is heavily dependent on one's connections. This results in business decisions being powerfully influenced by business friendships and family ties rather than by impersonal market forces."

Whatever such a system of privilege is called, it ain't capitalism.

In both theory and practice capitalism results from private property rights and freedom of contract. It is emphatically not a system of privileges and connec-

tions. Any system driven by privileges and connections is infected with restraints on the ability of property owners — as investors, workers, and consumers — to make those decisions that suit them best. To the extent that a mafia (or any other organization specializing in the use of coercion) extracts concessions from businesses, threatens consumers, or otherwise interferes with voluntary trades among consenting adults, extortionate violence replaces peaceful capitalism.

Many of those who chatter and write about "crony capitalism" use this term to explain Russia's continuing economic woes. But those observers mistake the absence of a powerful central government for capitalism. While it's true that capitalism thrives most vigorously when a central government's powers are few and constitutionally restrained, the absence of government-sponsored tyranny is not a sufficient condition for capitalism to exist. If a society's legal system, mores, norms, and customs permit oligarchs or gangsters to expropriate the wealth of innocent people or to interfere with their opportunities, the resulting economic system is as far from capitalism as any economic system can be. Calling a system of extortion and cronyism "capitalism" doesn't make it capitalism, any more than calling a ragweed a rose makes it a beautiful, sweet-smelling flower.

"Digital divide" Nothing energizes the political Left like material differences that separate people. Such differences — regardless of

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At the Movies:

# '2 Fast 2 Furious'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

For all of you who thought a sequel to "The Fast and the Furious" couldn't possibly exist without Vin Diesel — wrong!

The original wasn't about Diesel. It was about the cars.

Even when the dialogue was mind-bogglingly cheesy and the acting popped off the screen like so much over-buttered corn, the street racing sequences were shot and edited thrillingly — and that made the movie a surprise hit of summer 2001.

Two years later, we have "2 Fast 2 Furious" — a needless sequel, and a shameless opportunity to cash in yet again.

Though the action has moved from the street racers and smug-



glers of Los Angeles to the street racers and smugglers of Miami, you're essentially watching the same movie.

But it proves that Diesel isn't

"2 Fast 2 Furious," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for street racing, violence, language and some sensuality. Running time: 100 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four

the indispensable engine; in his place as Paul Walker's sidekick is singer-actor-model Tyrese Gibson, who's just as physically striking, but utterly lacking the

sense of self-importance with which Diesel strutted across the scenery.

Gibson has charisma oozing from every pore of his flawlessly sculpted physique, but he doesn't take himself so seriously. He's funny. He's having a good time. And he and Walker, who's turning into a surfer-dude version of Steve McQueen, share a comfortable camaraderie.

More importantly, though, "2 Fast 2 Furious" is also about the cars, and John Singleton knows that. The director of "Boyz n the Hood" and "Baby Boy" — the latter of which was Gibson's film debut in 2001 — takes unabashed glee in polishing every guilty-pleasure nugget to a blindingly high sheen.

The blindingly beautiful Walker is back as Brian O'Connor, an undercover LAPD detective in the first film who's been stripped of his badge and is racing souped-up street rockets for kicks in Miami.

When he gets pulled over during the film's exhilarating opening race — which features a leap across an open drawbridge — he's offered a way out. Brian can help U.S. Customs agents nail the wealthy Carter Verone (Cole Hauser), who's using his import-export business as a cover for an international money laundering operation. If he says yes, he gets his badge back.

But Brian only agrees to the deal with the help of his childhood best friend, Roman Pearce (Gibson), an accomplished driver with his own criminal record.

Infiltrating Verone's world gives Brian and Roman a chance to zoom around in flashy cars and ogle hot women in bikinis. This, of course, is what you paid to see.

Meanwhile, they must figure out whether Monica (the gorgeous Eva Mendes), an undercover agent already assigned to the case, has crossed the line and truly become Verone's lover and partner in crime. And they have to avoid getting beaten up by Verone's silk-shirt, gold-chain wearing thugs.

They get help from rapper Ludacris as the racing scene's ringleader and model Devon Aoki as the lone female racer who functions as their Annika Sorenstam. (She totally holds

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## Country music insiders choose the genre's 100 greatest songs

by JOHN GEROME  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — George and Tammy are there. So are Johnny and Hank, and Waylon and Willie.

But a ranking of the top 100 songs in country music history is bound to contain a few surprises, and the new one by Country Music Television is no exception.

Is Tammy Wynette's 1968 classic "Stand by Your Man" truly the best country song of all time? Should Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places" rank that high (No. 6)? Is the Eagles' "Desperado" really a country song? And where's Merle Haggard's "The Fightin' Side of Me"?

"Everyone has personal favorites that didn't make the list," said Kaye Zusmann, CMT's vice president of program development and production. "Everyone will look and say, 'How can that not make it on there?'"

The list was revealed in a Wednesday concert on the eve of Nashville's annual Fan Fair country music festival. The two-hour concert will be broadcast on CMT at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday. It'll be preceded by a four-hour documentary about the songs.

The process began last summer when CMT asked music critics, historians and journalists to identify the genre's greatest songs. They

came up with 600 titles.

That list went to voting members of the Country Music Association, which consists of songwriters, musicians, singers and other industry insiders, who whittled it down to 100 songs and ranked them.

The criteria was loose. Statistics such as weeks on the chart or total sales didn't matter, Zusmann said, only the "emotional, visceral connection people have to a song."

That figured heavily in the top choice, "Stand by Your Man,"

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their source, their trend, or even their reality — are the supreme justification for state action. They are the acid that instantly dissolves objections to regulation and taxation. So the Left seizes greedily upon any and all allegations of such differences. And when such an allegation is available in a pithy, alliterative package, it is simply irresistible.

Thus, "digital divide" has taken on a life of its own. It's now an article of faith that blacks and other minorities suffer unjustifiable exclusion from the marvels of home computing and web surfing, even though consistently falling computer

Wynette's plea to women to forgive their wayward men.

"It's the prototypical country song," Zusmann said. "It has everything."

George Jones, Wynette's husband from 1969 to '75 and duet partner, said Tuesday that "Stand by Your Man" touched both men and women, especially with the Vietnam War pulling couples apart.

"When you're away from

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prices long ago began making hardware and software more and more accessible to poor and moderate-income Americans.

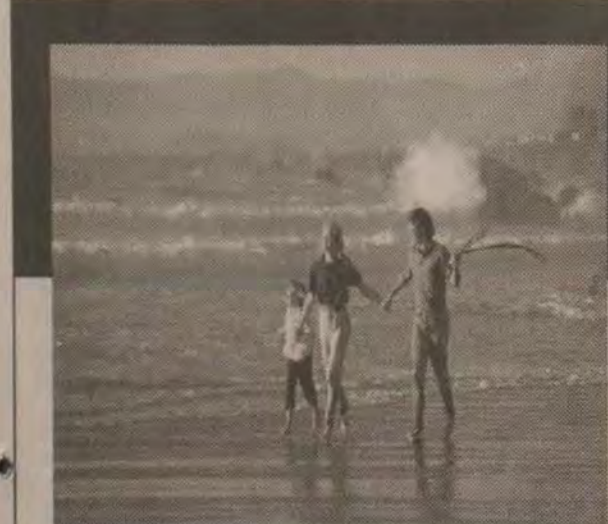
In October 2000, Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta proclaimed that "a digital divide still remains," justifying government efforts to "target and enact policies and programs to close the disparities in access to computers and the Internet that still are being experienced by some in our nation."

But just a year and a half later, the U.S. Department of Commerce released another study showing that poor and minority households are connecting to computers and the Internet at rates that have effectively closed any divide that might have existed when the Internet was in its infancy. And yet, newspapers, magazines, and the broadcast media remain filled with discussions of the digital divide. PBS even has a website devoted to it.

The maniacal mania for alliteration-assisted grotesque government grabs of power lessens liberty lamentably, fortifying freedom's foes and frightening freedom's friends.

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home, it enters your mind, you know," he said. "You hope she's not fooling around, and you're missing home."

Jones, who has the No. 2 song on the list with "He Stopped Loving Her Today," said Wynette's signature song "belongs where it is."

Co-written by Wynette and producer Billy Sherrill, it was a hit on country and pop radio as the feminist movement was taking off in the late '60s, and Wynette took

some heat for it.

The song resurfaced in 1992 when then presidential candidate Bill Clinton and wife, Hillary, appeared on CBS' "60 Minutes" shortly after Gennifer Flowers alleged she had an affair with Clinton.

"I'm not sitting here as some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette," Mrs. Clinton said.

Wynette demanded an apology, saying Mrs. Clinton had "offended every true country music fan and every person who has made it on their own with no one to take them to a White House."

Mrs. Clinton said she didn't mean to hurt Wynette's feelings, and Wynette later performed at a Clinton fund-raiser. When the singer died in 1998, the Clintons issued a statement calling her a legend.

Rounding out the CMT top 10, in order, after Wynette and Jones: Patsy Cline's "Crazy," Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire," Hank Williams' "Your Cheatin' Heart," Brooks' "Friends in Low Places," Cline's "I Fall to Pieces," Glen Campbell's "Galveston," Charlie Rich's "Behind Closed Doors,"

and Waylon Jennings' and Willie Nelson's "Mommies Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys."

Ray Charles, who performs "Behind Closed Doors" at the concert and has the No. 49 song with "I Can't Stop Loving You," said the beauty of a great country song is its simplicity.

"It's very plain, very simple music," Charles said Tuesday. "It's just for the average guy. You don't have to be a scholar or you don't have to be in the elite class or nothing like that. You just have to listen to the music and listen to the lyrics and the lyrics tell everything."



Loretta Blackburn recently received the award for most outstanding communication student during Pikeville College's Honors Convocation. This special event acknowledges the academic achievements of the College's outstanding students. Presenting the award is Basil Clark, associate professor of speech and theater. Blackburn is a reporter for The Floyd County Times and has been a contributing writer to the Christian Messenger. She is a daughter of Barbara Skeens and Marvin Tackett. Blackburn resides in Prestonsburg with her son Reggie and daughter Fallon.

Fast

her own in a pink, Asian-inspired convertible, but her voice is so tinny, she shouldn't have been allowed to speak.)

Come to think of it, "2 Fast 2 Furious" would have been even better if none of the actors spoke — then we'd only have to focus on the roar of the engines, which is all this movie is really about.

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located in the H.F. May, at Maytown;

Hazel Waters and C.V. Waters to Bruce V. Nichols, property located on Woods Branch Road;

Danny P. Curry and Grace Ann Curry to William J. Martin and Guenda S. Martin, property location not listed;

Virgil Roberts, Juanita Wood, Imogene Mead and Curtis Mead,

Roy Rogers, Martha Trent and Donnie Trent to Harold Rodgers, property location not listed;

Deloris Ousley to Carl D. Lafferty and Debbie Lafferty, property located in the Richmond Subdivision, City of Prestonsburg;

Sandra Wells, administrator of the estate of Bobby W. Wells Jr. to Bobby W. and Herbie J. Wells, property located in Auxier;

Lillian Blackburn to Clinton Ray Campbell, property located in the E.M. Moore Division of the Harry Branham Farm;

James Pennington and Henrietta Pennington, d/b/a Drains Unlimited to Hamilton Industries, LLC, property location not listed;

Trilby Akers to Terry Akers, property location not listed;

Delpha Carroll and Nathan Carroll to Mary K. Carroll Hall, property located on Branham's Creek;

Rodney Hicks and Jeanie Len Hicks to Rodney Brandon Hicks and Sabrina Kay Hicks, property location not listed;

Phyllis Anderson Redd Hornbaker and Joseph B. Hornbaker to John

Edward Meyer and Ella Mae Smith, property location not listed;

Ricky Stumbo to Kenneth Bundy, property located on Left Beaver Creek;

Andrea Dawn Newsome, Gerald Brandon Newsome to Jonathon E. Saddler and Andrea Dawn Saddler and Gerald Brandon Newsome, property located on Branham's Creek Road;

Janice Caudill to Jennifer Ann Slope, property located on Prater Creek at Banner;

Wanda E. Mashburn and Virgil C. Mashburn to Paul D. Walters and Esther P. Walters, property located on Little Paint Creek;

Service

services it currently offers patients of Eastern Kentucky," Minton said in a press release from the hospital. "We were receiving calls for air transport before we officially began offering the service. The public is anxious."

May said Tuesday the hospital will also offer a fixed wing ambulance service to transport patients to locations that exceed the reach of the helicopter.

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Bailey, Mary Francis Rose and Evan Rose to Richard R. Jervis, property location not listed;

Calvin Compton and Barbara Compton to Pauline Shepherd, property located on Salt Lick Creek;

Velmer Hunt and Karen Hunt, Freda Hunt, Patricia Joseph and Bill Joseph, Margaret Ward and Randy Ward, Shelby Robinette and Ronald Robinette, Linda Shelton and Russell Shelton, James M. Hunt and Ethel Hunt to Macie Hunt, property located on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek;

Melissa Dawn Wells Tackett to David Todd Tackett, property located on Rolling Acres;

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# Used cars to be sold for \$5.00\*

Walters Automotive Group, Eastern Kentucky's largest volume new and used car dealer, just announced plans to hold a five-dollar used car and truck sales event on Saturday, June 7th, 2003.

Recent record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. According to the Walters family, sales have been at a tremendous rate. A spokesman for the family said, "Now we must reduce the number of our used cars and trucks to a more manageable level." During this five-dollar sale, cars and trucks will be sold for thousands below their original price. In fact, there will be cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars sold for three to five thousand. "Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions." Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car, so you pay more. Here, every car is on sale, first come, first served, and

no bidding. Its the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, including cars for only five dollars. The used vehicles from all Walters Dealerships will be on display at Walters Mazda-Mitsubishi, next to K-mart in Pikeville. At 9:00 a.m., all vehicles will be opened so the buyers may inspect the vehicle for one hour before the sale begins at 10:00 a.m. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel at 10:00 a.m., when the prices are posted on the windshield, will be given the first opportunity to purchase this vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price, with no hassle.

"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during this sale." According to a family member, "There will be six business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over 5 million dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 400 used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day only sale. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business, we would like to give back to the community." The whole Walters family feels that they would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction.

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## 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Allen Elementary cheerleaders and resource center will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, June 14. The tournament is for players of high school age and up. Cost is \$40 per team. Free-throw and 3-point contests will be held. Entry fee for contests is \$8. For more information, call Rachel Allen at 874-8851, Bernadine Isaac at 285-5100, or Kristin Halbert at 285-1547.

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### COMMENTARY

Mr. Bud Selig  
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#### Dear Mr. Selig:

The revelation that Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs used an illegal corked bat in Tuesday's game against the Tampa Bay

Devil Rays is yet another black eye for major-league baseball, a sport that can ill afford to once again have its image tarnished and its credibility questioned.



Billy Reed

As you should know better than anyone, Sosa has long been one of the game's good guys, a positive role model for youngsters both in the U.S. and in his native Dominican Republic. We all thought he was pure as the driven snow.

Now we find out differently. Because Sosa now has been

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### GOLF

## Ward gearing up for Paintsville Invitational

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Former StoneCrest Golf Course pro Larry G. Ward has things in line for the 63rd Annual Paintsville Invitational Golf Tournament. The annual event is scheduled for June 13-15. Over 100 golfers are expected to take part in this year's tournament.

Ward made some changes to the course shortly after taking over as the course pro.

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### ONA SPEEDWAY



Paul Teutul Sr. & Jr.

## Orange Co. Choppers father-son to appear at Ona

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ONA, W.Va. - Four of NASCAR's shining stars and the father-son duo of Orange County Choppers will be in attendance Saturday at the Race of

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## Preview: Eldora Speedway's THE DREAM

by DOC LEHMAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROSSBURG, Ohio - "I really like that race," stated Earl Baltes not long ago when the subject of his upcoming race, THE

DREAM, came up. Earl Baltes will once again host his \$100,000 to win THE DREAM, the eighth edition (ninth counting the ELDORA MILLION), this weekend, June

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photo courtesy of Doc Lehman

THE DREAM attracts drivers from all across the country, including Eastern Kentucky. A \$100,000 top prize. Pictured is the No. 24 car of Rick Eckert.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg High School catcher Amanda Tackett signed to attend school and play softball at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. Tackett was one of the 15th Region's top catchers.

## Tackett inks with ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - First-year Alice Lloyd College softball coach Tim Rice has made a habit of signing the top senior players in Floyd County. Thursday, shortly after the noon hour, Rice signed Prestonsburg senior catcher Amanda Tackett. One of the leaders on a Prestonsburg team that came on strong toward the end of the season and had spurts of good play throughout the campaign,

Tackett joins five other Floyd County seniors who have already signed to play at ALC. Tackett is the first female student-athlete in the 2003 Prestonsburg High School class to sign to play at the next level. She joins Floyd Countians Tasha Rice (Betsy Layne), Natasha Stratton (Betsy Layne), Amanda Robinette (Betsy Layne), Tiffany Turner (Allen Central) and Kristi Howard (Allen Central), all of whom have already signed with Alice Lloyd.

The newest Lady Eagle's high

school coach, Harold Tackett, Prestonsburg High athletic director Jerry Butcher, Rice, and members of her family were present for the signing ceremony.

"Amanda has a great opportunity to come in and play and contribute right away," said Rice. "We're excited to have her coming into our program."

Amanda Tackett is also looking forward to the opportunity to play

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### BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES

## First deadlines drawing near

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Officials with the Bluegrass State Games urge athletes to sign up now for this summer's events. If you play soccer, softball or tennis, heads up: Your deadline for entering those sports in the Bluegrass State Games is less than two weeks away.

Amateur athletes wishing to partici-

pate in those team sports should get their entry forms and fees postmarked by June 18.

A week later, entries are due for basketball, racquetball, sailing, tee-ball and volleyball on June 25.

The main deadline for most sports - from archery to wrestling - is July 2. Swimming entries are due July 14, and participants have until July 23 to enter

equestrian - dressage.

Opening ceremonies for the 2003 Bluegrass Summer Games is Friday, July 18. Most of this year's Games will be held July 18-20 and July 26-27 in Lexington and surrounding communities.

There are 28 sports being offered

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### H.S. SOFTBALL

## Two runs end AC season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - After demolishing Johnson Central in the opening round, 10-1, Allen Central couldn't muster a single run Wednesday night in a 2-0 season-ending loss to 15th Region tourney host Pikeville. Pikeville scored once in the fourth inning and one more time in the fifth to get more than enough scores across to beat the Lady Rebels.

Allen Central had five hits in the

game, but no runs as a result.

Blair Conn reached base on a single and later scored for Pikeville's first run in the fourth inning. Emily Colvin got on base following a single and crossed the plate for the Lady Panthers' second and final run of the game in the fifth inning.

Senior Tiffany Turner took the loss for Allen Central, one of her few setbacks this season. Dee Webb recorded the win for Pikeville.

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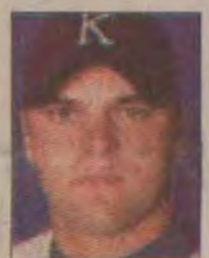
### MLB DRAFT

## Castle drafted by Yankees

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

A big decision awaits one area pitcher. Should he stay or should he go...pro?

University of Kentucky pitcher Heath Castle was selected by the New York Yankees in the 16th round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft on Tuesday. Castle was the 484th overall pick and becomes the



Heath Castle

64th Wildcat player to be selected in the draft since 1979.

"I'm really excited to see my name in the Major League Draft," Castle said. "When I started playing baseball my main goal was to one day play professionally, and now I

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## SC Shootout begins today

### Betsy Layne one of nine teams in event

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ - Johnson Central High School held its summer-slam this week. Today, the boys' basketball program at Sheldon Clark High School will begin hosting the Cardinal Shootout. Nine teams will be playing over two days, Friday and Saturday, as games will be played at Sheldon Clark High School and Inez Middle School. Two region champions from Kentucky - 8th

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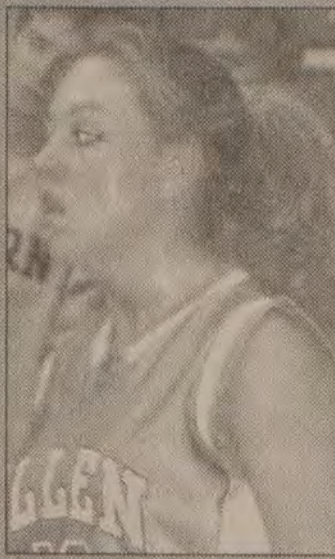
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Allen Central graduate Mike Stone (seated, second from right) will take his basketball to King College in Bristol, Tenn. after signing Wednesday.

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Tyler Turner,  
Allen Central  
Baseball



Tiffany Turner,  
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## Dream

6-7. It's a must-see event, and has quickly and firmly established itself as one of dirt Late Model racing's "crown jewels". Drivers from coast to coast will be chomping at the bit to try their hand at Baltes' famed high-banks that weekend in June and they will again make the pilgrimage in September for the granddaddy of them all, the WORLD 100.

THE DREAM is a race every dirt Late Model racer worth his salt wants to win. Although maybe not carrying the prestige of Baltes' famed WORLD 100, the payday and still-substantial prestige and bragging rights aren't anything to dismiss.

Scott Bloomquist is the defending Dream champion and a two-time victor; having also captured the prestigious contest in 1995, but knows full well the disappointments that come along with the success. Back in 2000, Bloomquist's mount failed to meet the minimum weight requirements following an apparent transfer into the feature race through a heat race finish, and was disqualified. That DNQ mars the Mooresburg, Tennessee driver's otherwise

perfect Dream record.

A field of 135 machines gathered for the Dirt Late Model Dream last year. Billy Moyer triumphed on qualifying night with a new track record of 15.478.

It promises to be every bit as exciting and tension filled this year. First on the agenda is the unique two-round time trial session. The fastest of the two laps recorded by a driver on Friday night is the time used for placement into one of the six qualifying heat races slated for Saturday evening.

Secondly, a driver must finish among the top three in their heat to earn a starting berth in the Dream. If that can't be accomplished, a driver needs to cross the line in positions 4 through 10 for any hope at all of advancing.

Those spots will get a driver into either the C or B Main, two more qualifying events that will promote four more drivers into the Dream. The only other hope a driver has is a quick time trial run, as the format allows for the quickest two drivers from time trials, that haven't advanced otherwise, to be placed into the main event.

Once getting into the starting grid, the work continues, as the 100-lap grind around the one-half mile clay oval is demand-

ing, as the eyes of the dirt late model world watch in anticipation of the next 'big-time' winner.

Only Steve Francis has qualified for all eight Dirt Late Model Dream events staged since its inception in 1994 (no race was held in 2001 to allow for the Eldora Million). Francis has improved upon his record each year and after coming home in fifth place last season, is hoping that the can come up with the combination to move into victory lane this year.

But, that is no easy road. The United Midwestern Promoters (UMP) sanctioned event annually draws in excess of 100 race teams, all with dreams of first making it into the 24-car starting field and then driving on to the stage to collect the \$100,000 posted by the ageless Earl Baltes, promoter of Eldora Speedway. But they all know it's not cut and dried. In fact, for most dirt Late Model drivers, they just hope to make the starting field.

"I love the track and I love the atmosphere of the place," commented Mike Balzano. "And you gotta love Earl. Everybody loves Earl." We always qualify good and then get in a heat race and run bad. Or qualify bad and get in a heat race and run good but not good

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enough to transfer. It'd be nice to win. Everyone says they want to go to Eldora and win and I would definitely want to. But I would just like to go there and make the race."

"I don't know, man," offered Brian Birkhofer. "On the open shows and big races like that I'm kind of confident. Hopefully I've got a setup to qualify. I'm going there with it in mind to get two good laps. I think if I get through that qualifying there, I don't know what to expect. But right now, I'm just going to concentrate on two good laps and making the top 36 invert."

A former winner is as excited and fired up about this weekend as one could get.

"I'm looking forward to THE DREAM," declared Rick Eckert. "I always do. It's a great place to race but we only get to go there about twice a year so we really look forward to either one of the races."

So, what would it mean to win it again?

"That would be great," confirmed Eckert. "That's one of the best things to happen to my racing career. To do it a second time would be awesome."

One of a race team's toughest jobs at Eldora Speedway is figuring out the track and what setups to use. It can be daunting and perplexing. And extra pressure often comes to the many manufacturers who are always in attendance and offering their advice, knowledge and expertise.

"It's one of the can't miss races of the year but any of the two at Eldora are can't miss races there," stated Mike Farr, a shock specialist with Carerra Shocks based in Atlanta, GA. "We get calls like a month before. On setup's and what they need to get around that place. And what type of shocks

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# SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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## Ona

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Champions at Ona Speedway.

NASCAR drivers Michael Waltrip, Sterling Marlin, Kenny Wallace and Jeff Green will be there along with the father and son team of Paul Teutul Sr. and Jr. of Orange County Choppers. The father-son team is featured on the Discovery Channel each week.

NASCAR drivers will sign autographs and drive locally-owned cards in the Race of Champions. The Teutuls will also sign autographs and greet fans.

Ona Speedway gates will open at noon and a lineup of regional drivers competing in Street Stock and other classes gets underway at 5:30 p.m. All

tickets are \$20. Tickets are available at Nitro Dodge, Ripley Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Dixie Thunder at the Huntington Mall.

*Ona Speedway is West Virginia's only paved track. Located near the Huntington Mall in Ona, it is 3/8 of a mile long running several different classes. For more information, call 1-800-CALLWVA*

## SC

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Region champ Scott County and 15th Region two-time defending champ Shelby Valley and West Virginia power Tug Valley are in the field. Kris Bentley will see some of his first action of the hardwood as a Wildcat for Shelby Valley after transferring into the Robinson Creek school from Prestonsburg.

A total of 10 games will be played beginning today at 1:30 p.m. at Sheldon Clark when the host Cards take on Shelby Valley. Later today at 3 p.m. at SCHS, Shelby Valley will be back in action against Scott County. At 4, Tug Valley will play Betsy Layne, Sheldon Clark will battle Phelps at 5:15. Buckhorn plays Logan, W.Va. at 6:30 p.m. and the final game of the day pits Sheldon Clark against Scott County at 7:45.

Play will get underway at Inez Middle School at 4 this afternoon with Johnson Central playing Logan. The Golden Eagles will play Tug Valley at

6:30. Scott County will play Betsy Layne and Buckhorn-Phelps takes place later in the afternoon.

Shelby Valley will not play on Saturday. Play on Saturday will get underway at 2 p.m.. The first game at the high school has Betsy Layne up against Logan at 3:15 followed by Scott County-Johnson Central at 4:30. Sheldon Clark will play Logan at 5:30. At Inez Middle, Sheldon Clark will play Buckhorn at 2 p.m. before Buckhorn-Tug Valley at 3:15. Betsy Layne and Phelps will play at 4:30 before a Johnson Central-Phelps game wraps up the event at 5:45.

Each game will consist of four eight-minute quarters. Each team will get one 30-second timeout per half, the bonus will be shot after 10 team fouls, there will be no double bonus, a player will be allowed six fouls and no flagrant fouls will be tolerated. There will be a five-minute halftime per game.

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Turner helped her cause at the plate reaching base on two hits in three plate appearances. Turner finished with a double and a single. Amber Scott, Kristi Howard and Jenni Spurlock had a hit apiece for Allen Central.

The finals of the tournament shaped up to be an all-Pike County affair with Pikeville in the championship game against Belfry last night. Belfry topped Shelby Valley 1-0 in the first game to advance to the championship contest.

Results were unavailable at press time.

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# LITTLE LEAGUE '03

## Drawing

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this year. All you need to enter is an entry form and entry fee for each sport you plan to enter. The forms are contained in entry booklet available at several convenient retail locations, including local public libraries.

Again, all participants are

urged to register early. Only participants who pre-register will be guaranteed a T-shirt. On-site registration is offered for equestrian (hunter) and sailing.

Entry forms may also be downloaded online at [www.bgsg.org](http://www.bgsg.org).

## Tackett

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softball at the next level. "I accept the challenge," Amanda Tackett said. The ALC softball program will play one more season out of

conference play before entering back into conference competition the following season in 2005. Rice expects to sign one more player this spring.

## Castle

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have an opportunity to do so. It's really a great feeling."

Castle, a graduate of Johnson Central High School, proved himself early on in the UK baseball program.

"We're excited for Heath here at Kentucky," Coach Keith Madison said. "He was one of the top left-handed pitchers in the Southeastern Conference this season and he certainly deserved to be drafted. He has a big decision to make and I know he will make the best

decision for himself and his future."

Castle, a Lowmansville native, was the top pitcher on the UK staff this spring. He finished the 2003 campaign with a 6-5 record and a 3.54 ERA in 15 appearances, striking out 60 batters in 86 1/3 innings of work. The senior-to-be still reserves the option to pass on the New York offer and return to UK for his final season. He has not yet made a decision on his immediate future.

## Reed

array of records and statistics must now be considered in a different light. It's a stretch to believe this was the first time he had ever used a corked bat. So how many of his home runs are legit and how many were tainted?

But, of course, after paying whatever fine you levy, and sitting out whatever suspension you decide to assess, Sosa will be back in uniform, his heartfelt mea culpas being accepted by sympathetic media types and fans.

And five years after his retirement, he'll probably be a first-ballot selection to the Hall of Fame, even though his actions have compromised the integrity of the game.

Only a year or so ago, Ken Caminiti revealed the he used steroids during his MVP year with the Houston Astros in the mid-1990s. When ex-big league slugger Jose Conoco also admitted to using steroids, he estimated that the majority of his peers were doing the same thing.

Mr. Commissioner, the use of steroids can directly affect the outcome of a game, as can the use of a corked bat. In both cases, the integrity of the game is seriously compromised.

Which brings me around to Pete Rose.

Obviously, you are well aware that during his legendary major-league career with Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Montreal, Rose was never once accused of using a corked bat or steroids. He was guilty only of upholding the integrity of the game by trying to win, within the rules, every time he put on his uniform.

In 1989, one of your predecessors, Bart Giamatti, found Rose guilty of illegal betting when he was the manager of the Reds. He and Rose reached

a curious agreement by which Rose accepted a lifetime ban, but had the right to petition for reinstatement after a specified number of years.

Rose has denied betting on baseball. Almost everyone believes he is lying.

But whatever the truth, there's not a shred of evidence that proves conclusively that, in his role as manager of the Reds, Rose ever did anything to affect the outcome of a game just so he could win a bet.

In other words, Mr. Commissioner, you have no corked bat, figuratively speaking, to use as evidence that Rose ever did anything to have a negative impact on the "integrity of the game," a phrase that sounds more hollow with every revelation of cheating or drug usage.

Rose has been barred from baseball longer than many rapists, murderers, and child molesters have served time in prison. Maybe he still bets on horse races, but that's a legal activity that should have no bearing on his status with baseball. He has served a prison term for income-tax evasion, been pilloried by many in the media for not showing enough remorse, and been deprived of any association with the sport that has been his life.

Yet, amazingly, he has carried on, his head held high, going about the business of being Pete Rose. An overwhelming majority of baseball fans have forgiven him and want him reinstated. Even in exile, he has continued to be an ambassador of goodwill for baseball, more so than many of today's selfish, egotistical, churlish stars.

The phrase, "integrity of the game," is open to different interpretations.

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When you became commissioner and turned the Milwaukee Brewers over to family members in what amounted to a transparent holding operation, was that in the best interest of the game's integrity?

What about when you got rid of the league presidents? Or when you canceled

last year's All-Star game when it was tied in extra innings? Or the unconscionable way that you undermined the Minnesota, Montreal, and Tampa

Bay franchises by trying to fold them?

I submit, Mr. Commissioner, that Pete Rose has been better for baseball than Bud Selig.

Another of your predecessors, Bowie Kuhn, once banned Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays from baseball because they had accepted jobs as "hosts" at a couple of Atlantic City casinos. At the same time, of course, at least two major-league owners, George Steinbrenner and John Galbreath, had significant interest in race tracks, where, like the Atlantic City casinos, gambling is legal.

The hypocrisy was so obvious that Kuhn eventually had to back down. Heck, Steinbrenner, who still owns the New York Yankees, is a convicted felon, having made illegal campaign contributions to Richard Nixon.

By being caught using a corked bat, Sammy Sosa has hurt himself more than you ever could. His reputation now is tainted, his records questionable. But whatever you do with him, Mr. Commissioner, do the right thing by Pete Rose.

Forgive him. Lift the ban. Baseball has made its point about gambling. But baseball also will continue to look hypocritical by barring Rose while dishing out little, or no, punishment to others who have compromised the integrity of the game.

By the way, wonder what the remnants of Sosa's corked bat would bring on e-Bay?

Kindest regards,  
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# Musick steps aside from coaching

## Former JCHS coach will remain Fairview principal

by MARK MAYNARD  
THE INDEPENDENT

WESTWOOD - Chad Tackett now knows what it means to be in the right place at

the right time.

The 27-year-old Fairview High School graduate will get the chance to coach football at his alma mater this fall. Bill Musick, the principal-coach the past two seasons, will focus all of his attention on administrative duties.

"I don't want to be labeled a coach doing the principal's job," Musick said. "It's the toughest thing I've had to do in a long

time. My wife's cried, I broke down in front of the team and my boys had their eyes watering up. It's a family decision."

Musick came back to Fairview, which is also his alma mater, two years ago as the high school principal and head football coach.

"Being the principal is a full-time job in itself," he said. "As much as I've enjoyed coaching, I've enjoyed being a principal even more."

Musick is also comfortable handing the baton to Tackett, who was an assistant on Fairview's staff last year and at Boyd County the previous three seasons.

"Bill Tom (Ross) and Billy Musick, in my opinion, are two of the better coaches in eastern Kentucky," Tackett said. "I'll draw from what I learned from them."

Tackett inherits a Fairview team that is expecting to have one of its best seasons. Last year, the Eagles enjoyed their first winning season in 15 years.

"We've worked hard this off-season," Tackett said. "The kids have made tremendous improvements. Last year we were close to being able to compete with everybody on our schedule. This year, I know we're able to compete."

Most of the work has come in the weight room. Fairview has been to three weight-lifting meets this winter and come away as champion in two of them.

"We were always the smallest school there, too," Tackett said. "The weight-training is the biggest thing. Kids today, not matter what they're playing,

(See MUSICK, page four)

## J&M Motocross race results from Sunday, June 1

50cc Pro Senior: 1 - James Miller, Hazard; 2 - Tyler Mullins, Belcher. 50 cc 7-8 year-olds: 1 - Blake Lemaster, Auxier. XR 70 Class: 1 - Cody Risner, Vest; 2 - Brandon Owens, Prestonsburg. 65cc 7-9 year-olds: 1 - Zacharie Young, Royalton; 2 - Michael Adams, Pikeville. 65cc 10-11 year-olds: 1 - Channing Young, Royalton. Mini Four Stroke Class: 1 - Zach Hall, Mousie; 2 - Gatlin Mills, Paintsville. XR 100 Class: 1 - Michaela Howard, Royalton; 2 - Justin Combs, Hindman. 85 cc 7-11 year-olds: 1 - Kyle Hinkle, Delbarton, W.Va.; 2 - Josh Bolen, Wayland; 3 - Justin Bentley, Shelbiana, 4 - Ricky Rowe; 5 - Matthew Leedy, Frankfort. 85cc 12-15 year-olds: 1 - Josh Bolen, Wayland; 2 - Kyle Hinkle, Delbarton, W.Va.; 3 - Jarrann Robinson, Shelbiana; 4 - Allie Archer, Salyersville; 5 - Justin Bentley, Shelbiana; 6 - Michael Prater, Shelbiana. 125 C Class: 1 - Aaron Mullins, Belcher; 2 - Danny Leedy,

Frankfort; 3 - Sherry Cornett, Gilley; 4 - Nick Stephens, Salyersville. 125 B Class: 1 - Todd Prater, Shelbiana. 125 D Beginner: 1 - Jason Warrix, Pikeville; 2 - Steven Miller, Hazard. 250 D Class: 1 - Nick Hager, Prestonsburg; 2 - Taylor Boyd, Hindman. 250 C Class: 1 - Darrell Stallard, Norton, Va.; 2 - Mike Prater, Prestonsburg; 3 - Andy Mullins, Wise, Va. 250 B Class: 1 - Kenny Cornett, Gilley; 2 - Rodney "Tator" Anderson, Wise, Va.; 3 - David Dillion, Big Stone Gap, Va. 30+ Class: 1 - Rodney "Tator" Anderson, Wise, Va.; 2 - Kenny Cornett, Gilley; 3 - Chris Gamble, Salyersville; 4 - David Dillion, Big Stone Gap, Va.; 5 - Sherry Cornett, Gilley; 6 - Darrell Stallard, Norton, Va.; 7 - Andy Mullins, Wise, Va.; 8 - Kenny Mullins, Belcher; 9 - Justin Martin, Mousie; 10 - Mark Young, Royalton.

Royalton's J&M Motocross will hold its next event on Sunday.

## Dream

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to run as in twin tube or mono (gas pressure) tube Carrera has both types."

Reps from manufacturers, like Farr, can be run ragged on the day of the race going from car to car. But from a manufacturer's standpoint, considerable information can be gleaned from studying the cars that use their products as they perform on the track.

"Well, during the day I make sure that the guys running our shocks that they all have what they need and advise them what shock valving they will need for the heats after I see the race track and try to determine what the track is going to do as far as slick, tacky, run on the bottom or on the cushion on the wall," explained Farr. "Then after the heats I have to start it all over again for the feature. I only watch the first two or three laps of each heat race of the guys' that are fast and how my cars are running and handling and go talk to the guys that just came off the track from their heat race. As after a lap or two the drivers will compensate for any handling problems they have and the laps from 2 or 3 on won't tell me much as to what they need."

After going to Eldora for decades, Farr was asked if he had any special memories of Earl Baltes' race place.

"Yes, winning it in 1996 with Donnie Moran and then backing it up by winning the 1996 World 100 with Donnie," responded Farr.

"I would say the high car count and the plethora of states represented by both the fans and race drivers," was the answer Eldora Speedway announcer Rick Eshelman had when asked what the special attraction was to THE DREAM. "All races at Eldora have that effect although the major races are a little more special. But this is the best there is to offer in dirt Late Model racing."

After such a hectic undertaking on such a grand scale, Eshelman agrees with a reporter's opinion that the staff is a major contributor to the success of the continual well-run shows at Eldora. The professional and dedicated staff that Earl Baltes has brought on board over the years is among the best

for race productions and they definitely earn their pay with long hours and hard work. A job they all relish.

"Ask the flag man or the concession workers, and they are beat," commented Eshelman. "Ask the announcer or the scorers and they are mentally drained. I think everyone puts in 100 percent and does the best they can to make each event a total success for everyone."

Which is a major reason Eldora Speedway brings so many people to the track from all over the country.

But the star of the show is the actual racing itself. And the sheer drama of who can even make the race intensifies the scenario like no other race, except the WORLD 100.

"Everybody looks forward to going to THE DREAM and, oh man, it would be a great boost for me, the team and everybody," exclaimed Earl Pearson, Jr., when asked what it would be like to win. "The biggest thing is you have to have a lot of luck. The first round of qualifying, you need a good draw, like anywhere from a 20 to a 50. If you can draw in that area you stand a good chance to starting on the first, second or third row of a heat race."

"Most of the time the track up there slows down through the night, so if you draw real late you might be further back than that. And you don't get any practice the following day when you run the heat races. I think the biggest thing is having a little luck and drawing a good number."

With one of racing's "crown jewels" on the slate this week, Dale McDowell seems obviously fired up to make the trek north to Earl Baltes' Eldora Speedway for THE DREAM.

"I am looking forward to it," declared McDowell. "I haven't had a lot of success there. Used to I didn't look forward to going to places I didn't run well in the past. We've had good qualifying efforts there. With the inversions we have come out on both sides of the fence."

"I've been there and qualified too well and I've been there and not qualified well enough. So they're changing that up a little bit and that race is very hard to make. But yet you see some key

drivers that race that place well and are always in the show."

"So I'm really looking forward to go there because we haven't ran that well there in the past there and it's kind of a challenge to get our program better there at one of the key facilities that we run at."

Looking at THE DREAM just as a promotional undertaking, it stands far and apart from most other high-profile events.

"What other event in our part of the sport pays \$100,000 to win?" asked Bret Emrick, Race Director for the Renegade Dirt Car Racing Series and one of the announcers for THE DREAM and the WORLD 100. "It's a unique concept that you know will bring the fans. Earl Baltes doesn't put on a promotion if he doesn't think it will work. Yes, it's risky. But, Earl has never been afraid of taking a risk."

"And, the fans know what they will get. Excellent racing with the best in the business at one of the world's most famous short tracks."

Emrick also anticipates the race for other reasons, chief among them being a race fan himself and the chance to enjoy a major event from a different perspective. Emrick also enjoys the experience for another important reason.

"To be honest with you, the fans," Emrick proclaimed. "I mean, all of us in the business are doing our deal because of the fans. From the race teams to the race staff. We have to remember the fans come first. They are the customer."

"I know that personally for me when I hear that huge roar from the crowd when the action on the track is awesome that the customer is being entertained. The race teams are doing their jobs. That is great! And, in a sense, I really get pumped when the crowd reacts to something either Rick or myself has said over the P.A. Call it 'ego building' if you must but having that crowd rattle the rafters let's us know that we are doing our jobs as well."

### LOCALLY...

Floyd County drivers Brandon Kinzer, Chuckie May, Shannon Thornsberry and other Eastern Kentuckians are expected to make the trip north for the annual race.

## Ward

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"Some changes have been made; we've added some rough and tried to modernize the course," said Ward.

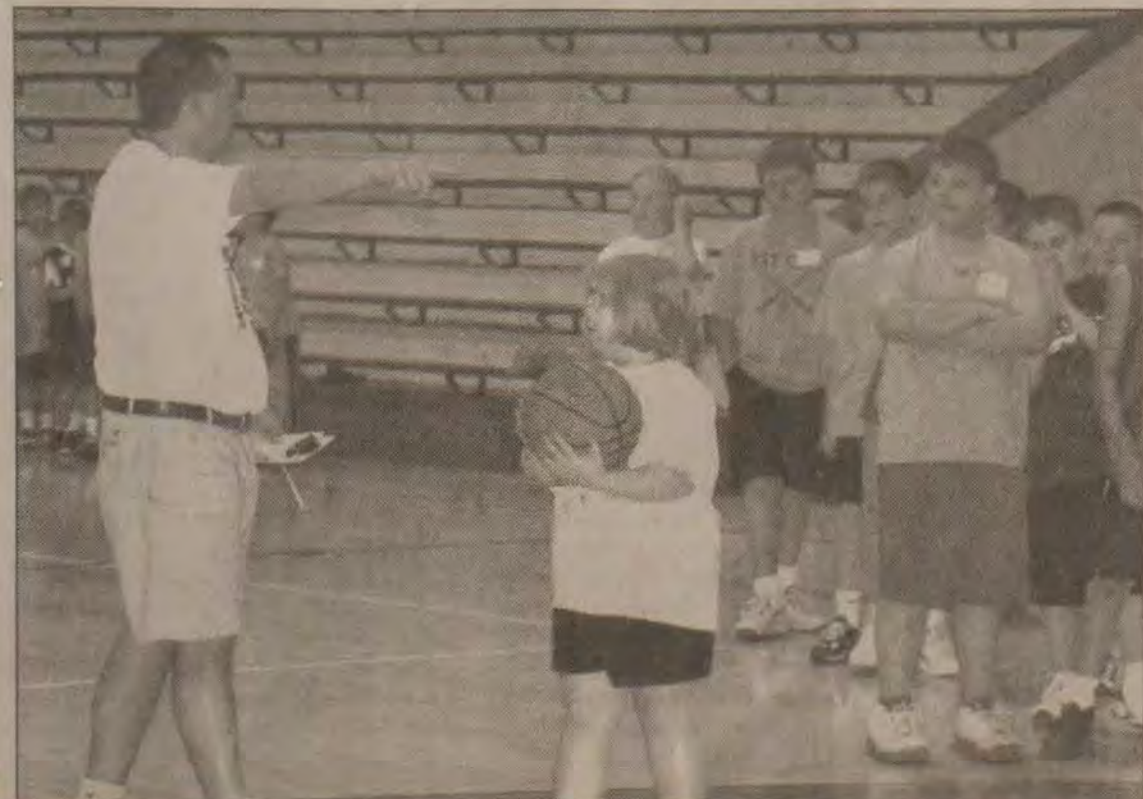
Don Pollard is the two-time defending champion and will try to win the event for a third year in a row. The field already features a good mix of professional and amateur entrants. Walt Crace is the returning

amateur champion. Other top amateurs in the field include David Vanhoose, Gary Brown, Larry Brown, Michael Haney, Nathan Haney and Clint Adams. Tourism is a huge part of the event. Ward expects the tournament to bring in over \$100,000 of tourism money to Paintsville and Johnson County.



photos by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg High School head coach Jackie Day Crisp (above), assistant Bobby Hackworth (below) and Blackcat players worked with young campers Wednesday in a youth basketball camp. The camp is scheduled to conclude today around noon.



# Horsemen: Bonner throws 5 TDs in win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Lexington Horsemen turned the ball over four times last night, but a crucial fumble by the Tupelo FireAnts proved more costly.

Horsemen quarterback Dusty Bonner threw five touchdown passes and Martez Johnson scored three times as Lexington beat host Tupelo 43-22 in a National Indoor Football League game.

"I was proud to come down here and come away with a win,"

Horsemen Coach Tony Franklin said. "It was ugly, but it was a win."

The Horsemen (7-2) took a 28-14 lead late in the third quarter when Bonner hit Johnson for a 20-yard score.

The FireAnts' Bobby Hill returned the ensuing kickoff to the Horsemen's 5-yard line, but he fumbled the ball after being hit by Neal Brown. Lexington's Chad Spencer recovered, and on the Horsemen's first play, Bonner again hit Johnson for a TD, this

time from 40 yards out, giving Lexington a 35-14 lead.

The FireAnts (1-9) never seriously threatened after that.

All four of Lexington's turnovers came in the first half, but Tupelo failed to take advantage.

The Horsemen went into the break leading 21-6.

"We weren't hyped up in the first half," said Johnson, who had 120 yards of total offense. "But in the second half, we were a little more focused."

Spencer, a former Georgetown College standout, caught eight passes for 70 yards and a touchdown.

"My routes took me where it

was open," Spencer said. "The middle was like a black hole. There was nobody there."

The Horsemen return to action next Saturday at winless Evansville.

## Musick

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have got to lift weights. You've also got to run and condition. If we continue to do that, we can catch up to the rest of the state. The talent is here in eastern Kentucky."

Fairview has one of the areas' top athletes in Chris Jennings, a muscular senior-to-be with sprinter's speed.

"A lot of people think he's the only kid we've got but we had two other kids (Brandon Litteral and Stephen Crisp) rush for more than 400 yards," Tackett said. "We've got several kids who are going to step up and make the transition for us."

Musick said he likes Tackett's enthusiasm and work ethic and believes Fairview has one of the brightest young coaches around.

"He's a student of the game and he wants to do well because he graduated here also," Musick said. "That's a big plus. I told him two days after I took this job, he might as well come with me because he's eventually going to be the head coach here."

Musick won't be far away. He has two sons, Zach and Seth, still playing for the Eagles. Tackett said he wants Musick to be around.

"He's going to be in the press box with us on Friday nights," Tackett said. "He'll help me with the administrative part of the job, too. The reason I came back to Fairview — it's not a secret and everybody knows it — was because of Bill Musick."

Musick's resignation — as Fairview's coach ends a 22-year

coaching career. He has been a head coach at Evarts (three years), Johnson Central (10 years) and Fairview (two years). Musick has coached a Mr. Football (Scott Russell at Evarts) and had undefeated teams at Evarts and Johnson Central.

He came to Fairview two years ago with the idea of rebuilding the program.

"We're on solid ground," he said. "When I took it over two years ago I didn't know if we'd have enough to play, just to be honest. There was no weight-lifting program and we didn't have any coaches in the building."

"As far as kids returning, I feel good about them. I think, at least, our kids have a shot to win. That's not the mentality they've had in the past."

Tackett said Fairview is still in the process of building the program.

"It's not rebuilding, it's building," he said. "I know Raceland is our big rival but they're a model program for what we're trying to accomplish. Every year they're consistently competitive. Hopefully, we can get to that point and take it farther."

Tackett said the Eagles will be a little more open offensively this fall than with Musick's grind-it-out wishbone offense of the past two years.

"You'll see us in shotgun some and there's no secret we have a prototype I-formation tailback in Jennings," he said. "I think we're going to be pretty exciting."

## Willard to welcome back Sprints

WILLARD — Southern Ohio Sprint 305s will return to Willard Speedway in Carter County on Saturday. Also featured will be the regular show of Modifieds, Super Streets, Bombers, 4-Cylinders, and V6 Stocks. An action-packed day is in store, and for a little extra fun there will be a drawing for a kids bicycle. Willard Speedway is the tri-state's fastest quarter-mile. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.; racing starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

## DIRT TRACK

### 201 races resume Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — The dirt track racing season continues Saturday at 201 Speedway with racing in all classes. Other events are also scheduled for 201 in the coming weeks. On Friday, June 13, one week from

today, 201 will host its first annual bluegrass gospel sing with featured groups Salvation Rain, The Jackson Family, Providence and True Gospel Echoes.

On July 5, Johnson County's only dirt track will host the Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series for the second time ever.



Family Academy of Martial Arts students are headed to New York this weekend for World Hall of Fame festivities. More on the group's trip will appear in an edition next week.

## Reds looking to college

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The pitching-poor Cincinnati Reds are bypassing the high school ranks and going straight to college. The Reds, who normally like to get their fresh arms from the high schools around America, did not look that way this time during the draft, selecting University of Houston's Ryan Wagner as their first-round draft pick. Wagner was the 14th pick overall in an amateur baseball draft and the Reds' top pick.

Houston is still in the hunt in the college playoffs and that is keeping the Reds from negotiating with the hard-throwing right-hander now. They cannot sign him until Houston has ended its season. The Reds, in their first 12 picks, took 10 pitchers who they say will help the organization in the future. The Reds' scouting team was happy with the success of the draft.

If anyone has been following the Reds this season, especially the last 17 games, you know no

Reds starter has won a game in that stretch. All the wins have gone to the bullpen, headed by Scott Sullivan's 6-0 record. Has anyone thought that perhaps they need to fire the pitching coach and get a new one? I mean, if the rest of the ballclub does not fare well, they fire the manager. Well, if the pitching staff does not pitch well they should fire the pitching coach.

### SMITH SAYS NOT SO...

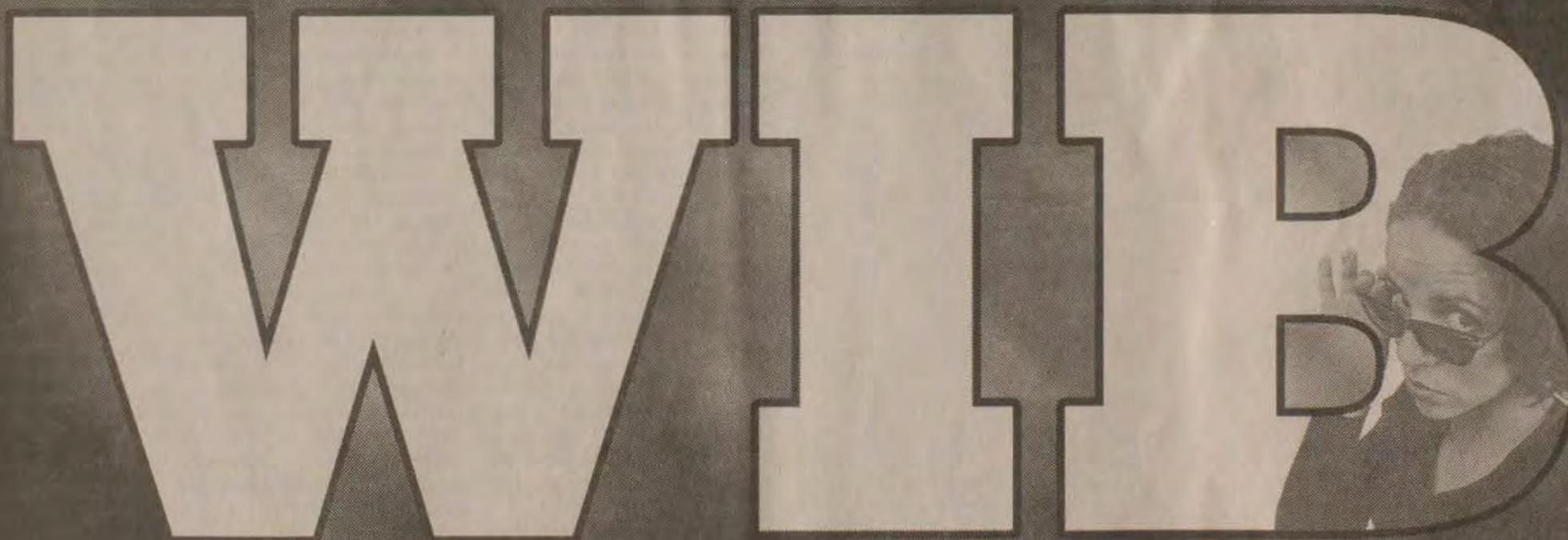
I have to laugh when I hear that Tubby Smith is going elsewhere to coach next basketball season. Smith, who just inked a contract extension for the next eight years worth over \$20 million, was rumored going to the Philadelphia '76ers next season. Although Smith did speak with the '76ers about the opening, he assures UK fans he is staying put and looking forward to another solid season next year.

### SAY IT AIN'T SO...

Caught in the very act of using a doctored baseball bat, Chicago Cub great Sammy Sosa showed why he can hit the long ball a long way: he uses a corked bat. Sosa, who was suspended, shattered his bat on a routine ground ball. The bat handle ended up at the feet of home plate umpire Tim McClelland, who spotted the cork and ejected Sammy from the game.

Sosa had his excuse saying he "picked up the wrong bat!" Sammy said it was a bat he used to entertain the fans with in batting practice. He said he was sorry — that he got caught of course. Sosa fears that he lost a lot of his fans because of the incident. He apologized but doubts that will help in getting the fans back. Of course, some thought it was okay for Sammy but not for other players.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Saving graces

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

People are, for the most part, I believe, of a selfish nature. As children, we want what we want when we want it, and, hopefully, as we mature, we grow out of a lot of our selfishness as we learn, gradually, to shift our focus from "me" to "we."



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

There are a lot of us living on this free-floating sphere we call home and sometimes it seems as we look around that "everyone else" is "getting something" that we aren't. This isn't always the case, of course, but it can certainly feel that way at times.

I know I certainly have a strong tendency to become fully aware of what I don't have rather than taking the time to shift my thoughts to what I do have. Although I still struggle with selfish tendencies, I am much less selfish today than I was a few years back.

I can recall a time in my life when I did exactly what I wanted to do - most every day. I called it "asserting my independence" - my mother called it "being long-headed" and most therapists, I suppose, would call it my "rebellious phase."

Throughout high school, I was pretty much a model student. I made good grades,

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## Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file always needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolcac@tiusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Mrs. Mary Adams, the center's "Oldest Mother."

- Local nursing center spreads cheer to residents -

# 'Fun Activities Week'

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Health Care Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week, May 11-16, with a variety of fun-filled activities for their residents and staff. Kicking the week off with a special celebration on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, the center held a special chicken and dumplings luncheon for residents and their families. Mrs. Mary Adams was honored as the center's "Oldest Mother," at age 96, and Mrs. Eula Hurd, age 67, was honored as the center's "Youngest Mother." Mrs. Adams' day was made even brighter, according to Cheryl Lafferty, activities director, by visits from 17 family members.

Each mother at the center received a "Special Mom" badge and Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Hurd each received a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

On Monday, the center celebrated "50's Day," with root beer floats and ice cream cones being served as special treats, along with piping hot pizza.

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Anzie Martin, a center resident, enjoys a flavorful piece of ice-cold watermelon during the week-end cook-out.



David Potts, left, and wife, Mildred, wave from the '57 Chevy on display in the center's recreational area.

## This Town, That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.*

### LOOK WHO GOT INTO THE ACT!

I wouldn't call the arrival of the Rockefeller baby a blessed event. Strikes me that his arrival and all that publicity, almost on the eve of the California election, reminded folks all over again of his divorce and sent many of them to the polls, mumbling in their beards about that gay Lothario. That boy may grow up to be a wife-beater. He's already helped beat his old man.

### LOOK, MA—HANDS!

The story is told, and it may be true, of the youngster who ran home, all out of breath, to tell his mother about the magic record-player at his school.

"A magic record-player—what will they come up with next?" mother remarked, her mind turning to all the Buck Rogers gadgets she had been reading about.

"Yeah, magic, mother. You don't have to plug it in—you don't even use electricity. All you have to do is wind up a crank."

### ANGLERS' ANGER

Bob Harlowe's in town and even above par—he handed me three jokes, any one of which is fit for print in this family journal. Here are two of them (I have lost the third):

A crusty old guide took a city slicker for a fishing trip, up in Michigan. Right off, the novice reeled a tiny white bass right up to the rod tip and pirouetted in glee. With a snort of disgust, the oldtimer said, "Why don't you climb the rod and choke 'im to death?"

The other one also has to do with fishing, and I wonder why he kept this item, just for me. It deals with an old angler who was kinda riled up and whose temper wasn't helped any by the passerby who sang out, as they will. "How they bitin'?" And the oldtimer, giving the impertinent one never a glance, replies, "Mostly on the neck and legs."

(That sounds familiar. If I didn't make that answer to a young poppinjay, one afternoon a few years ago, I was in a mood to say it!

It says here that a man pays a luxury tax on his bill

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# Postscript: Having a slugfest

I don't know about you, but the slugs are having an extended orgy in all my garden plots.

The zinnias are, as always, the primary victims. They're among my favorite flowers, and the slugs apparently agree. I'm convinced the slimy critters think I bring in zinnias just for their edification, to slake their extreme gluttony.

The slugs have also taken some significant chunks out of the dwarf dahlias with their fine and petite fronds. The leaves are full of holes and they seem to look up at me with pleading faces. Stop the hurt, they seem to say.

The marigolds, I'm sure, will be the next sacrifice, if nothing is done to stop the voracious plant-eaters.

I love my plants, and I have struggled for almost four years to train the big dogs to stay out of the flowering beds, with a modicum of success. Now to be besieged by homeless slugs is a slap in the face.

The weather and the placement of my plants, of course, does not help. If not in fact, this certainly seems like the wettest year on record. All winter and all spring, it seems we've been regularly deluged by rain. Gardeners throughout the region have the same complaints. You don't need to add water to the hole you dig for any plant these days. You just dig.

In addition, I have a great deal of shade in the front yard where I've chosen to set the flowering plants, which

makes the ground slower to dry out.

Those conditions make my little plot of land a perfect settling place for the slugs.

This situation led me the other day to where else? The Internet.

Whenever I need a respite from pressing work, I type in a curiosity and Voila! I get more information than I ever wanted to know or ever dreamed was

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Pam Shingler  
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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.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*\*If your child has lost a coat or any type of clothing this year, you or your child may come to the Youth Service Center to look for it. All coats that are left in the Center by the end of the year will become the property of the Youth Service Center.

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*\*School now holding KINDERGARTEN registration. Please call the school at 874-2165 to schedule an appointment.

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.

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

June 4 - Last day of school.

June 4 - GRADUATION, 7:30 p.m.

June 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 3 p.m.

BLHS Alumni Association is offering a 2-volume set pictorial history book featuring seniors and

faculty members of the BLHS classes from 1937-2003. Cost - \$30 per set. To order, write to: BLHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 25, Stanville, Ky. 41659. Numbers are limited, so order early. For more information, contact Betsy Layne High School at 478-2233.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

\*\*SUMMER CAMP available for month of July. Call the Family Resource Center for more information or to enroll your child for camp.\*\*

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

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

June 14 - "Fun Fair for Expectant & New Parents," at the MAC, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE for all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with babies up to 1 year of age. Door prizes, exhibits, refreshments.

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

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

are in need of any of these services.

\*\*Scholarships to Camp Shawnee still available. Please contact the family resource center if interested.\*\*

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

FRC Advisory Council

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Postscript

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even out there, I simply typed in "slugs" and was informed that more than 100,000 references are available. I spent time on sites placed by the

University of California and by our own University of Kentucky. I learned in the process that there is a metal rock band called Slugs, whose music I can buy on Amazon for \$13.49; that there is a movie called Slugs, which I can also buy on DVD; and that in detective book parlance, the word "slug" can mean a bullet (noun) or to knock unconscious (verb). I opened a couple of listings for Pacific Northwest Slugs, which promised to have jokes and stories about the unpleasant creatures, along with information, but all I got was a barrage of spam from other sites.

The university sites were certainly informative. For instance, following the course of kudzu, the brown garden snail was introduced from overseas more than 150 years ago for use as food. (If I were in France, I guess I could open up a deli.)

I learned, too, that slugs and snails move by gliding what's referred to as a muscular foot that secretes mucus, producing that slimy trail that lets you know the pests are about. Interestingly, slugs are hermaphrodites. In other words, they don't have to find a date, keep on their best behavior and get married to produce eggs. One slug can handle it all him/herself. When he/she does reproduce, it lays about 40 clear eggs in a hole in the soft topsoil, and they may do this up

to several times a year. Babies turn into adults over the course of three to six months, slinking out of their hiding places at night to dine at our plants' expense.

By far, the most interesting site, however, is the one operated by Golden Harvest Organics. It contains 13 pages of facts about slugs and snails, including an assessment of some of the most common theories of eradication.

It even tells how you can get the slimy mucus off your hands: Use white vinegar.

Some of my favorite pointers from the Golden Harvest Organics people:

If you are handpicking (ahem) the slugs from your garden, use chopsticks.

This one I particularly like: Keep barbecue skewers in the garden to be ever ready to impale the slugs.

Use dryer lint and/or pet hair as barriers. I suppose it scratches their slimy little bodies. And, boy, do I have pet hair!

Cultivate those critters that have a taste for slugs and snails, such as turtles, toads, frogs, lizards, garter snakes, and most manner of fowl.

This may be helpful for someone else, but it's obviously somewhat difficult for me. My big dogs consider most of these creatures to be put on earth for their sport. They will dig for days in pursuit of a frog. They can sniff out and destroy a snake in a heartbeat. They've been known to catch birds, and

I'm sure they would consider a chicken, which is probably the most effective slug eater, to be not only sport but also darn tasty.

What do you do?



From left to right, Melissa Bell, Ruth Prater, Frederick James I, Sabrina Martin, and Eula Hurd had fun with balloons and clown props on "Circus Day."



Sabrina Martin showed 'em all how to work the hula hoop on "50's Day."



Mrs. Eula Hurd, the center's "Youngest Mother."



Linda Parsons, a staff member of the center, tries to take a sip of soda from the large 50's-style soda cup.

Fun

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Special decorations in the form of the "World's Largest Soda Cup" and a "Rockin' 50's Convertible" were on display for everyone's enjoyment and center staff person, Sabrina Martin, entertained everyone with her "hula hoop" talents.

On Tuesday, the center set aside time to thank all the volunteers who give of their time each week with a special luncheon dinner of ham, potato salad, green beans, hot rolls and fresh fruit pie. Twenty-nine volunteers attended and Mrs. Anna Meadors was the winner of a nice door prize.

Wednesday brought "Hawaii Day" to the residents, with flower leis, lots of watermelon, cantaloupe and other fresh fruits along with a "limbo contest" won by Heather Fields.

Thursday was "Circus Day" and residents were entertained by the antics of slapstick-silly

clowns while they enjoyed cotton candy, popcorn and fruit slushies. Everyone laughed a lot and the "clowns" were exhausted by day's end.

On Friday, the center treated their residents and family members and friends to a barbecue cook-out on the center's patio. Hot dogs and hamburgers were prepared on the grill and served along with corn-on-the-cob, baked beans and more watermelon and cantaloupe.

Special thanks goes to those who helped make the festive week a success: David Potts, who supplied his stereo and 1950s collection of albums for special music all week long; Jeff Jervis, who supplied the grill for the cook-out; Melissa Bell, and Michael Bell, Prestonsburg Rotary Club, and Sabrina Martin, and Anita Elkins, along with Mona Burchett, of the Allen PTO, who each served as clowns on "Circus Day."

Weddings



Hurt-Dill

Mr. and Mrs. Hargis Hurt, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Staci Ramona Hurt, to Timothy John Dill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dill, of Covington. Staci currently attends Jefferson Community College and is employed as a sales/service representative for National City Bank, Louisville. Timothy is employed as a systems operator for United Tote of Churchill Downs, Louisville. The couple will marry in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2003, at the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

THINGS TO PONDER

Family Unity

It is important to us that our families work well together. So often we hear the term "dysfunctional" families, and we often wonder, "Isn't that just about all of us?" Guess it all amounts to our lives being as "reasonable" as possible and within the "ball park" of everyone getting their needs—emotional, physical, and social—met. According to one



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

perspective of viewing family functioning, Family System Theory, a concept is that members of dysfunctional families divide up the emotional responsibilities of the family. The part

played by each individual is referred to as a "role," and four basic categories of roles were identified. After reading about each role, think about how you interact with your parents and siblings, and then decide what has been and presently is your role within your family system. Next, consider whether or not that role works for you as a person and do you want to keep that role in the future. Remember, you are never stuck.

The role of "hero" in the family is also thought of as being the family's "perfect child." This particular child tends to

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Eyes

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behaved appropriately and stayed home a lot when other kids my age were out cruising around and attending parties. My parents, I thought back then, were certainly "stuffy" about a lot of things. But, following graduation and heading off on my own to the "land of freedom", i.e., college, I have to admit, I went a "tiny bit" astray. I went through a period of attending classes when I "felt like it" and skipping them when I didn't. I learned, for the first time, how it felt to have more than one good-looking guy vying for my attention - I also learned how to be smug about it and to care only about how "I" felt and little about the feelings of others.

I made some mistakes, and I learned from them - mostly the hard way.

Today, I find myself slowly moving into the realm of dealing with these same immature attitudes only this time, I get to see the situation from a mother's perspective. (You know what they say about "pay-backs.")

As my eldest daughter moves closer and closer to her sixteenth birthday, I sweat a little bit more and more. I find myself thinking, "I don't care! (Hear that little selfish foot-stomp?) I'm not going to let go! She's mine and I'm keeping her!"

But, I realize, as my own mother must have, that I have to let go, though it may only be an increment at a time, and I also realize that as I had to make some mistakes of my own, so be it with my children. As parents, we would like to "save" them all, but all we can really do is pray that the words we've spoken and the behaviors we've exemplified will, in the end, speak for themselves.

As my children grow older and I grow prouder, I learn to rely more and more on the God that created us all and who watches over us each and every one.

I think I'll be okay, and, I think also, my children will too.

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# Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



## Female doctors have edge on communication, notion quality of care

**Q** I've been an avid reader of the "Family Medicine" column for a number of years. I've noticed that since you've taken over from Dr. Wolf several months ago that the columns have a slightly different "tone." This has made me wonder if there is any research showing the differences, if any, between the way male and female doctors practice medicine.

**A** This is a very interesting question that has been debated for

years. I'm very proud of the rich history of involvement of women in the osteopathic medical profession. My alma mater, the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, was in the 1890s and the first few decades of the 20th Century, a national leader in the medical education of women. Andrew T.

Still, the founder of the osteopathic profession and first president of KCOM, was an outspoken advocate of women in medicine and thought they might even have a slight advantage in the ob/gyn field.

That being said, the question does

remain if there is any measurable difference in the way men and women tend to practice medicine. Most of the research in this area to date has been done on communication styles.

One fairly recent study revealed some interesting differences between male and female doctors in the area of communication. It found that primary care physicians who are women tend to spend more time with each patient and communicate with patients more.

This study, published in The Journal of the American Medical Association, was based on earlier research that had been conducted over a thirty-five year period. Those earlier studies had looked at the communication styles of primary care doctors and internists as well as other physicians and residents.

The researchers concluded that female doctors spent an average of twenty-three minutes with each patient, compared to twenty-one minutes for male physicians. It also found that in general,

a female doctor is more likely to have words of encouragement and reassurance for her patients, and she is more likely to establish a personal rapport with the patient.

The authors of the study were quick to point out that even with the differences, they felt both male and female doctors generally do a good job communicating with patients. And, they found no difference in the quality of care. Nothing in the study, they stressed, suggested that women are better doctors than men or that men are superior to women.

The research did reinforce, though, the fact that different doctors have different styles. So as a patient, it can be to your advantage to find a physician who has a personality and a communication style you're comfortable with. Some patients prefer a nurturing type of physician who can address both the physical and emotional aspects of health care. Other patients prefer a doctor who's "all business" — who shares with them the

facts surrounding their medical condition and presents the information in a strictly analytical way with minimal emotional overtones.

That's why I advise people to shop around carefully for a family physician, to find somebody with both strong medical credentials and a personality you like. Be it a man or a woman, you'll be more satisfied if your doctor is someone with whom you can communicate well.

*Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at [www.fradio.org/fm](http://www.fradio.org/fm).*

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## School

meets on the first Thursday, every other month, in FRC office at 4 p.m.

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.

The McDowell FRC, in collaboration with many other area organizations, will sponsor several summer activities. Among them:

June 14 - "Fun Fair for Expectant & New Parents" (babies up to 1 yr. old): To be held at the Mountain Arts Center, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 14-18 - Nutrition Camp:

To be held at the McDowell FRC, from 9 - 11 a.m., in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

July 21-25 - Physical & Health Activities Camp: To be held at the McDowell FRC, from 9 - 11 a.m., in collaboration with McDowell ARH.

July 28-30 - Environmental Camp: To be held from 9 - 11 a.m., in collaboration with the Floyd County 4-H program.

July 11 - Athletic Physicals for South Floyd High School and its feeder schools will be conducted at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic on this day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please stop by the FRC office to pick up form.

July 23 - Our Lady of the Way Hospital's 5th Annual 'Back to School' Health Fair for ALL Floyd County students will be held on this day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will be held this year at Allen Central High School.

\*\*Applications for Camp Shawnee may be picked up at the FRC office.\*\*

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

June 11 - Kindergarten Registration, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in school auditorium.

June 14 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," at the Mountain Arts Center. FREE for Floyd County expectant parents and for those parents with babies up to 1 year of age. Door prizes, exhibits, refreshments and more.

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional 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.

### PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

June 6 - SUMMER

SCHOOL begins, 8:15 a.m. (students who have pre-registered need to be at school by 8 a.m.). No transportation provided on the first day, but will be available thereafter. First session: Mon.-Fri., June 6-19; Second session: Mon.-Fri., June 20-July 3. (2 weeks=1/2 credit; 4 weeks=1 credit) \*Applications available in the counselor's office. Space is limited and placement is first-come, first-served.

### SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL

Summer School will be held June 2-6 and June 9-13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Second session will be held July 7-11 and July 14-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer Feeding Program will be available June 2-6, June 9-13, July 7-11, July 14-18, and July 21-25.

Summer Basketball Camp will be held July 21-23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration will be held on July 9, from 8-9 a.m.

### 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 visi-

tors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

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

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

July 10 - Our Lady of the Way Hospital will be performing FREE Athletic Physicals at the Betsy Layne Clinic from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please call the Resource Center if you plan to attend.

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

### THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule

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

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

Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

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

### WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

For information on the development of the new Wesley Christian High School, please contact Gary Frazier at 874-8328.

### W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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.

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be responsible, respectful, successful in school, and most often well dressed. Her outside appearance is usually of one that is "well put together." Others are likely to perceive her as capable, talented, conservative, serious, trustworthy, strong, superior, creative, busy, arrogant, or angelic. Because of this child, the family looks good, which is much to the family's liking. "Why, how can a family be bad when it has produced such a child?" However, a "hero" child usually has a problem when the role is accepted and encouraged at the expense of the person. It is not unusual for The Hero to feel anxious, inadequate, terrified of failure, angry, sad, lonely, worthless, ashamed, or numb emotionally. The situation does not need to be maintained. There are ways The Hero can cut lose from the role: give herself permission to make mistakes and not be "perfect"; create opportunities to play, since life does not have always be serious; and take opportunities to express feelings and needs. "No, I cannot take care of that for you, but I can tell you how to do it yourself."

The child with the role of "scapegoat" is consistently viewed as the "problem child" or the trouble maker. Often, such individuals will refer to themselves as the "Black Sheep" of the family. His role is needed by the family in that, by having the negative attention on him, the focus is taken off the family's problems. Scapegoats often hear, "If YOU would just stay out of trouble, everything would be fine for the family." These browbeaten individuals often appear on the outside, as they feel on the inside, generally very emotionally upset—angry, sullen, strong, rebellious, wild, defiant, rude, tough, or mouthy. Often their

attitude seems to be, "I don't have a chance with the folks who are suppose to love me. They expect me to fail and I probably will. Can't seem to do anything right. I might as well have a good time." Thus, frequently there are unplanned pregnancies, legal trouble, and alcohol or drug abuse. The scapegoat's inner feelings often include: hurt; afraid to trust; rejected by the family; misunderstood, hopeless, blamed, or betrayed. To give up this role, the scapegoat needs permission to be successful, supportive confirmation, and structure and consistency.

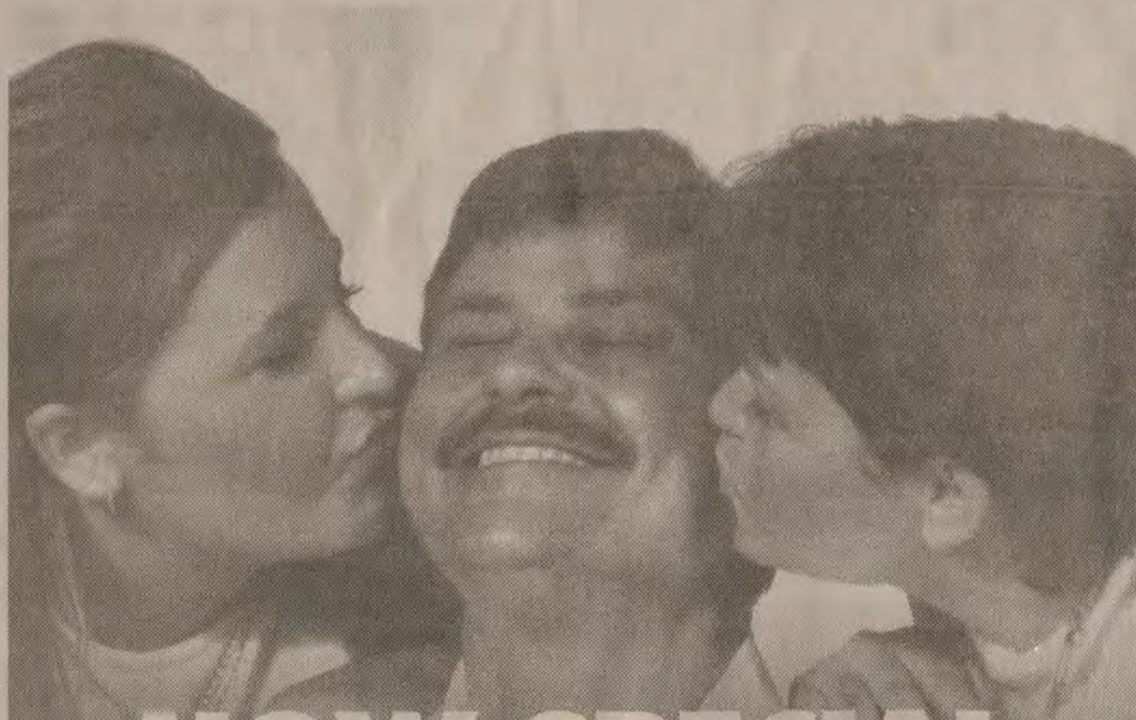
The Lost Child role is needed by the family in a manner similar to the Hero role. He spends most of his time out of the reach of family problems and is alone a lot of the time. He is usually labeled as "the quiet one" or "the dreamer," rarely has difficulties, and is further labeled as "He's a good kid. Everything in his life is great, so things must be OK for the family." The Lost Child has the appearance of a child that is quiet, creative, independent, agreeable, artistic, musical, soft-hearted, invisible, soft-spoken, lost in a book, and certainly avoids getting into conflict and trouble. He tries to not be a part of family conflicts so that he is never considered part of the source of anger. However, if he is asked how he feels inside, the Lost Child is likely to feel: left out, lonely, angry, fragile, sad, isolated, powerless, scared, confused, unnecessary, depressed, or suicidal. The person wanting to leave this role needs positive attention, encouragement to take chances, and to feel connected to other people.

The role of Mascot in the family helps to decrease the tension and lighten the mood with humor

and antics. Typically, she is perceived as the "cute one." Others consider her funny, carefree, attention seeking, charming, light-hearted, dramatic, lovable, needy, manipulative, or immature. In contrast, her inner turmoil usually is that of feeling terrified, needy, confused, ashamed, left out, helpless, dependent, angry, guilty, lonely, or insecure. In an effort to give up this dysfunctional position in the family, the Mascot needs to be taken seriously, hear that his opinion counts, and support and validation of all of his feelings.

By all means, the idea that a person is functioning in one of these roles is not necessarily all "bad." A problem is only created when the role limits the individuals and does not allow the persons to express their own unique set of skills, talents, and abilities. It is not unusual for individuals to seek mental health services in their need to understand their situation and learn what they can do for themselves. In contrast, the great comedian might have started his "early career" within the family, since he had opportunities to practice various punch lines at just the right moment to decrease tension and perhaps a crisis. Another bottom line is the value of our knowing our history in order to bring together the puzzle of who we might be. Supposedly, a wise person said, "You can't do what you want 'till you know what you're doing." (More on the topic can be found in *Tools for Your Toolbox*, Susan Hanson.)

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg and offers various psychological services, such as therapy for all ages in individuals, family, and marital sessions.



# HOW SPECIAL IS YOUR DAD?

Friday, June 13, the Floyd County Times will feature a Special Father's Day Section.

Send us your letters of 150 words or less along with your photo to:

"My Special Dad"  
The Floyd County Times  
P.O. Box 390  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653  
or drop by the office at 263 S. Central Ave.

**Deadline to Enter:  
Wed., June 11th at 3 p.m.**

Winner of the "My Special Dad" will receive Fantastic Father's Day Prizes





**650-Mobile Homes**

**FOR RENT 2 BR mobile home** -No pets, couples only. 886-2288.

**2 BR MOBILE HOME**, total electric, 3 miles from Prestonsburg. No Pets. 886-9007 or 889-9008.

**2 BR mobile home** for rent. \$275 dep., \$300 mo. rent. References required. Call 886-0040.

**SERVICES**

**705-Construction**

**ALL TYPES:** Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

**770-Repair/Service**

**Need Computer Support???** Available evenings & weekends. Call for an appointment. 424-4886.

**NOTICES**

**812-Free**

**FREE PALLETS:** Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

**900-Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0301

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.91 mile northeast of Wayland, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 161.67 surface acres and will underlie 201.11 acres for auger, of which 8.64 acres are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 354.14 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.85 mile southwest from KY Route 777's junction with KY Route 680, and is located along Martin Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining.

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 the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Ellis Brown, of Box 142, Langley, KY 41645. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is R & B Game Room. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables and Game Room. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than June 19, 2003, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for June 19, 2003, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY  
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission will be conducting a hearing for a zone change request on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of city hall, at 200 North Lake Drive. The request is for a section of the Ridge Road Subdivision, specifically lots # 21 - 33, located on Clubhouse Drive, for the purpose of constructing townhouses. The owners request the change from R-1 to R-3. The public is invited to attend.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission will be conducting a hearing for a zone change request on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the council room of city hall, at 200 North Lake Drive. The request is for the property at the northwest corner of South Lake Drive and Friend Street, for the purpose of maintaining the present use of the property as an auto service station. The request is from zone C-3 to Zone C-2. The public is invited to attend.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 11:50 a.m. The meeting will be held in the council room of city hall at 200 North Lake Drive. The purpose of the meeting will be to set the zoning for all newly annexed territory, including Big Branch of Abbott Creek, Rt. 114, and Clark School Property, and the battlefield property. If anyone has any questions, you may call Larry Adams, at 886-1010. The public is invited to attend.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5436, Operator Change #1

In accordance with the 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc., 0205 CR 62, Box 172, Laotto, IN 46763, intends to revise permit number 836-5436 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee, Dekalb Recovery, Inc. The new operator will be RO-CO Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1257, Pikeville, KY 41502.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest of KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**BID PROPOSAL**

The Magoffin County Fiscal Court will receive bids for the following:

- 1) Diesel Fuel: Specifications: Price per gallon, delivered to County Maintenance Facility.
- 2) Gasoline: Specifications: Price per gallon, delivered to County Maintenance Facility.
- 3) Pipe: Specifications: 16GA galvanized pipe meeting KYDOT specifications in the following sizes: 12'; 15'; 18'; 24'; 30'; 36'; 48'.
- 4) Bridge Lumber: Specifications: Sound quality white oak lumber in the following sizes: 12'; 14'; 16'; x 3'
- 5) Delivery of Gravel: Specifications: Price per ton, to the following: County Maintenance Facility.

Bids must be received in the Office of County Judge Executive, P.O. Box 430, Salyersville, KY 41465, by June 16, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. Bids will be opened

and awarded, June 17, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., during the regular monthly meeting of the Magoffin County Fiscal Court. Successful bidders must possess an acceptable amount of Workmen's Compensation/Liability Insurance coverage. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the County Judge Executive at (606) 349-2313. The Magoffin County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now receiving bids on replacement of one 250 gallon hot water boiler. Bids will be received until Friday, June 13, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Thomas Rainey or Paul Collins at (606) 886-1037. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FLOYD COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 324, Title 111 of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (PL 99-499), the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes. Members of the public may contact the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee by writing Lon May, Chairman of the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee at 361 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, or contacted by telephone at (606)-886-0498. The Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at 361 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meeting Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820 and KRS 61.825. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so between 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. central time, 5 days a week, at 316 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA, is (606)-886-1010. There will be a (LEPC) Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday June 11, 2003, at

10:00 a.m., at 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg Ky, 41653. For more information, you may call the Floyd County Flood Plain Office at (606)-886-0498.

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies:

**ASPHALT AND/OR PLACEMENT OF ASPHALT**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for Asphalt and/or Placement of Asphalt must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: ASPHALT AND/OR PLACEMENT OF ASPHALT" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

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**BRIDGE MATERIAL**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for Bridge Material must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: BRIDGE MATERIAL" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

**BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies:

**CUSTODIAL/CLEANING SUPPLIES**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for Custodial Cleaning Supplies must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: CUSTODIAL CLEANING SUPPLIES" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies:

**The Grade and Placement of Concrete Slabs and Footers per Yard**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for The Grade and Placement of Concrete Slabs and Footers per Yard must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: THE GRADE AND PLACEMENT OF CONCRETE SLABS AND FOOTERS PER YARD" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Floyd County Fiscal Court at the Office of the Floyd County

Judge/Executive, until Thursday, June 19, 2003, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., for the following:

**THE PLACEMENT OF CONCRETE, STEEL, FORMING, AND DECKING, PER CUBIC YARD, IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE BRIDGES**

These sealed bids may be left, until the final time specified for the receipt of bids, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, on the second floor of the Floyd County courthouse, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, during regular business hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bidder at the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting on Friday, June 20, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Floyd County Fiscal

Courtroom, on the second floor of the old Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject any/or all bids.

Paul Hunt  
Thompson,  
Floyd County  
Judge/Executive

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County Government during that time. The general type of

materials/supplies: DIESEL FUEL The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies. Bid Proposals for Diesel Fuel must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: DIESEL FUEL" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

Your ad could be here!

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The second reading and adoption of Floyd County's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 ordinance #03-001, is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on June 20, 2003, at 10 a.m.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

**AN ORDINANCE** Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY:**

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 28th day of April 2003, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 5th day of June, 2003.

**SECTION ONE:** The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01)	GENERAL FUND	
	General Government	1,930,188.00
	Protection to Persons & Property	113,000.00
	General Health & Sanitation	1,680,000.00
	Social Services	117,000.00
	Recreation & Culture	50,000.00
	Airport	2,500.00
	Inspections	10,000.00
	Debt Service	1,515,509.00
	Capital Projects	70,000.00
	Administration	611,803.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,100,000.00</b>

(02)	ROAD FUND	
	Roads	887,800.00
	Debt Service	100,500.00
	Administration	451,700.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,440,000.00</b>

(03)	JAIL FUND	
	Protection to Persons & Property	1,084,000.00
	Debt Service	483,000.00
	Administration	293,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,860,000.00</b>

(04)	LGEA FUND	
	Economic Development	250,000.00
	Protection to Persons & Property	49,300.00
	General Health & Sanitation	356,800.00
	Recreation & Culture	1,346,900.00
	Roads	1,480,000.00
	Debt Service	256,286.00
	Capital Projects	120,000.00
	Administration	240,714.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,100,000.00</b>

(06)	STATE GRANTS	
	Protection to Persons & Property	20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>

(07)	FEDERAL GRANTS	
	General Government	25,000.00
	General Health & Sanitation	905,000.00
	Social Services	15,000.00
	Capital Projects	60,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,005,000.00</b>

(10)	BOND FUNDS	
	Bond Construction Fund	140,100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140,100.00</b>

(75)	REVOLVING FUNDS	
	Revolving Loan Fund	13,600.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,600.00</b>

(76)	E-911 FUNDS	
	Protection to Persons & Property	218,713.00
	Debt Service	5,400.00
	Administration	97,187.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321,300.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>15,000,000.00</b>

**SECTION TWO:** This ordinance shall be published in the Floyd County newspaper by title and summary within 30 days following adoption.

**SECTION THREE:** This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

All interested persons and organizations in Floyd County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, during normal business hours.

**FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

materials/supplies. Bid Proposals for Gravel must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: GRAVEL" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County

Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies: Bid Proposals for Pipe and Gabion Baskets must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: PIPE AND GABION BASKETS" and deliv-

ered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

**FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2003, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the opera-

tion of County Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies:

**OIL & GREASE AND OTHER VEHICLE MATERIALS**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of

maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies. Bid Proposals for Oil & Grease and Other Vehicle Materials must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked

"BID PROPOSAL: OIL & GREASE AND OTHER VEHICLE MATERIALS" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies which will be purchased during fiscal year 2003-2004, for use in the operation of County Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies:

**FOOD**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for Food must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: FOOD" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

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**HEAVY EQUIPMENT WITH OPERATORS HOURLY RATES**

The amount of materials to be purchased by Floyd County during fiscal year 2003-2004, will be based on the actual amount of maintenance performed throughout the year, and on the availability of funds for such materials/supplies.

Bid Proposals for Heavy Equipment with Operators Hourly Rates must be submitted to Floyd County on the attached Proposal Form, which is to be placed in a sealed envelope marked "BID PROPOSAL: HEAVY EQUIPMENT WITH OPERATORS HOURLY RATES" and delivered to the office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, second floor, Floyd County courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003.

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**GRAVEL**

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