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Middle Creek Battlefield receives grant

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Governor Patton and the Department for Local Government announced 27 projects Monday that will receive funds through the Appalachian Regional Commission's Flex-E-Grant program, including a \$10,000 grant set to go to Floyd County.

The \$10,000 in funding for Floyd County will be used to implement a master plan to develop the Middle Creek National Battlefield as a tourist attraction, according to officials.

In addition to gearing the site toward facets of tourism, the funding will be used to provide learning opportunities for area schools.

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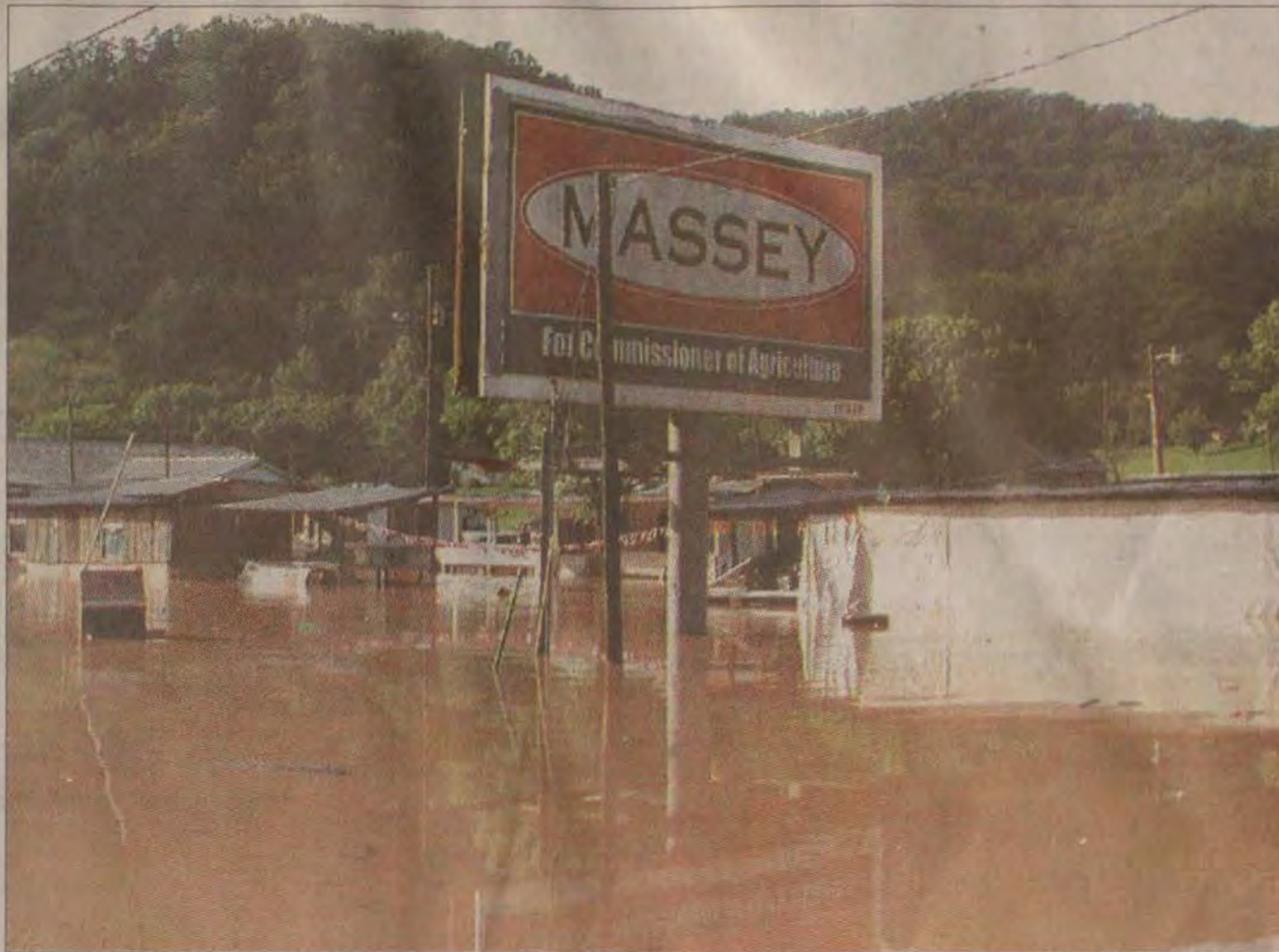


photo by Heath Wiley

Floodwaters once again covered large portions of Floyd County, this time striking Middle Creek, Abbott Creek and Left Beaver Creek. The flea market along Middle Creek was one of many areas affected by the high waters.

FLOOD COUNTY Mother Nature covers portions of Floyd County once again

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

BIG SANDY REGION — Jack Caldwell was late for work Monday evening, but most would agree he had a great excuse.

He was sitting in his vehicle on Ruff & Tuff amid rushing floodwater and debris and without power to a single home around him. He was late for work and trapped, just like that, in a matter of minutes.

That was the story for several Floyd County residents Monday evening after a flash flood poured across the county and surrounding region within the span of about three hours.

But, of course, the power of the flash flooding was only helped along by the fact that, for the month of June, rains have soaked Eastern Kentucky.

By Monday afternoon, roads along Beaver Creek, Middle Creek and Abbott Creek had been shut down. By late afternoon yesterday, portions of Wayland and Estill were submerged.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt

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photo by Kim Lewis

Homeowners in flooded areas found themselves battling against the rising tide, often to no avail. Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson declared a state of emergency, warning motorists to avoid affected areas.

Martin County slurry spill site slowly recovering

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Officials told members of the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission during a forum Monday evening that the stream system affected by Martin County Coal Company's coal sludge spill on Oct. 11, 2000 is beginning to heal.

On Oct. 11, 2000, Martin County Coal's slurry impoundment broke loose and dumped more than 300 million gallons of coal sludge into approximately 100 miles of streams, including the tributaries leading to the Big Sandy River, but most significantly Wolf Creek and Coldwater Creek just out-

side Inez in Martin County.

The spill, which is believed to be one of the worst of its kind in the Southeast, had a profound ecological effect on water quality and surrounding wildlife, wiping out all aquatic life in the affected stream system.

But Bob Logan, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection, referring to studies conducted by the Department of Water, told commission members Monday evening that sites near "ground zero" in Wolf Creek have almost fully recovered to "pre-impact" conditions and that species recolonization has been noted in sites in Upper

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Bob Logan, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection, fielded numerous questions during a forum Monday evening at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to discuss the Martin County coal slurry spill of 2000.

Cops make large-scale coke bust

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

VEST — Three Floyd County men were arrested during a drug transaction with undercover state police officers Friday, according to reports from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville.

Rodney Mullins, 33, of Melvin, Ollie Goble, 38, of Allen, and Leslie Conn, 33, of Martin, were arrested near Vest in Knott County Friday afternoon after allegedly selling 20 ounces of cocaine to undercover officers for \$29,000. The alleged buy was a relative bargain, with a street value of roughly \$56,000.

Police said the controlled buy was set up after a number of smaller buys were made from two of the three men over the course of several weeks.

The three men were charged with individual counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance after their arrest and later taken to the Boyd County Detention Center.

The trio appeared Monday in U.S. District Court in Ashland to answer the charges.

Agencies involved in the investigation and consequent arrests included KSP's Drug Enforcement Section, Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Drug Enforcement Agency's London office and KSP Post 9 in Pikeville.

Prestonsburg councilman dies

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Long-time Prestonsburg City Councilman and restaurant owner Billy Ray Collins died Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Collins, who would have been 69 years old in September, had battled numerous health problems in the past several years, including diabetes and cancer.

To honor the 18-year veteran of the city council, Prestonsburg City



Billy Ray Collins

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New state laws take effect next week

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Theology or religious studies majors will now be eligible for state-funded scholarships under one of a slew of laws taking effect Tuesday.

The Kentucky Legislature passed a total of 160 bills that will become law next week.

Of the 160 new laws, 58 originated in the Senate, and 102 originated in the House of Representatives. While Gov. Paul Patton signed most of the legislation before it became law, three laws will take effect without his signature.

Fully approved bills take effect 90 days following the end of a legislative session, unless they have emergency clauses or alternate effective dates.

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Jerry's advertisement for Prime Rib Dinner, Garden Fresh Salads, and Catfish Dinner. Includes phone number 606.886.6701 and address in Prestonsburg.

Collins

Hall was closed yesterday for his 2 p.m. funeral.

Councilman Hansel Cooley, who served off and on with Collins for the past 17 years, said Collins would be missed in many ways.

"I never found Billy Ray to be dishonest in anything," said Cooley. "He was a very straightforward guy and didn't beat around the bush. He'd stand with you and stand up for what was right. He was a fine asset to

the city of Prestonsburg for many years and he'll be greatly missed."

Collins was diagnosed with lung cancer almost a year ago and underwent surgery then to have a portion of one of his

lungs removed, but the cancer returned earlier this year, landing him in intensive care for the past several weeks. A fall while in the hospital that resulted in a broken hip and then a move to a dialysis machine were the final developments before Collins finally succumbed Friday.

"Things just started to crumble," said Cooley. "He fought it hard, but he finally struck out, but I believe that Prestonsburg's loss is heaven's gain."

Collins death leaves the council's corner seat vacant, something Mayor Jerry Fannin says will be approached in the weeks to come.

"At the next council meeting, we'll probably meet to discuss letting some of the councilmen come up with some names and a decision on the person to fill his spot," Fannin said yesterday. "Billy Ray served the longest of

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Flood

Thompson spent part of yesterday afternoon at Minnie, monitoring the floodwater advancing across the roadway there.

"It just came up over the road up here at Minnie," Thompson said about 3 p.m. "We've got a crew on the upper end and we're on the lower end trying to get people out where they've had mudslides and high water, and the big water's not even here yet. I don't think."

Thompson declared a local state of emergency for Floyd County at 10 a.m. yesterday morning, asking that county residents limit travel along Middle Creek and Abbott Creek, as well as the Hi Hat and Bevensville areas of Left Beaver,

unless absolutely necessary.

This most recent bout of flooding began at 4:02 p.m. Monday afternoon when the National Weather Service in Jackson issued a flash flood warning for Floyd County, which has received roughly 4 inches of rainfall in the past week.

A good amount of that rain came shortly after that initial warning, when a downpour continued relentlessly for about two-and-a-half hours.

Home owners along Middle Creek saw their homes knocked from foundations as early as 5 p.m. Monday, roughly an hour after the first flood warning.

Jackson reported receiving calls

from county law enforcement officials informing them that residents in Melvin were climbing trees to get away from floodwaters and, by yesterday afternoon, the flood warning had been extended to include Knott, Leslie, Pike and Perry Counties.

A flood watch was issued about an hour later for 28 more Kentucky counties, including Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Breathitt.

Jackson also issued a hazardous weather outlook for the remainder of the week, saying that thunderstorms would continue until tomorrow, with dry weather returning for the weekend and scattered showers to start up again by Monday.



photo by Heath Wiley

Homes and vehicles alike were left unspared by floodwaters at this Middle Creek trailer park.

Slurry

Coldwater. "This was unprecedented in what we had dealt with," Logan said. "But we do think we have a pretty good indicator of what's going on. Some of the fish recently have come back and we've seen an improvement in the water quality."

About 15 species of fish have migrated back into the stream system, according to Logan, but he says there is much to be done.

"Stream restoration is not an exact science," Logan said. "It is a science, but not an exact science."

While Logan addressed the cleanup status of the area, it was Kentucky Department of Surface Mining deputy commissioner Allen Luttrell who fielded questions concerning what moves are being made to ensure such an incident doesn't happen again.

While representatives from Martin County Coal declined an invitation to attend the forum, Luttrell found himself explaining exactly how the spill had occurred.

"There was a report given to us

depicting a 120-foot solid wall of coal," Luttrell explained. "When, in fact, there was a void that resulted in the breakthrough."

Luttrell says it is now "breakthrough potential" that is his agency's investigative focus, rather than a focus on embankments that was prominent in the 1980s and 1990s.

"We've tripled efforts on investigating breakthrough potential," Luttrell said.

Monroe Cassidy, a Martin County man attending Monday's forum, wanted to know why Martin County Coal was allowed to continue operating under the same conditions after a 1994 leak of the same impoundment.

"Is it because the donuts are too sweet, or the coffee just right, or just too close to the cooperation?" Cassidy asked.

Luttrell explained that violations and past fines are only referenced on a 12-month history. He said anything that might have happened prior to that period of

time was not taken into account.

Martin County Coal was hit with the largest fines the Department of Surface Mining has handed out to date for its part in the spill, according to Luttrell.

"It was probably some of the highest fines we've levied in the history of the program," said Luttrell.

The coal company was made to pay, in accordance with an agreed order, \$3.25 million, including a civil penalty of \$1.75 million, environmental damages of \$1 million, as well as fines for costs and recovery of \$500,000.

The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission tabled any resolutions planned for Monday evening after offering several recommendations to Logan, Luttrell and Tom Wellborne, Region 4 representative for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, saying the issues would be approached at their next meeting in mid-July.

Some of the points touched on by the commission included an urge to see legislation introduced that would help form an evacuation plan for impoundments categorized as "high-hazard" or "moderate-hazard" and a push for more public involvement in the restoration process.

Men facing charges of bilking unemployment

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Floyd County men are facing charges alleging they defrauded the Department for Employment Services for a combined amount of nearly \$2,000, according to documents filed in Floyd District Court.

According to charges filed on both Stephen G. Holbrook and Timothy Tucker following a pair of criminal complaints sworn on May 21, the two men allegedly drew unemployment wages while holding jobs.

The complaints, sworn by Becky Akin, a Frankfort representative with the Cabinet for Workforce Development, claims that from June 9 to June 23, 2001, Holbrook, 44, of Prestonsburg, drew \$963 from the state's pool account while working for Hi Towers Inc., a Hager Hill business operated by Mark A. Holbrook, according to state records.

There were no records to indicate whether or not there was any relation between the

two men.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office served Holbrook with a criminal summons charging him with a single count of making a false statement for benefits over \$100 following the complaint.

A second man charged was Timothy Tucker, 45, of Prestonsburg.

According to a second complaint sworn by Akin on May 21, Tucker allegedly defrauded the unemployment agency of \$1,020 from Dec. 7 to Dec. 28, while supposedly working for the Staffordsville company, B&B Distributors.

The sheriff's office also served Tucker with a criminal summons charging him with one count of making a false statement for benefits over \$100.

Both men are scheduled for arraignment in Floyd District Court on July 9.

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— Fran Lebowitz

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Guest View

Time for stronger medicine

Fulfilling a promise he made just weeks before the 2002 midterm elections, President George W. Bush last week announced rules designed to speed the approval of low-cost generic drugs.

The move would shave months — in some cases, years — off the time it takes to get generics to market, Mr. Bush said, and will save consumers about \$3.5 billion annually.

Mr. Bush deserves credit for taking an important first step. He deserves even more credit for the change of heart that allowed him to take it. Last summer, Mr. Bush lobbied against a Senate bill that would have made some of the same changes he endorsed last week. That bill failed in the House.

But there are serious flaws with what Mr. Bush has proposed. A more comprehensive solution would be to approve a generic drug bill now working its way through the Senate, or — even better — to revive last year's Senate bill. The most likely outcome of his new rule is a lawsuit from brand-name drug makers. That would delay — perhaps even kill — the changes, which brings us back to step one.

Generics are copies of brand-name drugs that can be sold once the original 20-year drug patents have expired. In recent years, brand-name drug makers have found questionable ways to extend their patents. Among them is filing specious patent infringement suits against a generic drug maker. Filing suit automatically prevents the generic from being sold for two-and-a-half years, even if the suit is later dismissed. Current law allows companies to file an unlimited number of such suits, each of which buys another two-and-a-half-year delay. Mr. Bush would limit brand-name drug companies to one such delay.

Brand-name drug makers also have paid off generic-drug makers. Existing law gives the first company to market a generic drug exclusive rights for a number of years. That exclusivity holds, even if the generic-drug maker takes a payoff to stop selling the drug. Mr. Bush's proposed rule doesn't address that kind of deal; the Senate bill outlaws it.

Even if Mr. Bush's proposed rule were to take effect, it would likely do little to blunt the staggering increases in prescription drug spending. He claims it would save \$3.5 billion annually (an increase of \$500 million from what he said the same changes would save last October). This year alone, Medicare recipients are expected to spend \$95.2 billion on prescription drugs.

Mr. Bush would do better by working to get a meaningful bill passed by Congress. What he proposed last week won't get the job done

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Sticks & Stones

Coal company's absence unacceptable

Martin County Coal Company declined to attend the forum hosted by the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission Monday evening.

The forum was held to discuss how that company managed to allow one of its slurry impoundments to break loose and spill over 300 million gallons of coal sludge into Coldwater and Wolf Creek and on into the Tug Valley and Big Sandy.

Martin County Coal cited ongoing litigation as its reasons for not attending.

It doesn't sit well, regardless the reason.

Allen Luttrell, the deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Surface Mining, was there. Granted, he got red-faced more than a couple of times and might have raised his voice a little more than was needed, but he was there and trying to answer questions

when he wasn't busy dodging them.

Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Logan was there. He did well for about the first hour, answering questions while managing to keep biological lingo to a minimum. But when the questions got tougher, those attending who didn't think to bring their notes from biology and geology class, were obviously lost.

However, Bob Logan and Allen Luttrell were at least present. Tom Wellborne — the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 man — even drove from Atlanta, just for this forum.

But Martin County Coal wasn't the only group who declined to attend.

Franklin Strunk, with the Mines Health and Safety Administration, also couldn't make it, and the Office of Surface Mining was also absent Monday evening.

As a result, those officials who did attend were met with several questions they were unable to approach.

The ultimate result was that the

Environmental Quality Commission was unable to even get through its list of recommendations to formulate a passable resolution.

EQC wants the public to have more say in the process of recovery. They want legislation introduced that will ensure there is an evacuation plan in place for impoundments categorized within a "high-hazard" or "moderate-hazard" range.

They want to know why this event had to happen in the first place, and what's being done to make sure it never happens again.

But what they had to do Monday evening was table the whole issue until next meeting.

The reason for this can be partially found in Martin County Coal's decision sit the forum out, but they did

agree to give EQC commissioners a tour of their coal slurry impoundment and the impacted area yesterday.

They also requested the public not be permitted to attend.

Now maybe we're just a little thin-skinned, but that just hurts our feelings, whatever the reasons.



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Letters

'Words of encouragement'

From "Words without meaning" to words of encouragement, I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming response to a recent "Letter to the Editor" published in The Floyd County Times. It was heartwarming to hear the comments and concerns you have for the past, present and future veterans of this country.

As the motto says, "United we stand, divided we fall." This has never been truer than it is today. The time is now and always that we stand together and be united as a nation, as a people, and show our support in any way possible for our troops.

Recently, I was in a local dentist's office and, as I entered the waiting room, I

noticed a sign upon the wall with a list of all the local troops' names. At the bottom of the sign it read, "Support our troops." I stood there a moment feeling proud and sad — proud that we have such brave men and women willing to give their lives for the freedoms and privileges we so blatantly take for granted every day, and sad wondering how soon will the "support" end when the current conflict in Iraq is over.

When our troops come home, they bring with them memories, some good, most of them bad, of the things they experienced in Iraq. Things that we can't even begin to imagine. Memories they will have to carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Please don't let their sacrifices be in vain. Because of the soldiers, we enjoy life as no other country does. So the next time you see a veteran,

young or old, stop and thank him or her for all that you have.

May God continue to bless America and the people of America bless God.

Ronnie Leedy
Betsy Layne

A plan for peace

I hear a lot of people yelling for peace and security but I have not heard of a PLAN for peace or security. So, here's one plan:

1. The US will apologize to the world for our "interference" in their affairs, past and present. We will promise never to "interfere" again.

2. We will withdraw our troops from all over the world, starting with Germany, South Korea and the Philippines. They don't want us there. We would station troops at our borders. No more sneaking through holes

in the fence.

3. All illegal aliens have 90 days to get their affairs together and leave. We'll give them a free trip home. After 90 days the remainder will be gathered up and deported immediately, regardless of who or where they are.

France should welcome them.

4. All future visitors will be thoroughly checked and limited to 30-day visits. No one from a terrorist nation would be allowed in. If you don't like it there, change it yourself, but don't hide here. Asylum would not ever be available to anyone. We don't need any more cab drivers.

5. No "students" over age 21. The older ones are the bombers. If they don't attend classes, they get a "D" and it's back home, baby.

6. The U.S. will make a strong effort to become self-sufficient energy-wise. This

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Health Extra

Lack of medical insurance costs U.S. \$65 to \$130 billion annually

by RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The poor health and premature deaths of people without health insurance costs the nation between \$65 billion and \$130 billion annually, says a study by the Institute of Medicine.

The Institute, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, estimated that 41 million

Americans lack health insurance, up from the 38.7 million without coverage reported by the Census Bureau in 2000.

As Congress debates the costs and benefits of increased health coverage, it should consider the estimated savings from improved health that could be realized through insurance protection, said Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan and

head of the committee that prepared the report.

The study is one of a series of reports on the impact of the uninsured in America by the Council. Previous studies have found that:

- Millions of Americans lack insurance and the number is likely to increase in the weak economy. Most uninsured are in working families.

- People without health

insurance are sick more often and die sooner than the insured.

- Lack of insurance by even one person can affect the entire family because of the stress of assisting that person through illness.

- Paying for uncompensated medical care for the uninsured puts a strain on entire communities and can affect the quality of medical care for everyone.

In the latest study the council used a concept called "health capital" to gauge the hidden costs of a lack of insurance. This is the first effort to estimate these costs, the committee said.

Health capital represents in monetary terms the value of an individual's health over future years of life, said the report. The assessment includes: earning potential, children's physical and mental development and the subjective value of being alive and healthy.

The committee estimated that the improved health value an uninsured person would gain by having insurance was between \$1,645 and \$3,280 annually. That amounts to a total cost of between \$65 billion and \$130 billion for the entire uninsured population.

The committee also estimated that it would cost \$34 billion to \$69 billion to provide the uninsured with the health services they would need if they used the same types of service as people who have insurance.

The committee plans one more report in the series, in which it will offer suggestions for dealing with the problem of lack of insurance.

ible rear-facing child safety seat with a certified rear-facing weight limit of at least 30 pounds. Infants in rear-facing child safety seats must NEVER ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. A rapidly inflating air bag can strike the rear-facing seat, seriously injuring or killing the child.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children over the age of 6 months in the United States. The proper use of child safety seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting the lives of young children in the event of a motor vehicle crash.

OLW stresses child car seats during safety month

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital is recognizing the importance of child safety seat regulation during national safety month in June.

Research has shown the effectiveness of child safety seats in the reduction of fatal injury in passenger cars. According to the National Center for Statistics & Analysis, safety belts saved an estimated 1,889 lives in occupants over 4 years old in 2000.

Because 3-in-10 children ages 4 and under ride without any restraint at all and of those buckled up 4-of-5 are not restrained correctly, OLW stresses the importance of buckling up children.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were a total of 41,821 traffic fatalities in the United States in 2000. The 0-14 age group accounted for 6 percent of those traffic fatalities and another 797 were injured.

Many parents, grandparents, and babysitters do not know the guidelines for child safety seat regulation and continually put their children at risk for serious injury or death on our roadways.

The following are the most recent guidelines on child safety seats from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

Birth to age 1

Infants, babies from birth to at least age 1 and 20 pounds, should ride in rear-facing infant-only safety seats for as long as possible within manufacturer's instructions. Infants who outgrow the infant-only seat before age 1 should ride in a convert-

1 to 4 years old

Children older than age 1 and weighing more than 20 pounds should ride in convertible or forward-facing only seats. These seats are to be used until the child weighs 40 pounds and is approximately age 4. Be sure the harness straps are at or above shoulder level unless instructions state otherwise. Have children ride in the rear seat whenever possible. When a child rides in the front seat, make sure the seat is pushed back as far as possible - away from the air bag.

4 to 8 years old

Children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until at least age 8 or until they reach a height of 4'9". Many parents and especially grandparents skip booster seats and move their children into an adult seat belt, which DOES NOT properly fit anyone under the height of 4'9". Children who are not in the proper seat run the risk of getting head injuries in a car crash, and can receive abdominal injuries that can be entirely prevented by using a booster seat.

8 and older and at least a height of 4'9"

The lap belt must fit low and tight across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt should rest over the center of the shoulder and across the chest. If this is not the case, the child must remain in a booster seat until they have developed appropriately to allow for proper safety

belt fit. The child must keep his back against the vehicle seat back with knees naturally and completely bent over the edge of the seat with feet flat on the floor. NEVER allow a child to put the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.

Do not use a child's car seat that:

- Is more than 10 years old.
- Does not meet vehicle safety standards.
- Has been affected by a public notice or recall.
- Does not include a manufacturer's date.
- Has been dropped or involved in a collision.

Never ride with a child in your lap, even for short distances. Also, never put a child under 12 in the front seat of a vehicle. Lastly, set a good example; use your seat belt every time you travel.

As of Sept. 1, child car seat and automobile manufacturers

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Supreme Court decision paves way for trial against Patton aides

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear the case of four men charged with breaking election laws in Gov. Paul Patton's 1995 campaign.

The group includes two of Patton's top aides — chief of staff Andrew "Skipper" Martin and labor liaison Danny Ross. Also charged are two longtime Teamsters — Lon Fields, who was president of Local 89 in Louisville, and Robert Winstead, the local's former secretary-treasurer.

Chandler alleges they colluded to help Patton's Democratic campaign get around campaign spending limits by having the Teamsters pick up some expenses, including Ross' salary.

The Kentucky Supreme Court upheld their indictments in January.

The defendants claim the campaign-finance laws attempted to restrict free speech and were unconstitutionally vague. The state Supreme Court agreed in part, especially about parts of the law prohibiting communications between candidates and groups that might want to spend money on their behalf.

But the court said the indictments were not dependent on those "unconstitutional aspects" of the statutes.

"I regret the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the First Amendment issues of the case," Patton said in a statement. "I deeply regret the personal hardships (Martin and Ross) had to endure, and I'm confident they have obeyed the letter and spirit of the campaign finance laws."

But Republican Larry Forgy, who lost to Patton in the 1995 governor's race by fewer than 22,000 votes, was relieved.

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Parties in civil case fight for \$600,000 worth of artwork

The Associated Press

ASHLAND — A lawsuit claims a man sold \$600,000 worth of paintings to an Ashland couple without permission from the estate of the artwork owners.

The estate of the late Nancy M. Polan wants the artwork back.

Dick Fredeking Jr. and Cabell County (W. Va.) Sheriff Kim Wolfe, who were appointed the co-administrators of Polan's estate in June 2001, filed suit May 16 in Boyd County Circuit Court against Robert F. Powers Jr. and his wife, Susan, of Ashland.

The Powerses purchased various paintings on 11 occasions between November 1999 and March 2001, according to

the lawsuit. The value of the paintings ranged from \$5,000 to \$125,000, the most expensive of which were painted by John Singer Sargent and Edouard Manet.

Fredeking and Wolfe claim that William J. Polan of Huntington, the son of the late Nancy Polan, falsely represented that he was the executor of his parent's estate, according to the court complaint. The suit states that the younger Polan began to sell works of art from his parents' collection in November 1999 without legal authority and without

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Safety

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were required to have a new child safety seat installation system called LATCH. According to Jeffrey W. Runge, MD, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration administrator, this new system, when used properly, is expected to save up to 50 lives a year and prevent 3,000 injuries in a crash.

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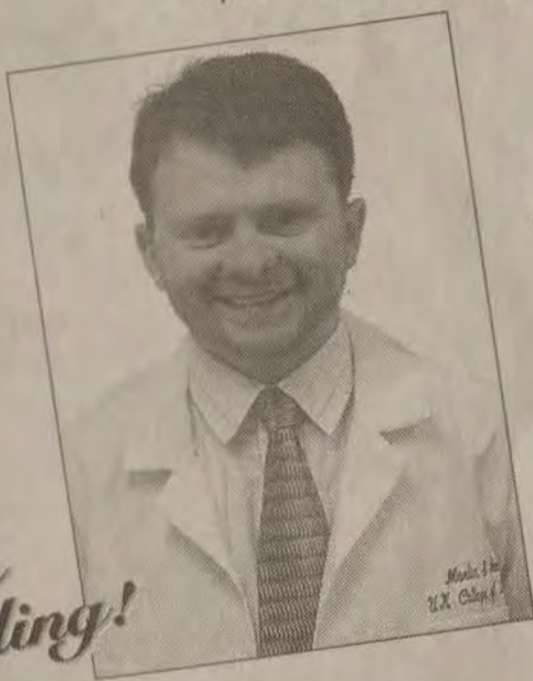
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Michigan man drowns in cave during heavy rains

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLIVE HILL — A Michigan man drowned in a northeastern Kentucky cave when heavy rains caused an underground

stream to flood.

The victim was identified as Allen Booth, 22, of Ypsilanti, Mich. He was found about 150 feet inside a small cave at Horn Hollow.

Two juveniles in the same

cave were able to escape, said Roger Haney, with Carter County Search and Rescue.

"Apparently the victim drowned while the others were coming out," Haney said. "Once they realized they were in danger, they turned to leave and were met by a wall of water."

The three males went into the cave about 4 p.m. EDT Monday. The cave is on the border of state and private land. Haney said it was still unclear whether the cave was on state park property.

Because of bad weather, Carter Caves State Park officials had warned tourists to stay clear of all 25 caves on the grounds and had stopped giving permits to tour the caves at 1 p.m.

"The two survivors had to exit the cave by swimming underwater," Haney said of the two juveniles from Ohio.

Booth's body was found about 9 a.m. Tuesday by crews searching for him. Haney said the high waters prevented a search Monday night.

Park Superintendent Lisa Davis said the males had gone into an unguided cave in a remote area about two miles from the park's visitors center.

She would not release the identities of the two other males.

This was the second drowning in Kentucky caused by flash flooding.

The body of a 6-year-old, identified as Beverly Yarber, was found Monday afternoon three miles downstream from the point where she went into Drowning Creek in Estill County. Yarber had been missing since Saturday when the flooded creek pulled her from the hand of her grandfather.

The girl was in a car with her mother and grandfather as they crossed a narrow bridge across Drowning Creek, about eight miles from the Kentucky River. Swift water from the swollen stream pushed the car over the edge of the bridge. It was found some 200 yards downstream Sunday.

In Pike County, heavy rains forced evacuations in the areas around Virgie and Dorton.

"We have a lot of flash flooding and mudslides," Doug Tackett, head of Pike County Disaster and Emergency Services, said Tuesday. "The water is still up and we can't get in there yet to check the damages."

Tackett said 15 to 20 major mudslides were reported across the southwestern part of Pike County. No injuries had been reported, but several homes had been knocked from their foundations, Tackett said.

Two inches of rain fell by midday on Tuesday on ground that was already saturated, Tackett said. That, he said, is the reason the flash flooding was so severe.

Thunderstorms soaked the eastern Kentucky counties of Rowan, Elliott, Morgan, Perry, Leslie, Letcher, Pike, Knott and Floyd. Flood warnings were issued for each of those counties.

A flood watch was issued until midnight Tuesday for Bracken, Lewis, Mason, Pendleton, Robertson, Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Owen counties.

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Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.
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I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
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Collins

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anybody, I believe, and he played a good part on the council."

Collins served on a number of committees during his time as a council member, including spots on the finance and revenue committee and the personnel committee.

Collins' restaurant, Billy Ray's, was destroyed in a fire last year. He had vowed to rebuild and reopen, but died before realizing that goal.

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Stanley Reunion

The Family of Carmia Wireman Stanley and the late Roosevelt Stanley, wish to invite you to their family reunion, Sunday, June 22, at the spillway at Jenny Wiley Dam, Shelter

Tony and Jessica Conn of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Kaden Isaac Conn. Kaden was born on May 12, 2003, at Highlands Regional Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Kaden is the maternal grandson of Tena Howard Bailey and the late Bobby Darrell Bailey of Hippo; and the paternal grandson of Pet Conn and the late Ike Conn of Martin.



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countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R

& S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting will be held at the Floyd County Health Dept. on June 26, at 1 p.m. Meeting is free and open to all. Call 886-2788 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Lighthouse Kids" Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-26, from 6-8:20 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, S. Arnold Ave. Crafts, music, story/drama, recreation and snacks. Church buses will pick children up at 5:45 p.m. at Cliffside, Green Acres, and Indian Hills.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Fruit of the Harvest" Vacation Bible School will be held June 16-20, from 6-8 p.m., at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church. Adult classes will also be taught. All are welcome. Call Debbie at 886-8267, Mike at 886-9085, or David at 886-1011 for more info.

BLUE APPLE PLAYERS AUDITIONS

The Blue Apple Players, Louisville, will hold auditions for actors, actresses and singers on Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m., at 625 East Market St., Louisville. Call Paul at 587-7990 or 1-800-587-7990 for more info. Salaries start at \$325/week.

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The Martin High School Class of 1963 will hold a reunion on August 16 at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Dinner and dance. Cost - \$25/person. Must pay by July 31 to: Linda Gregory, P.O. Box 1081, Martin, KY 41649. You may contact Linda Gregory at 285-1004 or Ann Stumbo at 285-9474.

FLEMING-STAMBAUGH REUNION

Descendants of Robert Fleming and Elizabeth Stambaugh will hold a reunion on June 21, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Clintwood Elementary School. Bring family photos, keepsakes, handcrafts, instruments, food and drinks. For more info., call Karen Adams at 276-926-8414 or email: kadam@robertfleming.org. You may also contact Annette Damron at 606-832-4951, or email to: annetted@tgtelem.com.

BLHS CLASS REUNION

The Betsy Layne High School classes of the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's will hold a reunion on Saturday, June 28, at 12 p.m. Call Marvin Williamson at 478-

3310 for more information.

KY JR. HOME RUN DERBY

To be held on June 21, beginning at 9 a.m., at Stumbo Park, in Allen. For girls and boys ages 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Free registration to be held at Century 21 American Way Realty office until June 16. Office is located on Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. Call 886-9100 for more information.

RED LIGHT DINER CAR WASHES

The Red Light Diner will be happy to help host your organization's car wash fundraiser. The Diner will furnish water, plus a dozen hot dogs and drinks for your busy crew. Each group must supply their own soap, sponges, buckets and people to do the work. The Red Light Diner will not be responsible for damage to vehicles or accidents involving people. Call 886-2786 or 886-9117 for more info.

4-H SPRING NEWS

4-H Summer Camp will be held at Feltner 4-H Camp on July 21-25. Applications can be obtained by calling Floyd County Co-op Ext. Office at 886-2668. Registration deadline is July 1.

ATTN: HOME GARDENERS

The Floyd County Farmer's Market is looking for home gardeners who grow fruits and vegetables to participate in the Floyd County Farmer's Market. This year's demand is anticipated to be even greater than last year's, so we need lots of participants! This is an excellent opportunity for local gardeners to make extra money. There is no participation fee involved. For more info., call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

FAITH FREEWILL CAR WASHES

The Sunday School classes of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church will hold car washes on July 19 and August 9. Car will

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If anyone else would like to contribute to our cause of supporting our local youths, you may send your contribution to the First Commonwealth Bank, under the direction of Robert Allen Jr., in reference to the Joshua Francis Memorial Scholarship.

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Your spirit will carry on forever, I know one day we'll be together.

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Josh Francis Class of 2003

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The family of Susie Bradley would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the expressions of concern shown to us during the loss of our dear sister. The beautiful flowers, kind words, visits, prayers, thoughts, and food, were appreciated. A special thanks goes to the ministers and singers who participated in the beautiful services; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department; and to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and courteous attention. Words cannot express our thanks to our neighbors for their attention to our needs of food, help, and going the extra mile. Their love will always be appreciated. God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF SUSIE BRADLEY

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF WINNIE C. DINGUS

Card of Thanks

The family of Joey Boling wishes to sincerely thank all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. We greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy, which included cards, flowers, food, prayers, and kind words. We offer a special thank-you to Clergymen Arnold Turner Jr., and Robert Marshall, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember the kindness each of you has shown our family.

THE FAMILY OF JOEY BOLING

Card of Thanks

The family of Delmon Tackett wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We greatly appreciate you all. A special thank-you to Clergymen Jimmy Estep, Albert King, and Elbert Howard, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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Transportation projects will be delayed

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Several state road construction projects may be halted or delayed indefinitely because of low funds, a Transportation Cabinet official said.

The delays mean motorists could face construction zones for months longer than planned on some of the 300 state-funded projects being worked, and other congested roads scheduled for improvements won't see relief anytime soon.

Transportation officials said the construction delays result from the state spending the cash reserve in the Road Fund, a billion dollar yearly account which pays for highway construction and maintenance.

Projects likely to be delayed include improvements to Kentucky 22 at the interchange with the Gene Snyder Freeway in Jefferson County,

replacement of a bridge over Troublesome Creek near the Knott County courthouse in eastern Kentucky and the widening of Kentucky 70 between Madisonville and Central City in Hopkins County in western Kentucky.

"It would be very disappointing if that, or any project, would be delayed," Hopkins County Judge-Executive Patricia Hawkins said of the Kentucky 70 work. "That is one example of a heavily traveled, two-lane road that the people here have been working to get widened because of safety reasons."

Chad Carlton, spokesman for Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, said it was too early to judge the impact on city roads. But he said it's important to get the Kentucky 22 project done as soon as possible.

"We recognize that folks at the state level must deal with the same kind of economic

realities that we're dealing with at the local level," Carlton said.

Property acquisition and utility relocation for the Kentucky 22 improvements were scheduled to begin this year, with \$6.2 million in construction to start in 2004.

But "it's highly likely it could be 2005, easily, before

construction can begin," said Deputy State Highway Engineer Mike Hancock.

"The reason is that next year our first priority is to finish the projects that have already been started," he said.

Hancock said it's too early to say what jobs will be curtailed in mid construction. But he said eight large projects

under way around the state and about 35 scheduled for bid this summer are at risk.

Gov. Paul Patton, who leaves office Dec. 8, has warned about the approaching slowdown since the 2000 General Assembly rejected his proposal to raise the gasoline

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"NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

The Newbee Quilters Club is an extension of the Floyd County Extension Quilt Guild and will meet each fourth (4th) Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes, Toyota). All those interested in learning basic quilting skills are invited to join the fun, make new friends, be creative and learn new things. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668 or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

BURKE FAMILY REUNION

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The Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence will meet in the Old Courthouse Law Library in Prestonsburg, on Thursday, June 19, at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend; the meeting is open to the community. If you have any questions, you may call Sherry Bruckner at 886-3876, or Linda Hutchinson at 886-4323.

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Kentucky first to launch aggressive Heart Disease Prevention Program

FRANKFORT - Kentucky is the first state in the U.S. to adopt "Get With The Guidelines - Coronary Artery Disease (GTG-CAD)" statewide, an ambitious federal initiative to help reduce deaths and the risk of recurrent heart attacks and strokes in patients with coronary artery disease.

In order to more strongly promote the initiative, the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology's GTG-CAD program acute care hospital original June 2 registration deadline has been extended to June 26.

On April 15, 142 representatives from 57 Kentucky hos-

pitals attended the Get With The Guidelines - Coronary Artery Disease conference at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The acute care hospitals were taught how to implement the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology's secondary prevention guidelines for patients with coronary artery disease. Past American Heart Association President Dr. Lynn Smaha was among the conference speakers as was Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, Dr. Rice Leach, who spoke about Kentucky's initiative to

reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases

and strokes.

"The GTG-CAD program ensures that quality care is provided to patients with CAD by closing the treatment gaps in the hospital setting through system changes," said Leach. "Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Kentucky and all of us working together can reverse the trend of recurrent heart attacks and strokes.

The Get With The Guidelines - Coronary Artery Disease is a hospital-based program designed to ensure that patients with coronary artery disease receive appropriate medications and risk modification counseling from health care professionals as

they leave the hospital. The program addresses the risk factors for heart disease and stroke and measures through smoking cessation counseling, cholesterol therapy, blood pressure treatment, weight and exercise management, diabetes management, an aspirin regime, and alcohol and drug abuse management.

A coronary artery disease patient management tool is a key component of the GTG-CAD program. It's a computerized, online, interactive assessment and reporting system that assists health care professionals implement the GTG-CAD program. The system provides patient-specific guidelines and interventions, and enables each hospital to track its adherence to the guidelines over time.

The rollout of the GTG-CAD program was made possible through the partnerships of the Kentucky Department for Public Health with the American Heart Association, Hospital Association, Health Care Excel, Inc. as well as the Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

For more information about the Kentucky initiative call Michelle Mitchell, Program Coordinator, Kentucky Cardiovascular Health Program at 502-564-7996.



Times Ad staff receive Appreciation Awards

Floyd County Times Advertising Manager, Kim Frasure, presented her staff with awards of appreciation on Friday, June 13. The staff exceeded their sales goals and their manager awarded each of them with trophy recognizing their hard work and efforts. Later, the entire Times office was treated to a catered lunch, courtesy of the Advertising Department. Shown in photo with their awards are, from left to right, front row: Tammy Conn, Kim Lewis, and Cindy Ramey. Left to right, standing: Sherry Mardis, Justin Holbrook, Kim Frasure, Rita Brock, and Amy Thornberry.



Winners of the 2003 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament was the City of Prestonsburg represented by Mike Ormerod, Zack Collins, Mikeal Fannin and Ryan Martin.

Garnering second place in the 2003 Chamber Golf Tournament was Our Lady of the Way Hospital. The team was comprised of Stacy Marshall, Steven Connrotta, Michael Williams and Brent Turner.



Third place winners of the 2003 Chamber Golf Tournament was Hall & Clark Insurance. Team members were Rick Keene, Phillip Hunt, Bryan Allen and Bennett Allen.



CHAMBER NOTES

Classic Golf Tournament

By Regina Becknell, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the golfers, sponsors and businesses that contributed to this year's 2003 Classic Golf Tournament held June 3 at StoneCrest Golf Course. Our first place winners were the City of Prestonsburg a \$200 gift certificate and a trophy. Second place went to Our Lady of the Way Hospital with a \$140 gift certificate from StoneCrest and third place was Hall & Clark Insurance accepting a \$100 gift certificate from StoneCrest Pro Shop.

Business Teams included:

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The Chamber sends our sincere appreciation to all who supported our tournament and participated in our annual event.

Free seminar for home buyers, sellers

The Prestonsburg Community College Office of Community and Economic Development in conjunction with Redd, Brown, & Williams Real Estate Services is pleased to announce a FREE Home Buyer/Seller Real Estate Information Seminar to take place Tuesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 26, from 6-8 p.m., at the Mayo Technical College Auditorium, Paintsville. For more information or to register, please call the office of Community and Economic Development toll free at (888) 641-4132, ext 6258 or ext 3468, or locally at (606) 886-3863, or 6258 or ext 4368.

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Patton

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"After 7 1/2 years, five courts and 29 judges, these people are finally going to go to trial," he said. "It just goes to show that it's a long old road that never turns."

Attorneys for Martin and Ross said they were disappointed but not shocked at the decision.

"We're dealing with a complicated law here that severely infringes on constitutional rights," said William E. Johnson, who represents Martin. "The ball is certainly in the attorney general's court."

The decision now clears the way for a trial. Johnson said he didn't think any sort of deal between the state and the defendants would be reached.

"I can't see my client pleading guilty to a criminal offense when he doesn't believe, and his legal team doesn't believe, that any crime was committed," Johnson said.

Phillip Shepherd, attorney for Ross, said he was confident his client would be exonerated.

"We feel it is an enormous

waste of taxpayers' money to continue to try to prosecute under a statute, which the main part has been repealed and the rest has been suspended," Shepherd said.

Fields, contacted at his home by phone, said he had "no comment at all."

Winstead's attorney, Bart Adams of Louisville, said he hadn't yet discussed the matter with his client and refused to comment.

Chandler's office could not say when a trial date would be set.

"We will move to proceed to trial as quickly as possible," said Brian Wright, a spokesman for the attorney general.

Chandler, the Democratic nominee for governor this year, defended his prosecution of the case Monday.

"This case has brought no pleasure for anyone, but I have continued to steadfastly perform the duties assigned to the attorney general. Those duties include making sure every election is fair and honorable," Chandler said in a statement.

The Martin case surfaced during the Democratic primary.

One of Chandler's opponents, Bruce Lunsford, criticized the attorney general with claims Assistant Deputy Attorney General Scott White had approached Martin about appointment to a vacant family court judgeship.

Lunsford questioned whether White jeopardized the criminal case against Martin. Chandler's office argued the investigation was not compromised, partly because White works in the civil, not criminal, division.

Barbara Hadley Smith, Chandler's campaign spokeswoman, said she thought Chandler's continued prosecution of the case further disputes the notion.

"Throughout the primary, Ben Chandler demonstrated his independence from the Patton administration," she said. "His continued prosecution of this case refutes any criticism that primary opponents made about him possibly being influenced by powerful interests."

Artwork

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exhibiting any documentation of apparent authority to sell.

The total worth of the paintings listed in the complaint is \$588,900.

"We are contesting the title to the paintings," said attorney John R. McGinnis, who is representing Fredeking and Wolfe. "(William Polan) sold these paintings without authority."

The plaintiffs want all the artwork recovered from the Poworses.

The Poworses' attorney, Stephanie L. Hembroff, filed a response to the legal complaint that asks for the complaint's dismissal.

"Basically, Bob and Susan purchased some artwork from a gentleman who they believed to be the executor of the estate," Hembroff said. "They paid a substantial amount of money for them. And there's no dispute that they paid it."

tax, which helps pay for road-building projects. At the same time it rejected the tax increase, the legislature told the Transportation Cabinet to build dozens of additional projects that Patton had intended to finance with the higher tax.

Lawmakers designated other funding to get started on the expanded program — cash reserves that then exceeded \$700 million in the state Road Fund. Those reserves are expected to run dry at the end of the year, Hancock told the legislature's Transportation Committee last week.

"It's not a matter of if this is going to happen. It's a matter of when," he said.

State Highway Engineer Mac Yowell told the committee that officials have put clauses in construction contracts "that will allow us to stop work on a project if we're not able to pay the contrac-

tor."

Charles Lovorn, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors, said contractors are worried about the cutback.

"Stopping a project and then starting it back up is expensive," Lovorn said. "It's hard to quantify, but it involves hidden expenses for the contractor, and it leaves the public stranded with more cones and barrier walls until we have the money to go back in."

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COMMENTARY

Cars race to the top

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

Today I'd like to belatedly tip my Valvoline hat to automobile racing. I didn't grow up with it, which I'm sure is one of the reasons I've been remiss in not doing a better job of chronicling its remarkable rise to prominence in the last 10 or 15 years.

Had somebody told me, when I got into this business in 1959, that the day would come when stock-car racing and professional wrestling would be two of the most popular sports in the nation, I would have bet my paycheck — which, in those days,

(See **REED**, page two)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Webb one of three Cats headed out

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Three University of Kentucky football players, quarterback Dan Lumley, offensive guard Jared McGowan, and defensive end Paul Webb, a Johnson Central High School graduate, have asked for and been granted their release to transfer from Kentucky.

Lumley, a sophomore quarterback from Windsor, Ontario, played in one game in 2002. He ran for a touchdown and completed one pass for six yards in UK's win over Texas-El Paso. He finished the spring as the third-team QB. McGowan, a sophomore offensive guard from Walls, Miss., played in five games in 2002. He finished spring practice as the second-team left guard. Webb, a freshman from Paintsville, who graduated from

(See **WEBB**, page three)

Officials camp continues through Thursday

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKE COUNTY — Ancie Casey is headed into the KHSAA Hall of Fame, but that doesn't mean he hasn't stopped working for the betterment of 15th Region players and coaches. The annual 15th Region Basketball Officials' Camp began Sunday and continues through Thursday. Prospective basketball officials were encouraged to sign up for the event. Games are being held at Pikeville Central, Mullins and Pikeville High gyms. Officials this week are also seeing floor-time in Pike Central's annual team camp.

Prospective officials may still have time to get involved. For more information, call Kevin Guest at 606/437-9972 or Jerry Hurley at 606/353-4042.

Hamilton rallies to win Meijer 300

SPARTA — Bobby Hamilton Jr. overcame a pit-stop miscue and rallied to win the NASCAR Busch Series Meijer 300 on Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway. Hamilton, from Nashville, Tenn., passed Jason Keller with three laps to go. It was the 25-year-old Hamilton's third straight top-six finish, but his first Busch Series win of the season.

KHSAA HALL OF FAME

Casey, Moore get call to Hall of Fame

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

NICHOLASVILLE — Fourteen former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up

the 17th class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class was announced at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing held Monday at Connemara Golf Course.

Included in the class is Pike County resident Ancie Casey. The assigning secretary for the 15th Region, Casey will enter the KHSAA Hall after a lengthy association with state high school athletics. Another

individual from the area headed to the Hall is former Inez Indian Kenneth Moore. A member of Inez's 1954 State Championship basketball team, Moore earned his way to the Hall through his prolific hoops

efforts on the court. The class of 2004 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for March 17, 2004 in Lexington. The induction of (See **HALL**, page two)

H.S. BASEBALL

Dawgs begin play in state tourney today

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The post-season journey for Coach Randy Keaton and the Lawrence County High School baseball team continues today in the State Baseball Tournament at Applebee's Park in Lexington. Lawrence County, Semi-State 8 Champion, beat Allen Central, taking two consecutive games from the Rebels in a best-of-three series to advance to the state tourney. Now, Lawrence County is faced with a must-win situation in a single-elimination tournament.

The Big Blue Nation/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament is schedule to begin today and run through Saturday. Tickets are on sale for \$6 in advance (\$7 at the gate) and \$10 for premium seating. Tickets may be purchased through the Applebee's Park ticket office or by calling 859/422-7867. Big Blue Nation magazine was recently granted title sponsorship of the tournament.

With Rockcastle County's 3-2 and 1-0 wins over Hazard on Monday to finish out Semi-State 7, the tournament field is now set. Following are first round match-ups.

TODAY:
Apollo (28-12) vs. Lawrence County (23-7), 6 p.m.; Webster Co. (18-16) vs. Paul Dunbar (38-4), 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:
Male (25-10) vs. Rockcastle County (24-12), 6 p.m.; Boone Co. (31-7) vs. LaRue County (34-3), 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Semifinals at 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 21
Championship 7 p.m.

■ Webster County returns for a third consecutive appearance in the State Tournament.

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Brown, Kentucky All-Stars prepare for Tennessee

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Paintsville High School graduate Ryan Brown has the privilege of playing in Friday's state all-star football game. Brown and the rest of the Kentucky All-Stars began practice Sunday. The

annual Kentucky-Tennessee High School All-Star Football Game will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. EDT at Commonwealth Stadium. Admission is \$10, with children age six and under admitted free. Tickets for the game are still available. Parking

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file photo

A year after a 58th District championship, Cindy Halbert (not pictured) is leaving Allen Central.

Halbert leaves ACHS for Pikeville

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The rumors of Cindy Halbert leaving Allen Central High School and taking over the girls' basketball program at Pikeville High School will be laid to rest today. A press conference will be held today at which time Halbert will accept the position of Lady Panther head coach. Halbert has informed Sis Hall, Allen

Central principal, and Davida Bickford, principal at Allen Central Middle School, where she taught, that she would not be reapplying for her neither her teaching nor coaching positions in the Floyd County Schools System for the upcoming 2003-04 school year. Instead, she will accept similar duties in the Pikeville Independent School District.

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"I would like to thank the young ladies themselves for their hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes," said Halbert. "In the past three seasons, we have all worked very hard to build our program into a regional contender and I believe we are there."



Ryan Brown

SOUTH FLOYD

Raiders show promise in Morehead camp

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Nowadays, summer is the time when most area high school basketball teams refine their games. South Floyd, with the graduation of senior starters Michael Hall, Tyler Hall and Charles Ray,

among others, has some holes to fill. However, those who filled the holes showed up to play last week in a tournament played at Morehead. South Floyd won the tournament, which included such in-state teams as Somerset, Betsy

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DIRT TRACK

Southern All-Star Series to make debut at the Ridge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JD Racing and Thunder Ridge Raceway on Saturday will welcome the Southern All-Star Dirt Racing Series to Eastern Kentucky for the first time.

Southern All-Star Dirt Racing Series racers and several other national, regional, and local Late Model drivers will make the trip to Thunder Ridge to compete in the \$5,000 to win SAS Sanctioned event. The Limited Late Models, one of the area's fastest growing race classes will chase a \$1,000-to-win feature event, while the side by side action of the Four-cylinder group will take to the track after a \$300 top prize.

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UK NOTEBOOK

UK caravan's final stop today at StoneCrest

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Those who "bleed blue" will want to be at StoneCrest Golf Course today. After resuming on Monday in Madisonville, the Big Blue Caravan will conclude today, here in Floyd County at Prestonsburg's StoneCrest Golf Course. A list of those slated to appear at the Prestonsburg course today for a dinner and golf outing reads like a who's who of current coaches and administrators.

Numerous UK coaches and administrators, including football coach Rich Brooks and basketball coaches Tubby Smith and Mickie DeMoss are scheduled to be in town for today's event. All will be available for meet-and-greet sessions with the fans.

Other cities the Caravan has been to include Louisville, Cincinnati, Nashville, Somerset, and just yester

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was something like \$38.73 a week, after taxes — that they were nuts.

But 44 years ago, who could have predicted the changes in America's culture and values?

Not thoroughbred racing, which then had a monopoly on legal gambling that bred a level of complacency that made the sport sluggish to the challenges of off-track betting, casinos, lotteries, and riverboats.

If you attend the movie "Seabiscuit," which I hope you do, look at the exalted place that belonged to horse racing in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s.

Horses were genuine national heroes. Huge crowds packed the

tracks for the major races.

To this day, the sport is still trying to figure out what happened.

The same can be said for major-league baseball, boxing, and college football, the other major-interest sports of the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and even the '60s.

They really had no competition.

The NBA didn't begin to develop a national following until Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, and Oscar Robertson came aboard in the late 1950s.

The NFL didn't start becoming the real national pastime until Johnny Unitas led the Baltimore Colts to that historic overtime win over the New York Giants in 1958.

The PGA Tour was barely a

blip on the national radar screen until Arnold Palmer ridged the sport of its country-club image and excited blue-collar fans who played at the muni courses, but knew a fellow scuffer when they saw one.

While these sports were rising, the traditional Big Four failed to meet the challenges of a changing America that was becoming increasingly hooked on television.

Suddenly you began hearing that horse racing and baseball were too slow and too boring; that boxing was too corrupt; that college football was a hypocritical semi-pro endeavor that wasn't as honest, or as entertaining, as the NFL.

As these values were shifting

over a couple of decades, automobile racing and professional wrestling slowly, but inexorably, moved into the void, aided by the almost suicidal tendencies of their rivals for the entertainment dollar.

Automobile racing found ways to capitalize on America's fascination with cars, not to mention the

people who built them and drove them. Like the nation itself, it was all about speed and entrepreneurship and the down-home values that many Americans hold dear.

The drivers were your next-door-neighbors. They were humble, brave, and admirable. Mostly, they were accessible. They almost

went out of their way to relate to their fans. When their fans looked at them, it was almost like looking in the mirror.

The reaction to the death of driving icon Dale Earnhardt in a racing accident raised a lot of issues

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Ridge

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The Southern All-Star Series was in Talladega, Ala. over the weekend for the running of the Governors Cup. Unfortunately, Mother Nature ended the event before it started, thus making this weekend's prize even sweeter.

The first Late Model driver to cross the finishline at Thunder Ridge Saturday night will collect \$5,000.

Coming into this weekend's Thunder Ridge event, the drivers on the Southern All Star Series circuit are competing for much more than the \$5,000 winner's share of the purse. Drivers on the circuit are also competing for those valuable points that could make them a National Series Champion. The top five in the series shapes up as follows: Clint Smith (1), Mike

Head (2), Duayne Hommel (3), 4th Terrance Nowell (4), and Jody Summerville (5). A mere 86 points separates the first five drivers.

Allen driver Brandon Kinzer has raced regularly on the circuit this season, hoping to vie for rookie-of-the-year honors at the end of the season.

Clint Smith, Mike Head, Duayne Hommel, Terrance Nowell, Jody Summerville, Jeff Cooke, Royce Bray, Steven Harrison are just some of the national drivers that have expressed interest in making the trip to Thunder Ridge for the event these and other national and regional drivers will have to contend with one of the best local crop of drivers in the United States. Current Thunder

Ridge points leader Shannon Thornsberry will lead a large contention of local drivers that compete at Thunder Ridge every week, Paul Harris, Chuckie May, Raymond Nichols, Mike Morris, Herbie Barnett, Stanley Haddix, Also other drivers that is expected to be at Thunder Ridge from the surrounding area is Jackie Boggs, Eddie Carrier Jr., David Smith, Roger Dilley, and Kenny Compton and several more from the surrounding states.

Saturday's event will consist of a full racing program with Qualifying for the Late Models and the Limited Late Models, Heat races all three divisions, B-Mains as needed, and Feature races for all three divisions.

Any racefan or driver that has a rain check for the rainout events that Thunder Ridge has had over the past three weeks are welcomed to use them this weekend if they choose. If the race fans or drivers are holding a regular show rain check then they can present the rain check at the ticket booth and pay the difference in price for the event. If the Race Fans or Drivers are holding a rain check from the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass rain-out from May 31 race fans or drivers can use them to get into the races this weekend by presenting them at the ticket booth.

Halbert

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Halbert leaves Allen Central and the 58th District with a heavy heart. The decision was one she weighed for quite some time after first being offered the Pikeville job back in April, prior to spring break.

"At this time I would like to thank all of the people I have met during my work throughout the Floyd County School District," said Halbert. "In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Fanning, Glen Hendrix, Debbie Daniels, and Joyce Watson, Mrs. Bickford, Mrs. Goodman, Ms. Hall, and former ACHS Principal Patty Maynard for all being terrific bosses and offering their professional guidance and friendship to me throughout the past three years and allowing me the opportunity to grow professionally. At Allen Central High School I would also like to thank the entire staff for their friendship and support, especially Coach/AD Johnny Martin and Mrs. Pam Frasure. I will truly miss each and every staff member at Allen Central Middle School from the administration to the classified personnel, and especially the students. Practically every teacher, custodian, instructional assistant, cafeteria worker, and secretary has become a special person to me and I will miss seeing them all on a daily basis. Allen Central Middle is simply a great place to work. It is a terrific school overflowing with a positive environment and talented group of professional educators that have all been a pleasure to work with.

"Lastly, I would like to thank my staff members, parents, and players at ACHS over the past three seasons. Coaches Wesley Case and Ronnie Patton have

been invaluable to me and are terrific gentlemen and friends. In addition, their wives and children have also been very important friends and supporters throughout this journey. Bobby Meadows, Tyler Green, and Ashley Rosen have been terrific and I greatly appreciate their time, dedication, friendship, and support. I would like to thank all the parents of the players and boosters for their hard work and support of their young ladies."

The cupboard Halbert leaves behind at Allen Central is far from bare. Whoever the new ACHS girls coach is, he or she will have talent to work with for years to come. In three seasons, the outgoing Halbert steadily helped bring the Lady Rebel basketball program back on its feet.

"I would like to thank the young ladies themselves for their hard work, dedication, and

positive attitudes," added Halbert. "In the past three seasons, we have all worked very hard to build our program into a regional contender and I believe we are there. It is my hope that the ACHS Lady Rebel Basketball program will continue to grow and thrive and I wish each and every young lady I have coached over the past three years the best of luck in basketball and especially in life."

Halbert, who played and coached at Belfry High School before coming to Allen Central, replaces veteran Pikeville coach Maria Shockey. It is unclear at this time whether or not Shockey will stay on as a staff member under Halbert. This will be Halbert's third different stop as a head coach. Allen Central is expected to fill its coaching void anytime. The name leading the way as a replacement for Halbert is former ACHS stand-out player Mark Martin.

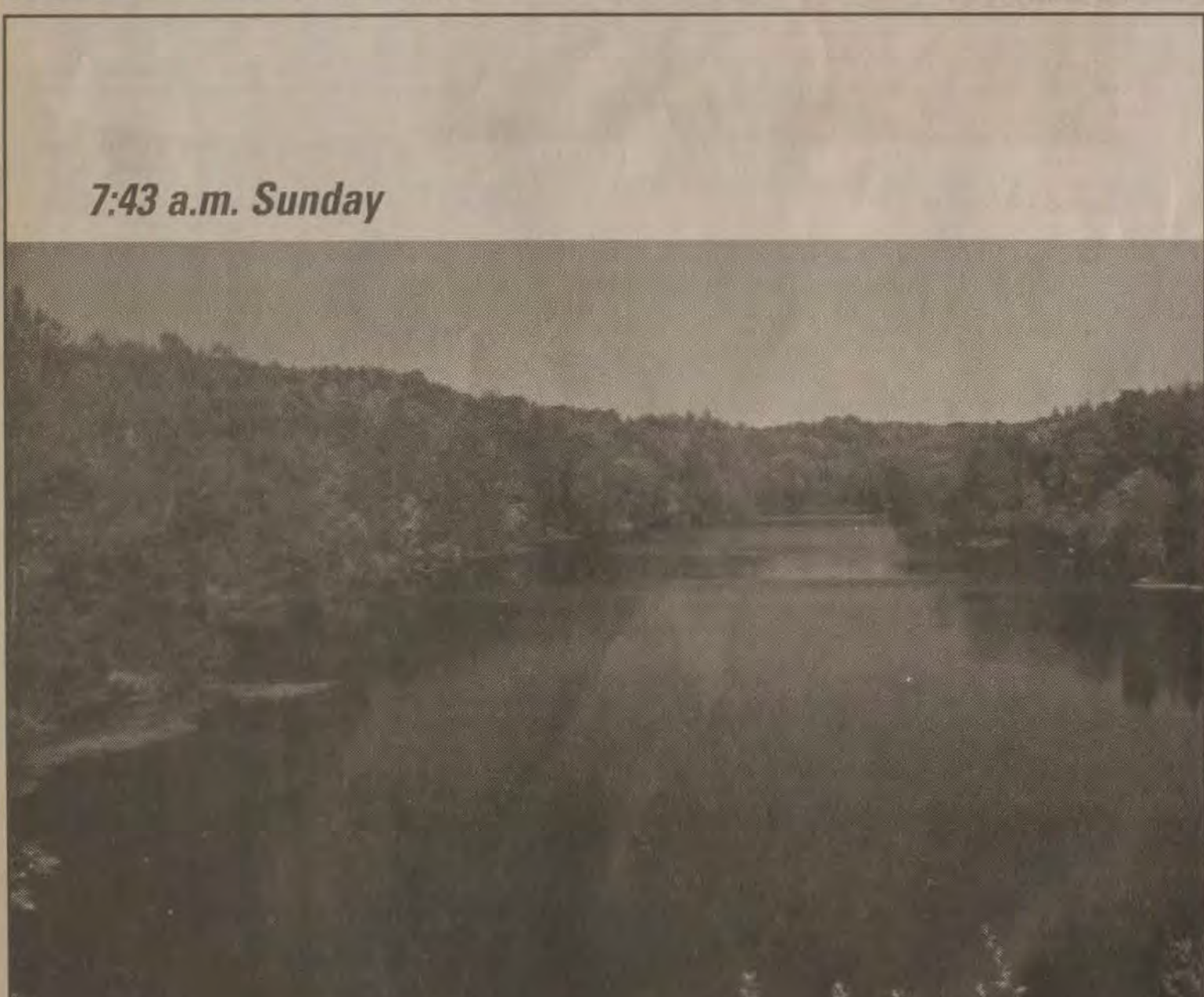
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is free. The Paintsville grad is expected to line up a defensive line position for the Kentucky team

Brown, who signed with James Madison University earlier this year, was courted recently by the new University of Kentucky coaching staff. Having already signed with James Madison, Brown will head off to Virginia later this summer where he'll join fellow incoming freshmen and veterans who'll be returning. Brown is the second son of my Mike and Sandy Brown. He joins an older brother in the college ranks. Matt, a junior, who plays for Pikeville College.

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Layne and Pike Central.

One of the players who reportedly came up big in the tournament was South Floyd junior center Steven Stanley. As a sophomore, Stanley saw plenty of playing time and often gave South Floyd a huge boost in off the bench. One report had Stanley with over 30 points in a game last week against Pike Central.

The most consistent starting

lineup South Floyd put on the floor in Morehead consisted of Stanley at center, Brian Meade and Adam Tackett at the forwards and Jack Slone and sophomore Ryan Johnson in the backcourt. Tackett and Slone were consistent starters on last season's Raider team, while Meade played more of a traditional sixth-man role in off the bench. Scott Devin Allen was the sixth man for the Raiders in last week's event.

Hall

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the 14 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 300.

The 2004 class is as follows:

Brown Badgett – Mr. Badgett is great supporter of high school athletics at Hopkins County Central and Madisonville-North Hopkins High Schools and other programs through generous financial gifts including the Brown Badgett Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Ron Cain – Cain was a successful football star at Cumberland, leading the state in scoring. He went on to coach Seneca High School in Louisville to the 1965 Class AAAA State Championship.

Ancie Casey – Casey is one of the most respected basketball officials in the state. He officiated numerous District, Region and State Tournament games, including two State Championship games. Casey continues to serve as a positive influence on basketball officiating by training officials.

Otis Dinning – Dinning compiled a 541-193 coaching record at Paducah Tilghman High School, including six regional championships.

Marty Donlon – Donlon has served as regional golf manager for over 35 years, including management of the Boys' State Golf Tournament. The St. Xavier boys' golf teams have won numerous team and individual titles under Coach Donlon's guidance.

Kim Hawkins – Hawkins excelled in both track and cross country for Bath County High School. She won numerous tracks and cross country titles and went on to enjoy an All-American career at the University of Kentucky.

Alvis Johnson – Johnson was a highly successful track and football coach at Harrodsburg High School. In addition, he served on the KHSAA Board of Control as well as president of the National Federation of High School Associations' Board of Directors.

Kenneth Moore – Moore played on Inez's 1954 State Basketball Championship squad. He continued his career at Eastern Kentucky University where his honors included Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year.

He was later drafted by the Cincinnati Royals of the NBA.

Ben Pumphrey – In over 30 years coaching football at Paris and Nicholas County, Pumphrey compiled a 179-146-7 career record. In addition he was a highly respected track coach, winning two state titles.

Kim Mays Rose – Mays Rose was a basketball standout at Knox Central, scoring 3,952 career points and received Ms. Basketball honors in 1990. She led the state in scoring her senior year at 41.6 points-per-game and went on to a great career at Eastern Kentucky University where she was Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year.

Evan Settle – Settle starred for Crab Orchard and later went on to coach seven regional championships in basketball at Shelbyville.

Billy Smith – Smith compiled a 306-192 coaching record in 17 years at Taylor County, including a 1963 appearance in the State Basketball Tournament. He was also an active member of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association.

Eugene Washington – Washington worked 27 years as a KHSAA wrestling official. He officiated 22 consecutive State Championship Tournaments and received Official-of-the-Year five consecutive years as presented by the Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association.

Jim Watkins – Watkins has made countless contributions on local, district, regional, state and national level athletic administration. He has served as Director of Academics, Athletics and Activities for the Jefferson County Public Schools as well being a charter member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association. He is a former director of the state high school football playoffs and has served as director of the Louisville Invitational Basketball Tournament and an instructor in Coaches Education Program.

Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. High school basketball legend Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor is accepted.

KDFWR Commission proposes new laws

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission set the early migratory bird seasons for 2003 and established new size and creel limits on rainbow trout in the Cumberland River at its quarterly meeting June 13 in Frankfort. The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must also approve recommendations of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission for the migratory bird seasons because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

Woodcock:
■ October 18 - December 1, 2003

Common Snipe:
■ September 17 - November 2, 2003; November 27, 2003 - January 25, 2004 Virginia and Sora Rail, Gallinule and Moorhen:
■ September 1 - November 9, 2003

Early Wood Duck or Teal:
■ September 17 - September 21, 2003

Resident Canada Goose:
■ September 6 - September 10, 2003*

In other wildlife business, the commission recommended to open dove hunting on all tracts of the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area under statewide regulations in October, November and December. Previously during

this time, hunting was allowed on tracts 2, 3, 6 and 7 only. Hunters will be permitted to take Eurasian Collared Doves statewide this season, which will not count toward the daily bag limit as long as the head or a wing is left attached until after the hunter leaves the field. The commission established

testing procedures and a \$100 annual permit fee for commercial Nuisance Wildlife Control operators.

In fisheries related business, there will be a 15 to 20 inch slot limit and a five fish daily limit on rainbow trout in the

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Kentucky all-stars knock off Indiana

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Toni Slaughter scored 13 points and Marquise Hanser and Charlotte Marshall added 12 each as the Kentucky Girls All-Stars defeated the Indiana All-Stars 75-60 Saturday night.

Indiana Miss Basketball Katie Gearlds had 16 points for Indiana, which never solved Kentucky's swarming defense and crisp ball movement.

After leading 40-35 at the half, the Kentucky girls opened the second half with a 12-0 run, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers by Marshall and Hanser, to take a 52-35 lead with about 17 minutes left. The lead swelled to 15, 65-50, after Slaughter hit a baseline jumper with 9:08 to go.

Indiana never threatened after that.

It's the third straight year the Kentucky girls have won the home state game in the annual series that dates to 1976. The rematch will be played next Saturday at Conoco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind.

Indiana leads the overall series 28-27.

Gearlds, from Beech Grove, Ind., struggled the entire game, hitting just 2-of-13 shots and missing all five of her 3-point attempts. The 6-foot-1 guard will attend Purdue next fall.

Kentucky won easily despite the loss of Miss Basketball Megan Gearhart.

INDIANA ALL-STARS

Gearlds 2-13 12-14 16, Green 1-4 1-2 3, Norris 1-1 0-0 2, Carlisle 0-1 0-0 0, McMillin 0-1 0-0 0, Gaybrick 4-7 0-0 8, VanMetre 0-0 0-0 0, Thatcher 0-3 2-2 2, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Hendrix 4-10 3-3 11, Honegger 1-2 0-0 3, Granderson 1-4 3-4 5,

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Blake Dean was one of the contest winners in last week's Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp at Allen Central High School. Dean won the knockout and one-on-one contests in his age division.

Proposed dates for the migratory bird seasons are as follows:

Dove:
■ September 1 - October 24, 2003; November 27 - December 2, 2003

DIRT TRACK

Boggs drives to 201 Late Model win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA — Several hours before racing action at the 201 Speedway Saturday night, calls started coming in from as far away as Charleston, W.Va. For the third week in a row, rain was all over the area, but somehow couldn't find the racetrack at 201. With nearly every track from Ohio to Prestonsburg deciding to cancel, 201 again hosted one of the largest car counts in every division, including 28 Late Models arriving to challenge the red clay oval of 201. After a brief shower delayed the action for only an hour or so, fans began filing into the track by the carloads.

When the \$1000 Late Model checkers fell on the feature, it

would be the No. 4B car of 13th year Late Model driver Jackie Boggs of Grayson winning. Boggs won in the Miller Brother's Coal-, McDonald's of Flemingsburg, Maysville, and Georgetown, Ohio- sponsored ride. Current track points leader David Powers of Salyersville finished a strong second ahead of Allen's Chuckie May, who fought back from the third lap spin to finish in the second runner-up spot ahead of Willard driver Terry Hicks, Mike Osborne, and Chris Combs, who finished sixth in a Limited Late Model.

Clint Shuts drove to his second set of Open Wheel checkers. West Virginia driver Darren Muncy was second ahead of Jason Ball, who managed to limp his wounded machine

across the line third ahead of Walt Mayabb and Kevin Mayabb.

In the Bomber feature, Salyersville driver Scott Lemaster would hold back the challenge of Auxier's John Fairchild to collect his fourth Bomber feature win. John Fairchild raced to a solid runner-up finish ahead of Salyersville's Steve Howard, Wes Blair, and Lucasville, Ohio's George Meade. Lemaster also collected a track mat courtesy of Howard's Performance of Salyersville, for the feature win. Rick Baler and Ryan Risner battled from the drop of the green flag in the Road Hog feature. Risner took the lead on the final lap and held on for his third win of the season in his Red Fusion-sponsored R7, dirt-car. Baker was second ahead of George Meade's No. 8 machine and the B4U of Wes Bailey of West Liberty. Jason Hall turned back all challengers in the Four-cylinder feature to take the win in his Hoffess Trucking-sponsored No. 911, finishing ahead of Marty Hall, Jacob Ross, James Mosley and Inez's Mark Jude.

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and questions, some of which the country didn't understand or certainly didn't want to face.

What was missed by many, perhaps even including me, was that Eamhart was Joe DiMaggio or Johnny Unitas or Bill Russell, maybe even more, to a large middle-class, God-fearing, blue-collar segment of our society.

I understand the dynamics of the stock-car racing phenomenon more than professional wrestling. I'm confused by the fascination with a "sport" that is contrived or choreographed. Yet I suppose it has something to do with our inherent

need to be able to identify good guys from bad guys, to be assured that right eventually will triumph over wrong.

So if you look at professional wrestling as the sort of morality plays that Shakespeare and others wrote, perhaps you can see some redeeming social values. And if you look at stock-car racing as something that's as uniquely American as cruising the local fast-food restaurants on Friday night, at being fascinated by mechanics and engines and the need for speed, that also makes a lot of sense.

Last Saturday a crowd of more than 12,000 showed up at Churchill Downs. The U.S. Open golf tournament outside Chicago attracted 35,000 or so. The attendance at the Cincinnati Reds' home game was slightly more than 35,000.

But 69,366 attended the Meijer 300, a NASCAR Busch Series race held at the Kentucky Speedway at Sparta.

I tip my hat. There's obviously something about automobile racing that appeals to something important that's deep inside many Americans.

Dawgs

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■ LaRue County, Apollo and Boone County are making their second appearance in the tournament. Male is making its fourth trip.

■ Paul Dunbar, Rockcastle County and area representative Lawrence County are all making first appearances in the event.

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day, Bowling Green. The Prestonsburg event was originally scheduled for the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, but was changed to StoneCrest. An all-day pass for today's event is \$75. The dinner only costs \$20.

Webb

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Johnson Central High School, had enrolled at UK in Jan. 2003 and gone through spring practice. He completed the spring as the fourth-team left defensive end. When recruited, Webb was projected to see playing time early on in his collegiate career. The destination of Webb or the other two UK transfers is unknown at this time.

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by LARRY LAGE
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BROOKLYN, Mich. — Kurt Busch didn't need anybody to tell him where he finished in his first two races at Michigan International Speedway. "Dead last and dead last," he said. But Busch said he was able to win the Sirius Satellite 400 on Sunday because he was able to forget about the 2001 races. "At Michigan, at any race track really, you come with an open mind and you have to learn to put the past behind you," said Busch, the first three-time winner this year. "Ernie Irvan was probably the classic example here at Michigan with the way he got hurt and then came back to post a victory on his recovery tour."

The 24-year-old Busch hung around near the front of the pack for much of the 200-lap race, then snatched the lead for good by passing Jeff Gordon with 24 laps left. "I saw that I had an opportunity to get by Gordon because his weak spot was turn four," said Busch, who averaged 131.219 mph. A late charge by pole-starter Bobby Labonte, who took second from Gordon on lap 185, came up 0.774 seconds — about six car-lengths — short. Gordon finished third in the race slowed by nine cautions, tying an MIS record, the last of which led to a green flag for the start of lap 196. "To me that was a winning effort," Gordon said. "Unfortunately, we kept adjusting all day for the long

run and it ended up being a short-run shootout." Labonte, a three-time Michigan winner, got one last shot at Busch after Todd Bodine brought out the final caution flag of the race with 10 laps remaining when he crashed in turn two on the two-mile, high-banked oval. Busch had Labonte's Chevrolet nearly on the back bumper of his Taurus following the final caution. Labonte made a strong move to the top of the track, but Busch held him off and pulled steadily away. "He knows when to drive it real hard and it seems like he's getting better at getting care of it if it's not quite right," Labonte said, referring to Busch. "He's a fast little racer." Series points leader and defending race winner Matt Kenseth finished fourth, followed by Michael Waltrip, Sterling Marlin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Kenseth now leads runner-up Earnhardt by 185 points. Busch remained fifth in the standings but moved within 65 points of fourth-place Labonte. "We're right where we need to be in points," Busch said. "We're elated that we've got three victories, which is one or two more than everybody else. "This year, it's gonna be a point tally similar to 1998. Mark Martin won (seven) races that year, but Jeff Gordon was able to beat him out at the end

of the year. This is gonna be one of those years when a top five is an average day." About the only thing Busch and his team didn't change on his car during pit stops was the number. Busch gave crew chief Jimmy Fennig a lot of credit for his seventh career win for

making just the right adjustments to his No. 97 Roush Racing Ford on every pit stop. "We didn't quite have the setup," Busch said. "Jimmy and I decided to throw some things at it and made a car that would go to Victory Lane. "We made all kinds of air pressure changes, wedge

changes, track bar, you name it." Busch gave Jack Roush his 64th NASCAR Winston Cup race win, and the team owner humbled his driver when he said it ranked third among his victories — ever. "It's mind-boggling," Busch said.

- Sports Calendar -

And 1 Skills Camp

Pikeville College will host the And 1 Skills Camp, directed by former University of Kentucky star Rex Chapman, June 30-July 2. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and lunch is included. Registration costs \$220 and includes lunch daily, instruction by former NBA and UK players, three-point and free-throw contests, gift packs and T-shirts. For more information, call 859/231-1244.

Lady Bears Team Camp

The annual Lady Bears Team Basketball Camp for middle- and high-school girls' basketball teams is scheduled for July 10-12 at the Pikeville College gym. Registration costs \$300 per team, \$550 for two teams and \$750 for three teams. For more information, call Bill Watson at 606/218-5356 or 606/424-7989.

Golf: SVHS scramble

The Shelby Valley football team will host a golf scramble on Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m. at Mountain Pub-Links. For more information, call 606/432-4352.

Cheerleading: UCA Camp

A UCA camp is scheduled for Pikeville and Pikeville High School. Any student in grades K-8 looking for a camp to attend this summer can attend the UCA Youth Individual Cheerleading Camp. Attending campers will learn the basics of cheerleading from America's best cheerleaders. The camp will be held July 21-23 at Pikeville High School, beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 3:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$100. For more information or to register, call 1-800-238-0285. Locally, contact Lisa Wheeler by calling 606/432-0185.

Physicals

The Johnson County Health Department will be scheduling sports physical exams on July 22 and July 29. Call for an appointment at 606/789-2590.

Baseball: Tryout camp

The Cincinnati Reds will hold a tryout camp at the Johnson Central on July 2. The tryout will start at 10 a.m. Registration will begin one hour before the start of camp. All Legion players must bring with them written permission from their post commander or Legion coach to workout. Any player who is under 21 years of age must have a written release from a parent or legal guardian accepting full legal liability in order to workout. There will be no exceptions. It must be a release, not a permission slip.

Football

The Prestonsburg High School football team will host a passing tournament on Saturday. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Any area teams interested in playing should contact Coach DeRossett at 606/886-6639. Entry fee for the tournament is \$50. Coach DeRossett and the Prestonsburg High grid program will also be hosting a grade school skills camp on Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$25. Included in the camp fee is a T-shirt and lunch.

Shooting match: Matches held each week

A shooting match will be held every Saturday night at 7 at the Fishtrap Sportsmen's Club located on Lower Camp Branch at Grapevine in Pike County.

Girls

Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Closser 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 18-55 21-25 60.

KENTUCKY ALL-STARS

Chowning 3-10 2-3 8, Hanser 4-9 3-4 12, Parrish 1-3 2-2 4, Marshall 5-11 0-0 12, Mondy 3-

5 0-0 7, Mullins 1-2 0-0 2, Schell 4-5 1-1 11, Slaughter 5-10 2-4 13, Todd 2-4 0-0 6, Beougher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-59 10-14 75.

HALFTIME
Kentucky All-Stars 40,
Indiana All-Stars 30.

Hunting

Cumberland River from Wolf Creek Dam to the Tennessee state line starting March 1, 2004. All rainbow trout caught between 15 and 20 inches in length must be immediately released and anglers may only keep one rainbow trout over 20 inches daily. An interim reciprocal fishing agreement established in 1985, between Kentucky and Ohio regarding fishing on the Ohio River, is now a permanent agreement between the two states. A newly revised reciprocal agreement between Kentucky and Missouri regarding fishing on the Mississippi River was also formalized. The legal procedure for measuring fish was clarified. The law will now state when measuring fish that the fish must be laid flat on a ruler, the mouth

must be closed and the tail lobes squeezed together to take an accurate length measurement. The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2003 at the Game Farm off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Tom Bennett, 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.



The staff and campers of the 2003 Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp are pictured.

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'Men's health'

by THERESA SCOTT

For many men, their most prized possession is their automobile. A lot of consideration is given to the make, model and reliability of the vehicle.

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The same prevention concepts that keep our automobile in top condition can be applied to your personal health.

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- Their 'first arts series' -



Playing Southern widow, Daisy Werthan, and Hoke, a chauffeur newly hired by the independent woman's son, are actors Paula Riley, left, and Frank Bowman, right. The pair performed two scenes from "Driving Miss Daisy," one of Jenny Wiley Theatre's 2003 season offerings, in the lobby of the First Commonwealth Bank this past Friday afternoon.

Highlighting the arts at home

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Beginning in early spring, the First Commonwealth Bank debuted its community arts awareness program, "Our First Arts Series."

Aware of the vast amount of creative talent in the Big Sandy region, employees of the bank came up with the idea of putting together the arts series in an effort to heighten awareness and invite community members to take part in enjoying some of the wonderful entertainment offered to them right here in their own backyards.

This past Friday afternoon, community visitors were treated to a delightful performance by New

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"Munroe," the Kentucky Opry's "King of Comedy," performed for the community in the bank's lobby in late May. Former First Commonwealth Bank president, Burl Wells Spurlock, paused for a moment to take this photo with the down-home jester. Spurlock currently serves as chairman of the bank's board of directors.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

July 10 - FREE athletic physicals for AMS students, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seton Complex in Martin.

July 23 - "Back to School Health Fair," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. Services will include immunizations, school physicals, vision and hearing screening, school supplies and drawings for free hair cuts.

Camp Shawnee applications available at the Center.

Updated health records for AMS students may be dropped off during summer break at the Youth Services Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The AMS Youth Services Center is open during the summer to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information or to request assistance with a family need.

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-

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POISON OAK

She couldn't see Abe Lincoln

by CLYDE PACK

One of the advantages of living in a coal camp was that we coal-camp kids had our very own railroad. Of course, we had an understanding with C&O and the Northeast Coal Company that allowed them to use it whenever they thought it was necessary.

No steam engines were ever on the tracks that ran from the tippie-located between the company store and the mouth of Silk Stocking Row-except when a small

shifter, belching thick black smoke, would push 12 or 15 empty coal gons onto the little siding in the late afternoon, so that they could be dropped down and loaded at the tippie the next work day.

Despite warnings from our parents, we'd climb all over those coal gons, mainly, I suppose, because they were there and had a ladder going up the side; and, we'd use their blackness to write messages on the sides of the gons with the chalk we'd pilfered, one or two sticks at a time, from the chalk trays at school.

But one incident that occurred regarding these empty coal gons had nothing to do with climbing or

(See OAK, page four)

NEWS & NOTES

Meeting slated to discuss future old Auxier Schools

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center (ALLC) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 24, at 6 p.m., at the center. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss the future of the old Auxier School buildings, which currently house the ALLC.

Kim's Korner: Nothin' but a good thing



Kim Little Frasure

There's an old sayin' that goes something to the effect of "you know you've got something good, when everybody wants it!"

And how many times over this past year have you read in this very space how I feel about the ad staff, as well as the entire staff of this paper? Several, I know.

The past couple of weeks it seems various "other" newspaper people have jumped on the

notion that they need members of our staff to join their ranks.

What a compliment! The interest has been astounding! The late and who can blame them? Certainly not I.

From what I've been told, it's extremely rare when sales rep's stay on board in the newspaper business for an entire year. Come July and August we will celebrate one year anniversaries of four of our sales staff members. "Way

to Go, Guys & Dolls!" I'm so very thankful for each of you.

Just to prove my point of "others" interest, one particular member of our staff received seven calls in two days!

Sure does make a Mama proud!

Then just when we were about to become perplexed with much wonder over this interest of "others" wanting our sales staff, our composing

and editorial staff members began getting calls as well!

I am here to tell you it just makes goose bumps pop up all over the place.

After all, we've always known we had a "Good Thing" now we KNOW the others know it too!

It's an amazing feeling to be surrounded by co-workers that are dedicated, loyal, and

(See KORNER, page three)

Arts

York actors Paula Riley and Frank Bowman who both star this season in the Jenny Wiley Theatre production of "Driving Miss Daisy." The actors, who along with Adam Baritot, who also hails from New York City, make up the three-man cast of the non-musical production. Riley, who has been studying the craft of acting since childhood, plays the role of Daisy Werthan, a wealthy and very independent Southern widow who has recently been denied driving privileges by her son, Boolie, portrayed by Baritot. Enter Hoke, played by Bowman,

"Miss Daisy's" new chauffeur. Riley and Bowman performed two scenes from the production on Friday afternoon. The first, when Miss Daisy and Hoke first meet, the second, some time later, after the unlikely couple have managed to bond and form a friendship that lasts the remainder of their lifetimes. Following the performance, the two actors, along with Theatre director, Martin Childers, discussed the play and answered questions from the attending audience who learned that the trio of actors had actu-

ally began meeting in New York City for rehearsals shortly after the new year. Riley told the visitors that she was "born and raised in Manhattan," that she "simply loved acting," and that "when I come on stage as a character, that's who I then become." Bowman spoke of the "breathtaking beauty" of the eastern Kentucky mountains and that he actually joined the acting profession "a little late in life," leaving behind a job in the airport industry. "There is a tremendous amount of talent waiting for your eyes to see (at

Jenny Wiley Theatre)...you don't have to go to New York, it's right here. Jenny Wiley is a very special place," he said. Both actors also have roles in other Jenny Wiley productions this season with Riley playing "Aunt Emily" in the "Wizard of Oz" and the "Widow Douglas," in the theatre's production of "Big River." Bowman plays "Professor Marvel" in the "Wizard of Oz." Childers encouraged the community to visit the theatre this summer by saying, "We do have a professional theatre right here at Jenny Wiley. Everyone

should check it out and see what we have going on this year." Childers also informed the attending audience that "Driving Miss Daisy" was originally a Pulitzer Prize winning stage production, written by Alfred Uhry, that was later adapted for the screen. Among other performers who have appeared in the noon-time matinees in First Commonwealth's main office lobby this spring are: Laura

Ford Hall, vocalist, Kentucky Opry; Kory Caudill, pianist, Kentucky Opry; Ernest Collins & Friends, bluegrass band; Kenny Mitchell, photographer; Freddie "Munroe" Goble, comedian, Kentucky Opry; Brittany Hamilton, vocalist, Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros; and Megan Goble, vocalist, Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros. Scheduled to perform on Friday, June 27, is Ms. Rebecca Haywood, harpist.

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Wedding Engagements



Slone-Hall

Harold and Allison Conley, of Hueysville, and Marcella Hall, of Garrett, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Stephanie Marie Slone and David Dwayne Hall. David is the son of the late Willis Edward Hall. The couple will be joined in marriage in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, July 5, 2003, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Salt Lick Community Church, Hueysville. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Warrix-Duke

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Warrix, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. William Duke, of Staffordsville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Dewana K. Warrix and J. Wesley Warden Duke. Miss Warrix is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is currently employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center as coordinator of their "Kids Now" program. Mr. Duke is a graduate of Georgetown College, the University of Kentucky and Valparaiso University School of Law. He is currently practicing law in the J.D. Johnson Law Office. He also serves as City Attorney for the City of Paintsville. The couple will exchange wedding vows in a ceremony that will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2003, at half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.



Little-Barnett

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jr. and Marilyn Little, of Kite, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Jimmy Barnett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Terri Barnett, of Dema. The couple are planning a summer wedding for June, 2004.



Whitt-Combs

Mr. Jeffery Ray Whitt, of Prestonsburg, is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Jennifer Raelynn, to Eric Stephen Combs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Combs, of Hindman. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2003, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. Family and friends of the bride-to-be's mother, the late Peggy Whitt, will hold a household shower for the couple on Saturday, June 28, at 3 p.m., also at the church.



Barnette-Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and Madge Williams, of McDowell, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Mr. Ron Williams, to Ms. Barbara Barnette, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brandenburg. Mr. Terry Williams served as the groom's Best Man, with Ms. Tami Williams serving as the bride's Maid of Honor. The couple, who exchanged vows in a wedding ceremony performed in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, are residing in Lexington.

School

Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

Camp Shawnee applications available at 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

Oak

writing. Instead, it dealt with placing pennies on the T-rails to be flattened. Of course, flattened, misshapen pennies were absolutely useless and the following story is the only thing of value that I've ever known to come from the practice.

In case you're not familiar with the art of penny flattening, what we'd do is take a penny and place it in the middle of a t-rail, right in front of the first wheel on the coal car. Then, when someone who worked at the tipple would walk up and drop the empty down to the tipple, by the time several tons had passed over the penny, it'd be flat as a flitter.

One day as we stood by, watching the process, as soon as the empty gon had passed, one of the smaller boys (we'll call him Frankie; you know, the change-the-name-to-protect-the-guilty thing) ran over and picked up the penny. It was a typically, hot summer day, and the penny was so hot when Frankie picked it up, it burned his hand.

Being a rather smart boy, he quickly threw it down. It was no big deal, really...that is until Cecil (not his real name, either), one of the older boys, said, "Let's see your finger where it's burned."

Frankie turned over his hand so everybody could see, and Cecil said, "Oh no. You picked it up heads."

The rest of us, not really knowing where he was going with this, but at the same time knowing Cecil, sensed it was going somewhere, joined in with various degrees of our own sympathetic "Oh no!".

"What? What?," Frankie asked, with more than a little concern in his voice.

"Oh nothing," Cecil said. "You'll be all right as long as it don't blister Abe Lincoln's face on your hand."

"What if it does?," three or four of us asked in unison. "You don't want to know," Cecil answered.

By that time, Frankie was blowing frantically on the palm of his hand, which by now was barely red. "I think it's gonna blister," he said. "I better go home."

He did, but in an hour or so, he rejoined the group who had now moved to the front steps of the company store. His injured hand was heavily bandaged, and was reeking with the familiar smell of White Cloverine brand salve.

"You all right, Frankie?" one of us asked. "Yeah, Mommy said she couldn't see Abe Lincoln." "Good," said Cecil. "Maybe your fingers won't rot off, then." Frankie went home again.

Critter

bully and go on about your business. A little later on, give him another chance to comply with your request. Eventually he will sit down, and you will have a chance to reward him. This way there is no physical confrontation and no anger. You didn't force anything; you just waited for the dog to make his own decision.

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Birthdays



Braden Seth is 1!

Braden Seth Howell celebrated his first birthday on June 4, 2003. Braden is the son of Cris and Gary Howell, of Emma. He is the great-nephew of Marsha "Sissy" and Jeff Kidd, who send their very fondest wishes for a happy year.



Joshua's 2nd birthday!

Joshua Artrip will celebrate his second birthday with a "Wiggles" theme birthday party picnic that will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2003, from 1-3 p.m., at Archer Park. Joshua, the son of Jimmy and Cindy Artrip, of Martin, invites all his friends to join him on his special day.

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This project consists of a 1,028,000 gallon water storage tank.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 (859-226-5850) and www.lynnimaging.com upon payment of a nonrefundable price of \$100.00 for each

set. There will also be a \$10.00 mailing charge for all sets shipped out of town. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any and all bids. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap, and sex, in this project.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his BID, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The BIDDER awarded the Contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond, and shall furnish insurance as required by the General Conditions. This Contract shall be completed within 90 calendar days after authorization to proceed. Liquidated damages will be \$300.00 per calendar day.

Persons using TDD/TTY devices may call 1-800-648-6056 to obtain the services of a speech translator to contact people or offices needed in preparing or executing bids.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed, and minimum wage rates to

be paid under the contract, Title VI, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. Local Firms, Minority Firms, Small and Female businesses are particularly encouraged to participate. Also, if Bidder anticipates the use of subcontractors, as a part of this project, the use of Local Firms, Minority Firms, Small and Female businesses is encouraged.

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