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briefs

Two killed in Magoffin accident

Times Staff Report

SALYERSVILLE — A wreck on Route 7 outside of Salyersville killed two people Tuesday.

The accident, which occurred at close to 6 p.m., happened when a 1996 Chevy Monte Carlo driven by Emma Salyer, 57, ran off the right shoulder. Salyer overcorrected when she steered left and back onto the roadway. This put her in the path of an oncoming 1989 Mazda truck driven by Vester S. Davis. Davis collided with Salyer and both were killed in the collision.

Davis was traveling with a 14-month-old child who was airlifted to Cabell-Huntington Hospital. The child was in critical condition with facial and head injuries.

Neither driver was wearing a seat belt and the child was not properly restrained.

Investigating the accident is Trooper Rick Conn with assistance from Trooper Ben Cramer. Responding to the scene was the Magoffin County Sheriff's office, G & B Ambulance and Magoffin Deputy Coroner Herman Dyer.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



Cloudy, windy

High: 77 • Low: 55

Thursday



Scattered storms

High: 74 • Low: 53

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Man claims courts used as weapon

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An emergency protection order is a legal tool which is often issued in cases of spousal abuse. One Pikeville couple though feels differently of late and see EPOs as rife with vindictive potential.

That's the case as Edward Dean Hohenecker and his wife Kellie see it of late. They say Hohenecker's ex-wife, Theresa McKinney, is

using EPOs to punish them.

The process is also costing them money. Each time they get the charges dismissed they also have to pay a fee for an attorney, which averages \$500. This time it's also costing them the opportunity to make a living as Edward Hohenecker is a security guard and cannot report to work, where he is expected to carry a handgun, while under the aegis of an EPO which explicitly denies someone who has threatened their spouse to carry a

handgun.

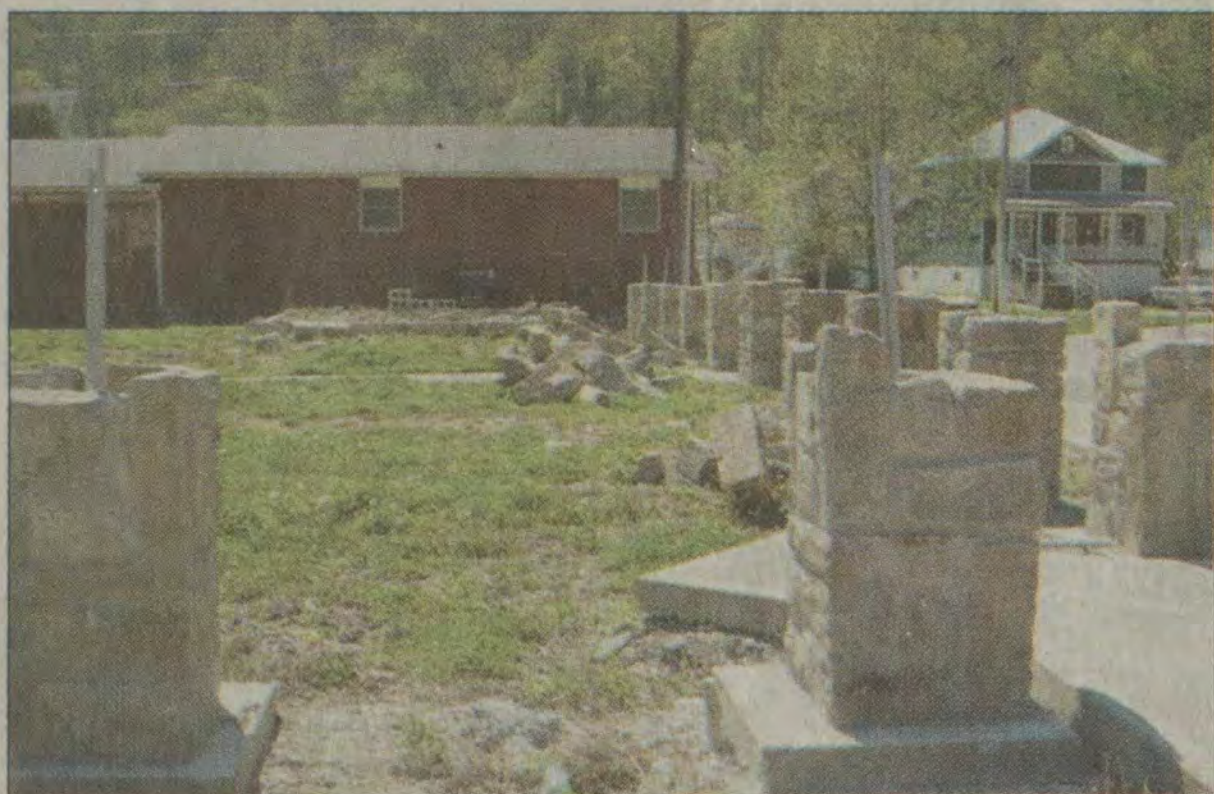
The latest round of EPOs have generated a lot of paperwork for Hohenecker. It all started two months ago after Edward Hohenecker completed a course to be certified in training others to use handguns. In order to complete the training he had to have all of the past EPOs, which were all dismissed, formally expunged from his record. Judge James Allen

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Dean Hohenecker surveys the paperwork which has been generated in the last two months by emergency protective orders obtained by his ex-wife.

photo by Tom Doty



A memorial under construction adjacent to the Wayland Community Center will pay tribute to Floyd Countians who have served in the armed forces.

photo by Doug Turner

Wayland memorial to honor those who have served in the military

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — The Wayland Historical Society has begun construction of a Memorial Park which will feature a wall that honors veterans who have served in wars since World War I.

The park, which is located adjacent to the Wayland Community

Center, will also feature a memory garden with engraved bricks honoring past and present members of the community and people with ties to Wayland.

The Wayland Historical Society is nonprofit and is attempting to offset costs of the project by selling engraved bricks which will be featured throughout various areas at the site. The cost of memory or

veteran bricks is \$50 and information on obtaining one can be had by calling the society at (606) 358-9471. The bricks can accommodate three lines of engravings with a limit of 17 characters per line.

The highlight of the park is a monument to veterans which will feature the names of 1,250 people

(See **MEMORIAL**, page three)

Father, son plead innocent to ref assault

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man and his son pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that they assaulted a sports official, Mike Walker, at a basketball game between East Ridge and Allen Central in March.

The plea was entered in Floyd District Court before Special Judge Susan Johnson, who has been called in to officiate the case.

The father, Terry Samons, and son, Nicholas Samons, were approached for an interview by Mountain News but declined saying, "We're gonna talk to our lawyer."

The Samonses appeared without their lawyer Terry Dean Jacobs. Jacobs is a former district judge who served

in Knott County. County Attorney Keith Bartley is expected to prosecute the case.

"I'm sure it will be mine. I get all of the tough ones," Bartley said.

Bartley appeared confident about the ensuing court battle and said, "I am convinced that there is something in the hand of the father when he hit him [Walker]. There's a couple of tapes and a plethora of witnesses. I have viewed the tape [the fight portion] probably about 75 times."

The tape of the game will also be helpful in building the county's case. As Bartley put it, "We'll be able to compile a hefty list of witnesses from the tape, including members of the law enforcement com-

(See **ASSAULT**, page three)

Two killed in wreck at Minnie

Times Staff Report

MINNIE — Two Floyd Countians are dead following a head-on collision at Minnie over the weekend.

Sarah L. Lowe, 25, of Raccoon Road in Hueysville, and Angela B. Allen, 27, of Hunter Branch at Garrett, were pronounced dead following the accident Sunday by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Kentucky State Police reported that Lowe, with Allen as her passenger, was traveling east on Route 680 near Minnie when her vehicle

crossed the center lane and rammed head-on into a car driven by Amy Bailey, who was driving in the westbound lane.

Five occupants of Bailey's vehicle were transported to McDowell ARH following the accident by the Left Beaver Ambulance service.

The Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad also attended at the scene.

Hall Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Donnie Shearer.

Fiscal court passes budget, waits for state to do the same

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met Tuesday to approve its 2004-05 budget. It will now be submitted to Frankfort for approval and is

hoped be back in time for next month's fiscal court meeting.

The summary of appropriations for the fiscal year that ends June 30 includes \$6.1 million for the general fund which includes capital projects and administration, \$1.3 million for roads, \$1.8 million for the

jail and \$5 million for the coal severance tax fund, which includes economic development sanitation and recreation costs.

This year's budget includes money set aside for potential

(See **BUDGET**, page three)

Hospital changes name after 'divorce' from church

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Methodist Hospital formally cut its ties with The Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in an agree-

ment that was reached April 14 in Floyd Circuit Court.

The hospital and church have been locked in a legal battle over control of the facility for the past few years. That ended with the agreement last week, which will see the hospital and church part

ways.

"I guess you could characterize this as a divorce," Phillip Shepherd, chairman of the board of trustees for the state Methodist conference, told the Associated Press. "Both parties decided it was in their best interest to sepa-

rate for a variety of reasons."

Under the terms of the mutually-approved settlement there will be several changes in hospital practices which will have no bearing on the day-to-day running of the institution from the perspective of patients at the hos-

pital.

First there will be a name change for the facility within the next six months. The name will change from Pikeville Methodist Hospital to Pikeville Medical

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Odds & Ends

■ **KINSTON, N.C.** — A man claiming to be an undercover agent hauled in a handcuffed neighbor for booking — but ended up facing charges of his own.

Reginald Suggs was charged Sunday with kidnapping, aggravated assault and possession of a concealed weapon. He was in jail

Monday with bond set at \$15,000.

Wilbur Grady said Suggs, 49, approached him Sunday and told him he was under arrest. He brandished a wooden stick and a .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun, according to police reports. Grady said he recognized Suggs, who lives a few doors down on the

same street.

"I was just in the yard washing the tires when this dude walked up in my yard and said he was an undercover agent," Grady said. "He told me I was under arrest. I told him to get out of my yard with that crazy talk."

The two exchanged words before Suggs rushed up and cuffed Grady's hands behind his back. Suggs then forced Grady, 68, into Suggs' car and drove him to the county jail. He told a magistrate that he had brought in a prisoner for possession of stolen property, selling illegal lottery tickets and selling alcohol without a permit.

"It was the darndest thing," said Joe Grady, a 12-year veteran in the Lenoir County Magistrate's office who quickly realized Suggs didn't have the authority to make arrests. "I've never seen anything like that before."

■ **KANSAS CITY, Kan.**

— A man who added "rob bank" to his to-do list pleaded guilty to robbing six banks in suburban Kansas City.

John Sarver pleaded guilty Monday in U.S. District Court to six counts of bank robbery.

Sarver, 47, of Kansas City, Kan., admitted robbing the banks in suburban Leawood, Prairie Village, Shawnee and Olathe between January 2002 and December 2003.

In each case, Sarver handed

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 21, the 112th day of 2004. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

On this date:

■ In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

■ In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

■ In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

■ In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

■ In 1940, the quiz show that asked the \$64-question, "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

■ In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

■ In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

■ In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

■ In 1977, the musical play "Annie" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1992, Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in 25 years as he was put to death in the gas chamber for the 1978 murder of two teenage boys.

Ten years ago:

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$28 billion get-tough-on-crime bill by a vote of 285-141.

Five years ago:

A day after the mass killing at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., investigators continued their work, while memorial services were held across the city and dozens of counselors offered support to grieving students, parents, friends and family. Actor and bandleader Charles "Buddy" Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 94.

One year ago:

Military officials in Iraq announced the arrest of Muhammad Hamza al-Zubaydi, a key figure in the bloody suppression of the Shiite Muslim uprising of 1991. State-run media in China reported the government had dismissed Beijing's mayor following the disclosure of a steep increase in SARS cases in the Chinese capital. Scott Peterson pleaded innocent in the deaths of his pregnant wife and unborn son. Robert Cheruiyot became the 12th Kenyan in 13 years to win the Boston Marathon; Svetlana Zakharova of Russia won the women's race. Jazz singer Nina

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Orders

signed such an order and Hohenecker was ready to begin work for a large-scale security firm called Wackenhut, a big outfit with offices in Lexington and all over the country that provides security for NASA, among others.

Kellie Hohenecker is frustrated by the situation and expressed it by saying, "There's got to be a step in this process that we can take to stop it. You shouldn't be able to make up lies about someone and then use the courts to enforce it."

The slippery slope here is that domestic cases often fall into a pattern of "he said/she said" that is often difficult to decipher. McKinney, the former Mrs. Hohenecker, thoroughly

denied the allegations and said, "It's all going to come out in court. When all of this is finished there's going to be a big lawsuit. What they're saying is false. Everything I say is true."

McKinney has, in the last few instances, sought EPOs even though her statements to officers of the Kentucky State Police included no known threats from her ex-husband. In the last two she has accused him of giving her "funny looks" and "selling her a car." She has also confessed to "being scared" but could not single out an incident in which she was threatened.

After the previous incident, McKinney was arrested by a state police officer, who was

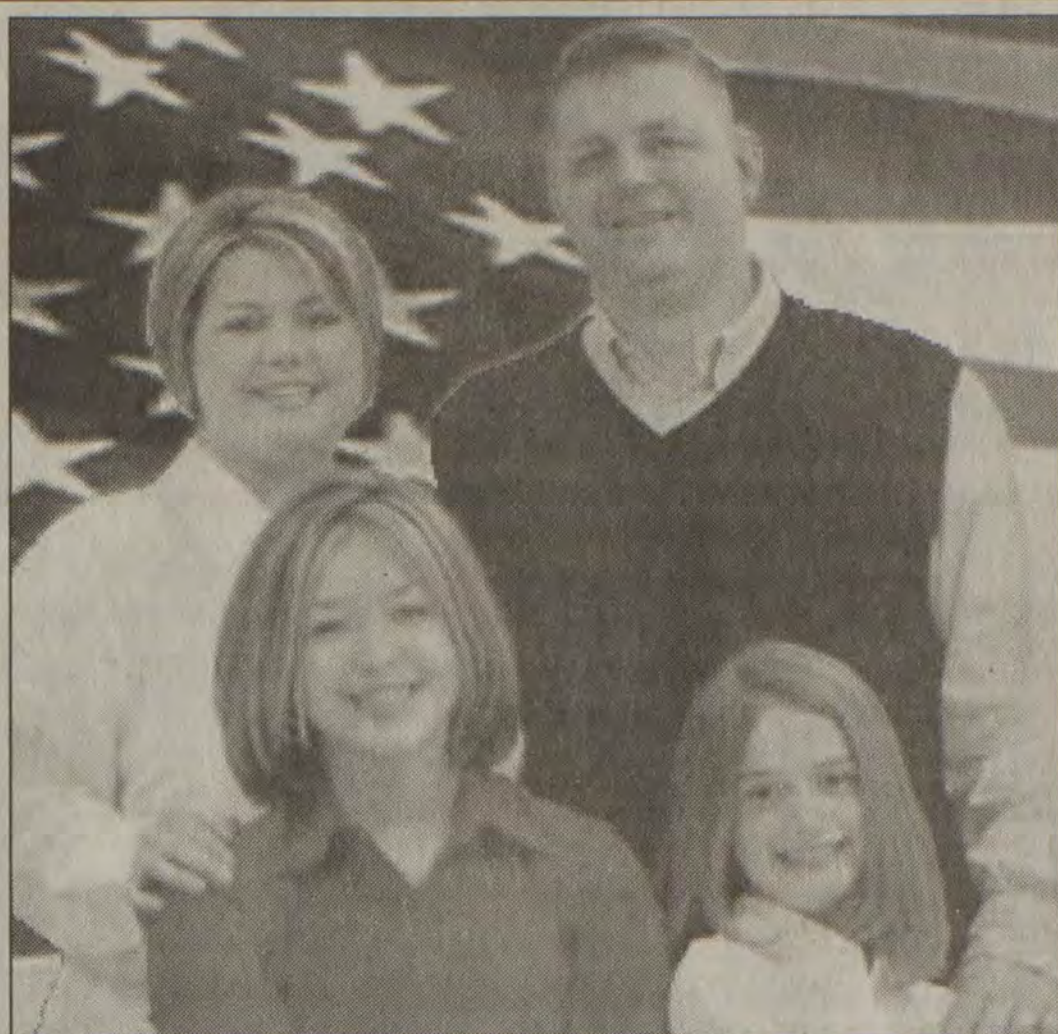
investigating the case, and jailed for making false accusations. A subsequent order was filed April 1, by her daughter, for an evaluation of her mental health in which the daughter stated that her mother "thinks everyone is out to kill her, was found running and screaming down a highway, is a danger to herself, abuses EPOs and believes that she is working for God."

Edward Hohenecker cannot work under the latest EPO and says he has developed health problems under the stress of the situation, including aggravated diabetes and cardiac problems. The money problems are also an issue as the EPOs require a lawyer and Hohenecker has employed several so far, including Jimmy Webb, David Porter, Tom Moak and Greg Stumbo.

Hohenecker feels that he is beginning to run out of steam, and money, to continue this fight. His wife also feels the strain and commented, "It's harassment and she uses the law to do it."

The Hoheneckers are desperate to find a solution but they also feel that they cannot be the first couple to suffer from such a situation. They would like to hear from others with similar experiences and have received some support from others on the internet. The advice that they have been getting involves leaving the state, but they do not want to do that.

They are hoping to hear from others in their situation and can be reached via e-mail at dean62@myfcb.com.



TO ALL CONCERNED FLOYD COUNTIANS

There has been a lot of talk recently about the Senate Bill 245 that recently passed the house on April 12, 2004. The Senate with the wording that would not allow same-sex civil unions originally sent this bill to the house. When it reached the house legislature it was "watered down" by those house members who obviously do not feel strongly about the integrity of a family unit. This SB 245 had attachments placed on it that would have allowed the courts to change the law and allow same-sex civil unions. Your sitting Representative (Charles E. Meade) voted to allow passage with this amendment. Mr. Meade also voted to not allow it to be debated any longer. These two votes were against the moral nature of the Bible and just plain wrong.

Mr. Meade recently ran some advertising that he stated that he only voted for a man/woman marriage to be recognized. This only happened after the AFA (American Family Association) sent letters to all concerned church organizations in this county. Mr. Meade also recently sent letters (at the expense of our tax dollars) to all ministers in our voting area that again stated that he did not vote for same-sex civil unions.

The House Roll Call record simply shows that he twice did vote for a bill that would have allowed same-sex civil unions. To many Christians this just proves that either he lied about his vote to the people, didn't understand the bill with amendments, or did what he was told to do. Let's face it, any of these three excuses are still wrong!

As a true Christian, I could never have allowed anyone to tell me to vote against what the Bible tells us. As a true Christian, if I had made the mistake that Mr. Meade made I would be honest and forthcoming with the truth. As a true Christian, I never would have voted the way he did once, let alone twice.

When you go to the polls on May 18, 2004, I would ask that you would vote for a candidate that would hold true the Christian values that Eastern Kentucky and Floyd Countians possess.

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Hospital

Center. The right to choose board members will revert entirely to the hospital. This is actually the issue that got the whole process started when the Conference of the Methodist Church vetoed several prospective board members that hospital administrators had nominated.

The hospital will now administer all of its business without oversight or involvement from the the Methodist Conference.

Any sale of the hospital, within the next five years, will entitle the church to a percentage of the profits.

Finally there will be a payment to the Methodist

Conference of just over \$5 million. This payment effectively buys out the conference's interests in the hospital and puts the facility in charge of all decisions over its future operations.

The center has many plans for the future. These include a technologically advanced emergency room, a third critical care unit which will add 24 beds and give the center the largest capacity to house critical patients in the region and a state-of-the-art outpatient facility with a pool for aqua therapy. Construction will begin this summer on the new additions to the center and continue throughout the year.

Tobacco company sued for chewing injury

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Floyd County man is suing tobacco company for alleged "wanton and reckless" conduct which led to an injury he sustained when sampling their product.

Richard Samons Jr., of Martin, is suing the National Tobacco Company, a branch of the CT Corporation in Louisville, for alleged pain and suffering he endured after using their product last year.

According to the suit, filed Monday by Prestonsburg attorney James D. Adams II, Samons

purchased a carton of chewing tobacco from a Floyd County establishment on April 20, 2003. Adams alleges in the complaint that the "negligence" of the company's manufacturing and packing the tobacco caused Samons to suffer injuries to his mouth, shoulder, injuries and to his body as a whole.

A metal washer, used to tighten bolts, and a plastic substance was found in a pouch of tobacco,

(See TOBACCO page eleven)

Budget

floods. But while the fiscal court has approved its budget, there is still concern over the fact that the state legislature has so far failed to approve one of its own.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson expressed concern about money for roadwork and repairs and lamented, "There will be no rural road aid money till there's a budget [in Frankfort]. It affects the full scope of things."

Memorial

from the area who have served in the military. It will stand 6 feet tall, 26 feet wide and be adorned with black tiles containing the names of veterans. There is no charge to families represented on the memorial for placement

there. The society currently has 260 members and is dedicated to preserving the history of the region. Its president is Jerry A. Fultz and he can be reached by mail at the society at 2662 Kelly Coleman Highway, P.O. Box 349, Wayland, KY 41666.

Assault

munity and the fire department."

When it comes to strategy, Bartley wasn't sure yet what approach would be taken and what end result would be satisfactory.

"The biggest part of our determining punishment depends on how bad [Walker] was hurt," Bartley said.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Why would anyone lie?
The truth is always more colorful."

—James Hall

Amendment 1

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Our View

A chance to learn about candidates

Tomorrow morning will offer an opportunity for Democratic voters in the 95th legislative district — which encompasses nearly all of Floyd County — to become very well informed about their choice for state representative next month.

Every candidate in a wide-open field of six has pledged to take part in a debate sponsored by this paper, WQHY-FM and WYMT-TV. Confronted by questions asked by a panel of three media representatives, the candidates will be put to the test and give voters their best chance to learn how each stacks up against the others.

We're excited to be a part of this event, and we feel it will serve the public interest well. However, a debate would be nothing but a lot of hot air without an audience.

That's where your part comes in. In order to make this exercise truly successful, we hope you will clear away some time from your morning to come down, meet the candidates and get a feel for their positions on the issues that affect all of us.

The state representative race is an important one for Floyd County, which is why we are eager to do all we can to help Floyd Countians make up their minds.

As we all know, Greg Stumbo left the post in order to move up the political ladder and become state attorney general. That move was good for both him and his community, but it drained a lot of the power Floyd County once wielded through him in the legislature.

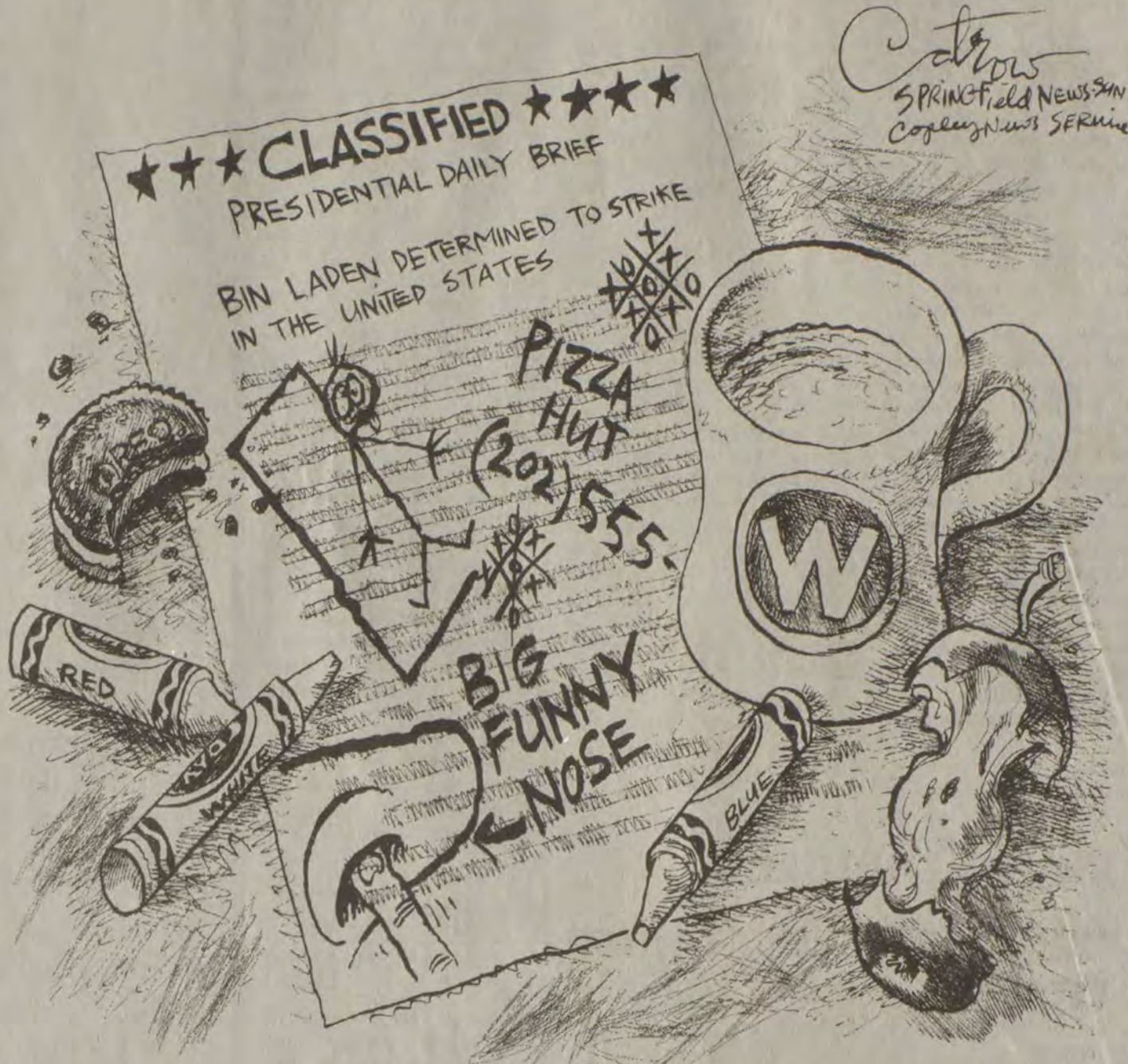
That is why this race is so important, and why it is so important for every available person to come see the debate. Floyd Countians need to make sure the person they send to represent our community has the ability to someday achieve a similar stature in Frankfort.

Floyd County will be poorly served if a debate is held and you're not there to get the information you need to make the best possible decision in the voting booth.

The action all starts tomorrow (Thursday) at 10:50 a.m. in the lobby of the new student center at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (formerly PCC).

See you there.

— The Floyd County Times



Letters

Ending the 'War on Terror' myth

The so-called "War On Terror" is a dangerous myth that is undermining American national security. This myth is a deliberate creation of the Bush administration and their political allies. It has been very useful in promoting the corporate agenda of the Bush Republicans. Their fellow travelers in the corporate media have helped promote this intellectually dishonest way of looking at the threat posed to America by the bin Laden terrorist organization.

First of all, "terror" is an emotion and should not be confused with an actual organization of terrorists. This "terror" theme is useful if you want to promote unrelated goals but ineffective in actually responding to the real threat posed by the Bin Laden organization. The term first used by Bush operatives was the "War on Terrorism." This was equally dishonest because terrorism is a tactic used by terrorist. It is as absurd to have a war against a "tactic" as it is to have a war against an "emotion."

The deliberate distortion of language helped the Bush administration take us to war in Iraq. These writers believe it was one of the main reasons the term was chosen by the Bush Administration. The climate of fear created by the 9-11 attacks was continued and heightened by the language chosen by the Bush Administration. Unrelated policies from tax breaks for the wealthy to the invasion of Iraq have been promoted by the Bush Republicans under the guise of fighting the "War ON Terror." American citi-

zens were manipulated into supporting the right-wing corporate political agenda of this White House although this agenda was in no way related to the 9-11 attacks.

The Bush-Cheney team spread the lesser myths about Iraq by falsely linking Saddam Hussein to the 9-11 attacks. We now know that Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden were mortal enemies. Both were anti-American but only the bin Laden organization posed a threat to the American homeland. We have diverted huge military and financial resources away from the threat posed by the bin Laden organization by invading and occupying Iraq. The Bush Administration was not paying enough attention to this threat before 9-11 and is still not truly focused on the bin Laden organization. Before 9-11, they were largely focused on missile defense, tax cuts for the wealthy and packing the courts with right-wing judges. Currently, they are focusing too much attention on Iraq, tax cuts for the wealthy and packing the courts with right-wing judges.

The first focus of the Bush administration should be the threat posed by the bin Laden organization. Those were the persons responsible for killing 3,000 Americans in the 9-11 attacks. We should continue to aggressively wage the military campaign in Afghanistan. The next greatest threat to America is the exporting of jobs by large American corporations because this trend undermines our long-term ability to fund the fight against the Bin Laden terrorist organization. We need to stop using the term "War On Terror" because it is worse than useless. It is clouding our judg-

ment when we need to clearly see the reality of the threats we face. It is time for the Bush Republicans and their fellow travelers in the corporate media to stop playing politics with the language of national security!

Stephen Crockett and Al Lawrence
Hosts of Democratic Talk Radio
Fayetteville, Tenn.

Volunteers appreciated

April 18-24, 2004 marks the 30th annual National Volunteer Week. On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I want to thank the millions of people who give their time and tireless efforts to many good causes across the nation and especially those individuals in Floyd County who devote so much of themselves to the fight against cancer. Volunteers impact the community and individuals in need in ways that would not be possible without their personal commitment.

Every day in our communities, American Cancer Society volunteers support, inform and guide people fighting cancer; send strong messages to lawmakers about issues that matter to people touched by cancer; and work tirelessly to raise much-needed donations to fund life-saving research, cancer prevention and early detection awareness programs, patient support resources and other crucial services. To me, the American Cancer Society has some of the greatest volunteers in the world ... many right here in Floyd County!

If not for the hundreds of Relay For Life team members, Relay For Life team captains, Relay For Life com-

mittee members, Kentucky Golf Pass sales outlets and volunteers, Reach to Recovery and breast cancer awareness volunteers, Look Good, Feel Better volunteers, health care professionals who work with American Cancer Society educational and cancer patient support programs, advocacy volunteers, event and program sponsors, public awareness and local media volunteers (just to name a few) ... how could the five-year survival rate of cancer patients have increased from 25 percent in 1946 to almost 60 percent today?

How could the American Cancer Society ever have funded 32 Nobel Prize winners? How could the cure rate for childhood leukemia have increased by 85 percent? How would we have started to see a steady decline in cancer mortality rates? How could the American Cancer Society have had such a significant part of scientific milestones in cancer research such as the bone marrow transplant, the Pap test, and drugs like Gleevec and Tamoxifen? How could the American Cancer Society be the largest source of private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the country including more than \$3.5 million in research grants just here in Kentucky at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville? How could we have convinced our legislators to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Health Insurance Reform and Accountability Act and Medicare coverage for mammograms and other cancer screening exams? How could the American Cancer Society offer cancer information 24 hours a day,

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Health Extra

Should women try gene testing at time of breast cancer diagnosis?

WASHINGTON — Jeannine Salamone was just 30 when genetic testing made her abandon hope that removing the aggressive tumor growing in one breast would be treatment enough. She switched to a double mastectomy.

"Granted, that was a tough decision," she says. "It was pretty clear to me I didn't want to go through the rest of my life worried about another breast cancer."

Salamone was unusual: Few women today are offered genetic testing soon after a diagnosis of breast cancer. More often, they recover from the first tumor and then decide whether to learn if they're at risk for additional cancer fueled by the notorious BRCA genes.

Why? Testing can take two months; most patients don't want to delay treatment. And doctors have feared overwhelming patients with such a complex topic at an already traumatic time.

But new rapid testing can speed results in just 10 days — and now a study evaluating that option among the newly diagnosed shows learning gene status does affect women's treatment choices.

Women who harbored a BRCA mutation were twice as likely as noncarriers to choose double mastectomy, says research published this month in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

It's a much more aggressive operation than the breast-sparing surgery many of these women could have considered for their current tumors. But it greatly reduces the risk of later cancer in the other breast.

Moreover, it's a decision the women eventually would have faced had they undergone later gene testing, which means earlier testing potentially can reduce the number of trips to the operating room.

So the Georgetown University researchers are recommending that oncologists ensure the newly diagnosed know that gene testing is an option and help those who want it to get the necessary genetic counseling quickly.

The recommendation will be hard to follow, cautions Dr. Mary Daly of Philadelphia's Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Rapid BRCA testing can cost over \$4,000, more than the usual \$2,900 bill for slower testing. Insurance usually covers the routine slow test for appropriate candidates, but rarely pays for the rapid version. So rapid testing is rare outside of studies, like Georgetown's, that offer it without charge.

Also, genetic counselors still are uncommon on oncology teams, and many surgeons consider preventive mastectomies very contentious.

But because BRCA mutations bring up to a 60 percent risk of later cancer in the other breast, learning gene status and taking protective steps might save people's lives, Daly says, urging oncologists to work to overcome testing barriers.

"With some clinical judgment, with a lot of support, some women should be able to handle

this" decision on top of a cancer diagnosis, she adds. "It's perhaps a little paternalistic to suggest they can't."

Some 211,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Only 5 percent to 10 percent will have a hereditary form.

Women who inherit mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes

are three to seven times more likely than average women to get breast cancer. They're also at greatly increased risk of ovarian cancer.

Top candidates for BRCA testing have several first-degree relatives who've had cancer or who contracted their cancers at unusually early ages.

Georgetown's questions: Do women want gene testing amid the trauma of a cancer diagnosis? Aside from understanding the science, a positive test means the woman's mother, sisters or daughters could have the risk, too.

If they do want testing, what do the newly diagnosed do with

the information? Treating the initial tumor is no different; the quandary is how to reduce the risk of later cancer in the other breast.

Options: Removing the ovaries cuts a premenopausal BRCA carrier's risk of breast cancer as well as ovarian cancer. The anti-cancer drug tamoxifen helps some women. They can get frequent cancer screening. Or they can remove both breasts.

Georgetown studied 194 newly diagnosed cancer patients referred for BRCA testing who had not undergone definitive treatment for the first tumor.

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Massage therapy offered at Dr. Maynard's office

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

There is a new stress reliever in Prestonsburg.

Dr. Ryan Maynard has a new

massage therapist offering services at his office. Shirley Calhoun is a native of Floyd County and has been giving massages since 1999. She is a certified massage therapist having received her certificate from the Bluegrass Professional School of Massage Therapy.

Along with massage and body work, Calhoun also does reflexology. She offers one-hour massages for complete relaxation, 30-minute massages as a refresher, and 15-minute massages for a quick pick-me-up.

Experience shows that the one-hour massage is a perfect way to unwind after a long week. It is complete relaxation and rest.

Gift certificates are available for all massages offered.

For more information please contact Dr. Ryan Maynard's office at (606) 886-3737.

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Paramedic course Offered by MedFlight of East Kentucky

PIKEVILLE — If you have ever wanted to become a paramedic, now is your chance. MedFlight of East Kentucky is now accepting applications for a paramedic course that will begin Monday, June 7.

An entrance exam, held at the Medical Transport Facility in the riverfill parking lot across from Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. for all those interested in taking the course.

The cost for the paramedic course is \$2,000, which will cover books, uniforms and insurance. Payment arrangements can be arranged with MedFlight if accepted into the class.

All classes for the paramedic course will be held at the Medical Transport Facility on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information regarding the course or directions to the testing location, call (606) 218-4600.

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Diagnosis

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A surprising 48 percent of those who tested BRCA positive chose preventive double mastec-

tomy. So did 24 percent of women in whom no mutation was detected, patients whose doctors had urged removing both breasts or who weren't reassured because cancer runs in their families. After all, presumably there are breast cancer genes yet to be discovered.

The researchers didn't urge a mastectomy, stresses co-author and oncologist Dr. Claudine Isaacs.

"For some women it's the right choice," she said, "and for others it's not the choice they want to make then but to revisit down the road."

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Card of Thanks

The family of Opal Campbell would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped in any way during the long illness and the death of our loved one. We appreciate the prayers, flowers, food, cards, comforting words, and all the kindness shown our family. Special thanks to Clergymen Randy Osborne and Larry Adams. Also Jamie Martin, Blaine DePoy, and Warren Blanton, for the beautiful music. We thank the pallbearers, Dr. Francisco Rivera and his staff, ARH Home Health Services, the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, the sheriff's department for traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind, courteous, and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF OPAL CAMPBELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Clifford Hall would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF CLIFFORD HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Donald Martin would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the minister, Val Burgett, for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. Your love and support will never be forgotten—we greatly appreciate you all.

THE FAMILY OF DONALD MARTIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Lucy Lucas Hamilton 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 food, flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the clergymen, William Jarrell and Bill Tussey Jr., for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF LUCY LUCAS HAMILTON

Card of Thanks

The family of Fred Johnson would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped comfort us during the loss of our loved one. We would like to thank all those who sent flowers, food, prayers, and spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to the Joppa Church and the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Fred Johnson
Loving Father and Grandfather

Card of Thanks

The family of Lloyd and Ethel Meade would like to express their deepest appreciation to the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ for their wonderful direction of the funeral of Diane "Baby" Meade. Words could not express how much we were pleased with your work. May God continue to bless your wonderful little church. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all our friends and neighbors who sent flowers, brought food, and prayed for our family.

Brother Joe Slone, we thank you for all your dedication of visits to the nursing home and helping with the funeral. Brother Birbage "Bubo" Howell for reading of the obituary and the beautiful songs you sang; and also thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control.

Also, a special thank-you to elder Bill Tackett and elder Clifford Williams. We have always held you in high regard, and love you with all our hearts. Again, we thank everyone for all their help.

FAMILY OF DIANE "BABY" MEADE

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Simone died in France at age 70.

Today's Birthdays:

Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick") is 89. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 78. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 72. Actor-turned-talk show host Charles Grodin is 69. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 57. Singer-songwriter Paul Davis is 56. Actress Patti LuPone is 55. Actor Tony Danza is 53. Actress Andie MacDowell is 46. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 45. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 45. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 41. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 36. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 34.

Thought for Today:

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first." — Mark Twain (1835-1910).

In Memory of my dad Ed Hall

on his birthday, April 21.

****In Our Hearts****

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new;
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
Now all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping,
We have you... in our hearts.

Sadly missed,
Mary Sue Dillion and family.

In Memory Cletis Randell Griffith

June 7, 1940-April 24, 2002



God looked around His garden
And found an empty space
He then looked down upon His earth
And saw your loving face
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
His garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He saw your path was difficult
He closed your tired eyes
He whispered to you "Peace be thine"
And gave you wings to fly
You've left us precious memories
Your love will be our guide
You live on through your children
You're always by our side
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
On the day God called you home.

Loved and missed,
Wife and Children

Sarah Leann Dudleson Lowe

Sarah Leann Dudleson Lowe, age 25, of Hueysville, passed away, Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Minnie, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born October 10, 1978, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Larry M. Dudleson, of Hueysville, and Veleda Jo Meade Levy, of Lexington. She was a student at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, at Prestonsburg, and a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, survivors include: one brother, Larry Russell Dudleson and his wife, Becky, of Lexington; one nephew, Peyton Dudleson, of Lexington; and her paternal grandparents, Buster and Peggy Dudleson, of Hueysville.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, William Russell Meade and Mary Conn Meade.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, April 22, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Evangelist Chester Varney officiating.

Burial will follow in the Allen Family Cemetery, at Hueysville.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Gordon Moore

Gordon Moore, age 55, of Garrett, husband of Rebecca Turner Moore, passed away, Saturday, April 17, 2004, at his residence.

He was born October 5, 1948, in Garrett, the son of Una Turner Moore of Garrett, and the late Elder Ed Moore. He was a carpenter.

Survivors, in addition to his mother and wife, include two sons: Michael Lance Moore of Prestonsburg, and Wesley Devon Moore of Hueysville; one daughter, Selena Moore of David; one brother, Carson Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio; five sisters: Anna Vonda Lawson of Rochester, Indiana, Wanda Duff of Eastern, Evelene Martin of Langley, Judy Schelegmilch of Michigan City, Indiana, and Bonnie Conley of Georgetown; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Gordon Moore were conducted Tuesday, April 20, at 11 a.m., at the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Harry Lee Moore Cemetery, at Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Odds

a teller a note demanding money.

After his arrest on Jan 2, officers searching his home found the list reminding him to rob a bank.

Sarver could get 20 years without parole on each count when he is sentenced July 12.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Bar Association has published its first cookbook, titled "May It Please the Palate," in a fund-raising project.

The cookbook, featuring recipes by the state's legal community, is to raise funds for the bar's Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides legal services to people in need.

The book includes a gumbo recipe from former state Attorney General Bill Pryor and instructions on how to grill dove from Sen. Richard Shelby.

David Bagwell, a Fairhope attorney and former U.S. magistrate judge who submitted three recipes, admits his wife cooks the most.

But Bagwell, who describes himself as a "no-tofu" kind of guy, said he learned to make "Easy Slaw for Men in Overalls" from a fishing friend.

The cookbook is leavened

Brook Allen

Brook Allen, age 27, of Garrett, passed away, Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Minnie, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born May 24, 1976, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Ricky Allen and Teresa Inmon Allen, of Garrett.

In addition to her parents, survivors include: one brother, Jonathan Brad Allen, of Garrett; her maternal grandparents, Delmas and Stumeth Inmon, of Garrett; and her paternal grandmother, Thelma Keathley, of Hueysville.

She was preceded in death

Glenn B. (G.B.) Spears

Glenn B. (G.B.) Spears, 81, of Harold, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 16, 1922, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Joseph Wade and Minnie Belle Hall Spears. He was self-employed and retired, a U.S. Army and World War II veteran; a member of the D.A.V., Betsy Layne Chapter 169, and a member of Wheelwright Masonic Lodge No. 889.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Hall Spears.

Other survivors include four daughters: Wanda Frasure of Raccoon, Susie Newsome of Teaberry, Glenda Hall of Grethel, and Connie Hamilton of Harold; two brothers: Robert Spears of Harold, and Donald Spears of Prestonsburg; five sisters: Magaline Farmer of Clyde, Ohio, Ollie Slaughterback of Sandusky, Ohio, Etta Schnee of Milan, Ohio, Kathy Gravely of Harold, and Dorothy Casebolt of Virgie; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister: Mary Adkins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 20, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Cecil Newsome, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Pikeville, with military services conducted by DAV Chapter 169, at Betsy Layne.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where Masonic services were conducted Monday evening.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

by her paternal grandfather, Bart T. Allen.

Funeral services for Brook Allen will be conducted Wednesday, April 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with ministers of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Coburn-Inmon Family Cemetery, at Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Margaret Mayo Spradlin

Margaret Mayo Spradlin, age 91, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 21, 1912, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late John Dick Mayo and Ridda Finlayson Mayo. She was a former bookkeeper for the Floyd County Board of Education and Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg and a member of the John Graham Chapter D.A.R.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe A. (Alex) Spradlin, on May 9, 1996.

Survivors include one daughter, Lida Margaret (Donnie) Howard, of Prestonsburg; one son, Joe Mayo (Sarah) Spradlin, of Paris; two half-sisters, Jonnie Finlayson, of Lexington, and Mary Katherine Mayo Damron, of Kingston, Ohio; three granddaughters, Vicky Howard Elliott, Karen L. Vaughan and Katy Spradlin; four great-grandchildren, Kalen H. Harris, Rachael Vaughan, Jody Harris, and Danielle Harris.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 20, at 1 p.m., in the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. George Love officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Contributions are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, 1430 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Spradlin family.

Pallbearers: Kalen H. Harris, Jody Kyle Harris, Billy M. Vaughan, Winn Ford, Jerry Fannin and Dick Damron. (Paid obituary)



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About eight devotees, unwilling to take any chances, had arrived as early as Sunday afternoon.

The fans got to view an actual set of seats before paying for them and arranging to pick them up or have them delivered at a later date.

First in line was Suzanne Bressler, 35, who had arrived at 2:15 p.m. Sunday from her Upper West Side apartment, equipped with a folding chair and blanket. She was buying the seats as a Father's Day gift for her physician father, Robert Bressler.

"My two sisters and I are going to sit in the seats and say we're his biggest fans on Father's Day," she said. "It's corny, I know, but he loves that stuff."

Card of Thanks

The family of Hilma Slone would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers 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.

THE FAMILY OF HILMA SLONE

Governor's Derby Breakfast returns to Capitol grounds

FRANKFORT — Governor Ernie Fletcher and First Lady Glenna Fletcher announced today that the Governor's Derby Breakfast will return to the Capitol grounds on Derby Day, May 1. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Governor's Derby Breakfast symbolizes Kentucky's warm Southern hospitality during its annual day in the international spotlight," Mrs. Fletcher stated. "Governor Fletcher and I are delighted to invite all Kentuckians to come to their Capitol to celebrate this wonderful event."

The annual public celebration dates from 1971 and, for most of its years, it has been staged on the Capitol grounds. Construction plans for the Capitol area moved the event to downtown Frankfort two years ago, where it stayed last year.

This year's edition will resemble the Derby Day festivities that visitors have come to expect. A full menu of breakfast items prepared by the Department of Parks will be served up free under a big tent. Guests will help themselves to country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apples, cheese grits, biscuits, pastries, muffins, fruit juices, and coffee. Food will be served from 7 to 11 a.m.

While the delicious food is one highlight of the annual event, it is by no means the only reason to come to Frankfort, Mrs. Fletcher said.

"We have a full schedule of activities planned," Mrs. Fletcher stated. "The Derby Breakfast has grown to be a festival with something to appeal to all ages."

Two stages will feature continuous entertainment through

out the morning. In the Governor's Mansion, "Kentucky Visions," a juried art show featuring 27 exhibitors will be staged from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Twenty-eight Kentucky artisans will offer their wares for sale in crafts booths lining Capital Avenue. The Kids Korner booth will feature face painting, clowns, and other fun

activities. Also around the Capitol will be information booths for Kentucky agriculture products, and Kentucky and Frankfort tourism. The official Derby Breakfast poster also will be offered for sale. Other booths will publicize the Drive Smart program, Fish and Wildlife, the

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Governor's Scholars slots restored

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A group of Kentucky's brightest high school students may not be the first casualties of the legislature's failure to pass a budget after all.

On Friday, the Fletcher administration reversed itself and said it would accept 1,000 high school juniors into the popular Governor's Scholars Program. A day earlier, Fletcher officials cited budget reasons for cutting 150 students.

But the acceptance letter warned that all 1,000 might not be able to attend this summer because the General Assembly has failed to pass a budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Exactly how students who were accepted would then be rejected is not clear.

"A commitment cannot be assured until a spending plan is completed and approved," State Education Secretary Virginia Fox said in a statement her office, released Friday.

The program allows students to live on college campuses for five weeks and study advanced courses, and it gives them a better shot at college scholarships. About 14,500 students have attended the program since it was started in 1983.

The initial reduction was expected to save the state \$300,000 out of a \$15 billion budget.

Lawmakers who support the summer enrichment program praised the reversal.

"That's wonderful," said Sen. David Karem, D-Louisville, who earlier Friday held a news conference with three other lawmakers to urge Fletcher to admit all 1,000 students.

The lawmakers said they believe that it's highly unlikely the administration won't find a way to pay for all 1,000.

"No way," said Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, who also attended the news conference. "To do otherwise would be unconscionable."

The acceptance letter, dated April 16, said "Every effort is being made to assure that all 1,000 accepted scholars will be able to attend. Unfortunately, such an assurance cannot be made at this time."

Michael Clemons, a Louisville Manual student who's a finalist to get into the program, said most students just want to find out whether they've been accepted.

"I just really hope they keep the program," he said. "It's really helped a lot of people I know."

The program will be held at Northern Kentucky University, Bellarmine University and Centre College in June and July. About 1,700 students are finalists.

The Fletcher administration gave no explanation for the reversal.

Education Cabinet spokesman Dave Riggins said the decision was reached after Fox consulted with Fletcher administration officials. He said he didn't know details of the discussion.

Riggins said officials would not have any comment beyond his statements and a copy of the letter he released.

On Thursday, Riggins said the state was sending out 850 letters of acceptance for the program that normally admits 1,000 students and sending letters to another 150 notifying them that they were being designated as

alternates. Riggins said Friday that those letters were not sent out.

Fox said in an interview with the Courier-Journal on Thursday that the state is concerned about whether it may spend money on programs such as Governor's Scholars if it doesn't have an authorized budget.

"I don't know how we can promise anything to anybody," she said.

But Shaughnessy noted that the same problem occurred in 2002 when lawmakers deadlocked on a budget. The administration of former Gov. Paul Patton continued the Governor's Scholars Program.

"Patton funded it as a necessary government expense," he said.

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Mongiardo's campaign manager resigns

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Democratic state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo's campaign manager who was running his bid for U.S. Senate has resigned, citing a disagreement in the campaign's direction and staff management.

Jody Lassiter, of Shelbyville, said he spoke with Mongiardo Sunday night and the Hazard senator told him he planned on replacing him. Lassiter's resignation was effective Monday, he said.

"It's a matter of personal principal that I decided I needed to make for myself personally, professionally and politically," Lassiter said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.

Lassiter had been managing Mongiardo's Senate campaign since March 8. Lassiter said he spoke with Mongiardo Sunday night and he "made clear" he was bringing in a new campaign manager.

He declined to elaborate on their specific disagreement. Lassiter said he did "not want to exercise a public dispute" with Mongiardo, and that they had resolved their differences privately.

"This is a matter which is not for public discussion and I'm not going to engage in that," Lassiter said. "This was a matter of personal differences of opinion and I felt I could no longer continue to be effective for him as campaign manager."

The two had not spoken since that Sunday night conversation, Lassiter said.

Mongiardo's campaign issued a written statement about Lassiter's departure, but did not offer any specifics.

"Jody decided to pursue a different career direction," Mongiardo said in the statement. "I very much appreciate

his service to my campaign, and we all wish him only the best."

Lassiter previously had been commissioner of the Department for Local Government in former Gov. Paul Patton's administration.

In yet another campaign, a Republican congressional candidate in Lexington has accused his former campaign manager of taking records when she jumped ship to work for an opponent.

Don Swarthout, one of three candidates in the 6th District Republican primary, filed a theft complaint with Lexington police against Christi Gillespie, who now is working for candidate Bryan Samuel Coffman.

At issue is a computer disk with data on voters and volunteers. Gillespie said she handed over everything after resigning April 10, including a box of items she left on Swarthout's front porch last week. Swarthout said he had not decided whether to pursue the matter in court.

Also on the primary ballot

is state Sen. Tom Buford of Nicholasville. The winner would take on new U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, a Democrat, in November.

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State agent used Internet to buy drugs

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Two people, including a state official, used the Internet to buy a narcotic painkiller in bulk from Kenya, authorities announced Monday.

Robert Ray of Georgetown and Angela Johnson Brown of

Lexington ordered a shipment of liquid Demerol, a controlled drug requiring a prescription. Each pleaded guilty to a Class D felony of drug possession following an investigation by postal inspectors and the Kentucky attorney general's office.

Ray, 43, resigned Monday after 4 1/2 years as an investigator for the state Office for Alcoholic Beverage Control, agency spokeswoman Susan Klimchak said.

The Demerol order — 100 vials, enough for 100 doses —

would have been typical of a hospital or a physician's office that specialized in pain management, said David James, chief investigator for the attorney general's office.

Investigators got only scant cooperation from Kenyan authorities, James said in a telephone interview.

The defendants' use of the Internet was not illegal in itself, but "it is a sign of the times," James said.

Ray entered a guilty plea Friday, according to a statement from Attorney General Greg Stumbo. Brown previously

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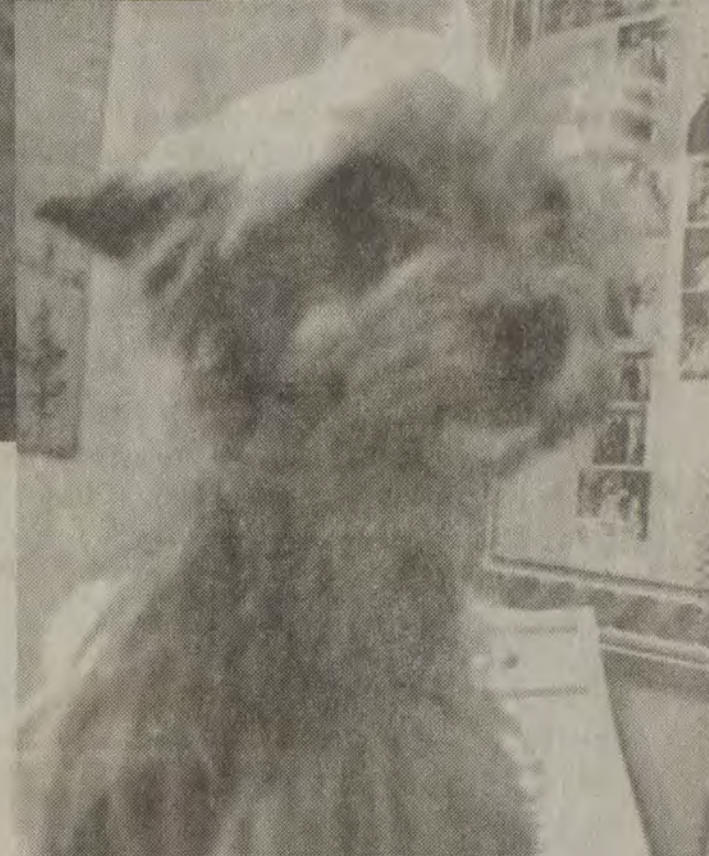
Meanwhile, downtown Frankfort will be alive with activities. For example, the Kentucky History Center will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with its exhibits, gift shop and library. The new Transportation Cabinet building nearby also will be open for tours from 8 a.m. to noon.

Derby Breakfast parking will be available at the CHR Complex, 275 E. Main St. A free bus shuttle service will operate between CHR, the Kentucky History Center, and the Capitol. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to noon. Handicap parking will be available in the parking lot just west of the Capitol. More information on the celebration is available at <http://governor.ky.gov/special-events/derbyday.htm>.

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Dear Friends,

All Floyd Countians and Kentuckians should know my stand on the issue of marriage and civil unions in relation to SENATE BILL 245. We all know how opponents in any campaign and in addition, the other party—will say or do anything to discredit their opponent and to try to divert attention from other issues, and as your representative, I want you to know my stand on SENATE BILL 245. Let me have your attention today, as I make clear my stand and position on this important issue:

1. I support, am in favor of the original Senate Bill 245, and fought to get a vote on the bill.
2. I have worked to try to get the original bill to the House floor for a vote. On two separate occasions, I was 1 of 24 fellow Democrats who voted for allowing a vote on the original bill, but lost to the liberal Democrats in the Democratic House. Also, during a meeting of the House Democrats, I voted to leave alone the language of the original SB 245, to bring the bill up again, and voted against the amendments, but was in the minority and lost.
3. I have made it known to fellow representatives, my stand on the issue. A letter on my behalf, and yours, was sent to each Democratic member of the House urging them to take a stand and to allow a vote on the original Senate Bill 245.
4. I have been working closely with Don Pinson of the Family Foundation over the past weeks to try to get Senate Bill 245 up for a vote.
5. I have voted YES to the modified version of Senate Bill 245, and would vote YES again, because I will always vote for a bill that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. The modified version removed the language prohibiting civil unions, but did define marriage as between one man and one woman. I am **not** for civil unions.
6. I support a vote on the original Senate Bill 245 with the original language, have done everything I can to see that it was brought up for a vote, and will **always** support the institution of marriage as one man and one woman, and do not support any language that would substitute for the word marriage.

My VOTE for ORIGINAL SENATE BILL 245 IS YES!

Today, I am also publishing the letter that was presented to each Democratic Representative in my efforts to support the original Senate Bill 245. The family is what I'm about, and I support you and your families and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman.

NOTE: Senate Bill 245 in its ORIGINAL language was PASSED by the House on April 12, with a vote of 84 YES to 11 NO!

The letter published was presented to all fellow Democrats of the House of Representatives by Representative Charles Meade

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Dear Representative:

After only being a member of the House for a short period of time, I have learned a great deal, and there is so much more for me to learn. As you can imagine and know from experience, at times it has been overwhelming. On February 23, as soon as I was sworn in on the House Floor, I was plunged into the political process. I respect each of you and have tried to look to you for guidance. I am thankful and grateful to be able to be part of this awesome process.

When Floyd County citizens sent me to Frankfort, I came here with a pledge and was elected on my promise to fight for the families, and children of Floyd County. Being the newest and most freshmen among you, I have been observing and listening how each of you represents the people who elected you. And so it is today, that I must take a strong, clear stand for my district and for Kentucky as a whole, for all families and for family values.

I came to Frankfort to do one thing, and one thing only, and that is to give good, solid representation to the people in the 95th District. My time of observation is over, and today I urge you to not waiver and to stand in support of the family institution.

In doing this, I realize that I will not be the most popular among you as my colleagues, yet, I remind you that we must allow Kentuckians to vote on the original Senate Bill 245. Today, I will listen to my heart and to the people of Floyd County, and I urge each of you to simply represent the people in your district and allow them the opportunity to vote on this issue.

I want it to be known that I am taking a clear, concise stand on the important issue of marriage. In fear of God I stand, and must follow my convictions. So, it is with all due respect to you as fellow representatives that I urge you to do what is right for the people whom you represent, because that is what I must do and am determined to do.

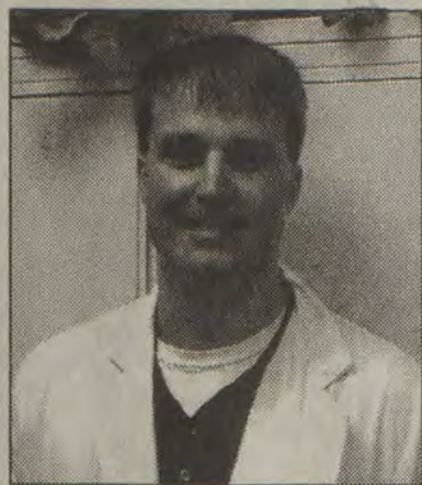
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Sincerely,

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Representative Charles Meade

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Teresa Damron-Collins
Community Representative
American Cancer Society
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A first-time ever National Scrapbook Day workshop is scheduled locally for Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paintsville Community Center on Preston Street.

The theme for this year's event is "The Road of Life: Remembering Days, Capturing Moments!" During the workshop, instruction will be provided by professional consultants trained to teach safe and creative photo preservation. They will assist participants in completing albums or in starting albums for the first time.

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Scrapbooking celebrated

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pleaded guilty. Each faces one to five years in prison at sentencing, which for Ray is to be June 4 in Fayette County Circuit Court. Brown's sentencing date could not be determined.

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April 15, 2004
Rep Hubert Collins
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Dear Rep. Collins,

In light of the efforts of activist judges and militant city leaders across the nation, it must be said that the Kentucky General Assembly took a major step forward when it passed the Marriage Protection Amendment (Senate Bill 245) this session. In particular, on April 12, the house of Representatives passed the amendment with a bipartisan and overwhelming vote of 85-11, with at least two more members, who supported the amendment, unable to be present because of health reasons.

As you well know, the amendment is not about discrimination, but rather about keeping marriage in its proper, unique place in American culture and society, and at the same time, it's about protecting marriage from the various groups who are committed to re-define it for their own purposes. Certainly, among those are the more high-profile gay and lesbian groups, but also wanting to re-define it are advocates of bigamy, polygamy and the new "polyamorists."

Though the Family Foundation does not, and cannot, endorse candidates for office, we do believe in giving credit where credit is due. So, on behalf of The Family Foundation, and from me personally, I want to thank you for your vote in support of the amendment which helped make its passage possible. Even more, we are well aware that you supported the amendment all through its tumultuous journey through the House of Representatives and took courageous stands behind the scenes to restore the original language of SB 245 that keeps marriage set apart—in that special place all by itself.

Thank you!
Yours sincerely,
Kent Ostrander
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Senate OKs putting proposal to ban gay marriage on ballot

By AL CROSS
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The Courier-Journal
FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Senate gave final approval yesterday to a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, putting the issue on the November ballot for voters to decide.
The Senate voted 33-5 to pass the measure, following an 85-11 vote by the House late Monday night. A three-fifths vote in each chamber was required, and the amendment bypasses the governor and goes directly to the ballot.
It will be the only constitutional amendment to be decided by voters in November.

Yesterday, none of the bill's Senate supporters spoke for it, although lawmakers in the House explained Monday how constituent pressure led to a reversal of the vote in that chamber.
"I'm doing this for my church people, my Christians and all the people in my district," said Rep. Hubert Collins, a Wittensville, who voted for the bill.
Collins was among the House Democrats who pressured their leaders to allow a vote on the original version of the bill, which also would ban civil unions.
The final version restored the original

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Article from Courier-Journal

Mis-leading letters and other material are circulating in our area about my stand on Marriage. I just want you to know where I stand. Marriage is between a Man and a Woman only.

Rep. Hubert Collins

April 15, 2004

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding your support for marriage between one man and one woman. I, too, support this traditional definition of marriage. In 1998, I voted "yes" for a legislative measure that is considered to be one of the strongest laws against same-sex marriage in the nation. This same law also makes it clear that Kentucky will not recognize any same sex marriage document from another state. Since that time, there have been no threats or legal challenges to the law and no same-sex marriages have occurred or been attempted in our state. I have enclosed a copy of the law for your review.

During this legislative session, I voted "yes" on HCR 17, a resolution urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that would make same-sex marriage illegal across the United States. Although the resolution passed the Kentucky House, it was never brought to a vote in the State Senate.

Additionally, on April 12th, I joined an overwhelming majority of my fellow legislators in voting for SB 245, an amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as between one man and one woman. The measure passed the House by a 85-11 vote. I've also enclosed a copy of SB 245 for your review.

I have consistently maintained the position of opposing same-sex marriages. I believe we should protect the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. I hope this letter along with the attached documents will provide you the assurance you need about my position on this important issue.

As always, I value your input on important issues facing the KY General Assembly. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Hubert Collins
Hubert Collins
State Representative

Enclosures

Proposed amendment

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Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question to be presented to the voters shall read as follows: "Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized?"

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Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James introduced Randy Fiveash, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Travel. The Commissioner was visiting Prestonsburg Monday during the Eastern Highlands North Committee meeting at Stonecrest, to listen to suggestions and needs from the tourism region.

State travel head addresses regional tourism committee

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission hosted the Eastern Highlands North Tourism Committee meeting Monday at Stonecrest Golf Course.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James introduced guest speaker Randy Fiveash, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Travel, who was present to speak to the group on his traveling tour across the state and to listen to the needs of the people involved in the tourism industry.

Fiveash is fairly new to many of the state's attractions, but he is not new to the tourism industry. As he visits the attractions across the state he is seeing them for the first time as a tourist would see them.

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Tobacco

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Adams said, noting that the intrusive objects broke Samons' dentures.

The plastic substance has not yet been analyzed, he said.

Adams would not comment on how the alleged negligence of the company injured Samons' shoulder and body, as he cited in the complaint.

"I don't feel at liberty to disclose that information," he said. "I think the case will speak for itself."

Samons is seeking punitive damages for past and future emotional and physical pain and suffering and for reimbursement or payment of past and future medical bills pertaining to the alleged injuries.

James Dobbins, public relations officer with the New York City Branch of National Tobacco Company, refused to comment.

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By visiting with many fellow Floyd Countians, I have found that my ideas and beliefs are shared by a great majority of you. The so-called "new morality" in our American culture is very disturbing to me, as it appears to be to many of you. I have very strong convictions based upon the principles of my faith. It has often been said the key to failure is to try to please everyone.

I will always try to conduct myself according to the highest standards of ethical, moral and professional conduct. Floyd County needs someone to represent the needs of all the people. I feel that individual is me. I have the time and commitment to be your full-time state representative. I will work tirelessly with local, state and federal officials to make all areas of Floyd County better for our families.

As a retired teacher, I saw the struggles of our youth daily. My heart went out to many of them. This is why we **must** become aware and involved in making Floyd County a productive and safe place for our youth. I enjoy visiting with the elderly in our county. Their opinions and ideas are greatly valued by me. Floyd County is abound with intelligent people eager to voice their opinions and help strengthen our county. I realize those in office are subject to receiving much advice, and the wise can profit from it.

My family and I are realizing that a political campaign is not easy, but we feel very strongly about this race. We ask you to join our circle of family and friends on the Hopkins for Representative team. We can make our county a better place for ourselves and for our families by working together. I encourage all Floyd Countians to share their needs and wants with me.

Thank you and God bless,

Jimmie Hopkins

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Floyd County Board of Education members and county officials celebrated the completion of a new addition to John M. Stumbo Elementary. The recently completed project includes a new gymnasium and 12 additional classrooms. Pictured left to right are Kerry Fanning, site-based council member Jim Maldonado, architect Joe Jones, principal Deresa Ray, Floyd County board vice chairman Jeff Stumbo, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Magistrate Alan Williams and Supt. Paul Fanning.

Stumbo Elementary opens new gymnasium, classrooms

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — John M. Stumbo Elementary is a step closer to becoming a "state-of-

the-art" facility, following the completion of the first phase of renovation at the school.

Floyd County Board of Education members and county officials broke ground Monday

during a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the first phase of construction in the current renovation project.

Principal Deresa Ray opened the doors to the school's new gymnasium, an addition that replaces the school's previous combination gym and cafeteria. The facility will now seat more than the current school population, according to Joe Jones, architect with Johnson and Romanowitz Inc., which is overseeing the project.

The first phase of the construction project, totaling an estimated \$2.4 million price tag, also includes the addition of 12 new classrooms and a new media/library center, located in the center of the school for easy access to all grade levels.

"We're very pleased that we've completed phase one of the project," Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning said. "It's a welcomed and needed addition at Stumbo Elementary. We're certainly looking forward to the renovation of the rest of the facility ...

"When we talked about renovation initially, we addressed the

need for an addition to the school, that was a dream and that dream is now coming into focus."

The school is now the first Floyd County school to receive a geothermal heating and cooling system, a modern, energy-efficient method that utilizes groundwater instead of electric or gas to operate the heating and cooling system.

Jones said workers will tackle "the whole nine yards" during the second phase of the project, which will cost an approximate \$2.8 million in state in local funds. That phase includes the renovation of several classrooms and offices, as well as the cafeteria and the kitchen in the existing building.

Jones said he will be present at Thursday's board meeting to

(See STUMBO page thirteen)

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State

"There is a real passion for tourism throughout the state," Fiveash said. "Being on the other side first, before being on the political side, I have a different view of it."

Fiveash opened the floor to discussion saying, "I want to hear what you have to say and what your needs are. I believe the regions know how to

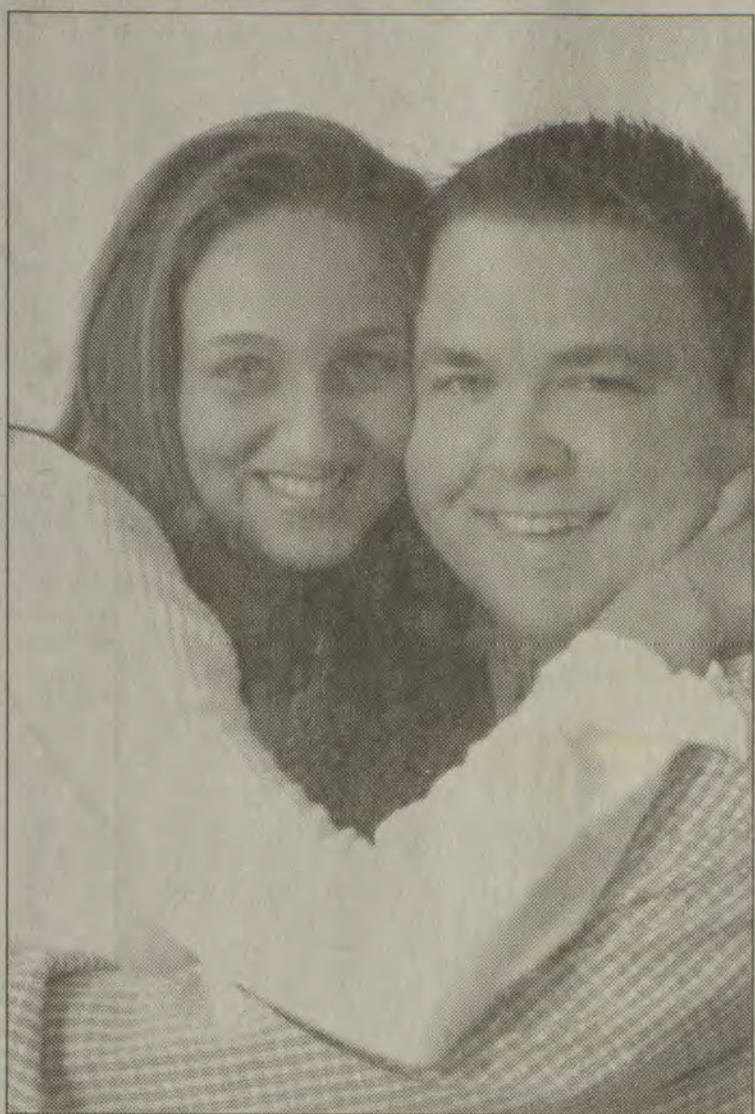
spend money to benefit each area for the best." Topics discussed afterwards ranged from historic downtown buildings to a 1 percent statewide hotel tax.

Fiveash explained that Gov. Ernie Fletcher had combined 16 cabinets which included tourism, historic preservation, heritage, parks, Main Street

and more. All, however, having to do with tourism in one way or another. He said that all the Cabinets are meeting every Tuesday and talking about ways to better our state.

"You can't run state government like a business, but you can run it with the same principles as business," Fiveash told the group.

Weddings



Conley-Allen

Delmas and Kathy Conley, of Eastern, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathy Leanne, to John Dustin Allen, the son of John and Linda Allen, of Bevinville. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2004, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Mousie First Baptist Church, in Mousie. A reception will follow immediately after in the church fellowship hall. The Rev. John Allen will officiate. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The couple will reside in Ivel.

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Stumbo

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address bond sales to begin the second phase of renovation, a process he said will be undertaken in the "least intrusive" way possible for students facing upcoming testing this year.

"When the construction is finished at this school, it will be a state-of-the-art facility. It's something, sadly, that should have been done a long time ago," Floyd County Board vice chairman Jeff Stumbo said.

Kerry Fannin, site-based council member Jim Maldonado, Magistrate Alan Williams, and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner were also in attendance during the ceremony.

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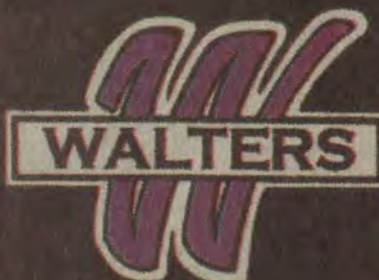
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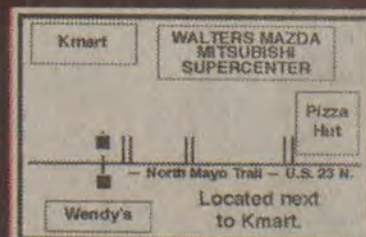
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A Parent Council member shall be parent, step-parent, or foster parent of a student at May Valley for the term. The parent member shall not be an employee of May Valley or a District Central Office employee, a local School Board Member, or spouse of a local Board Member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

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Graduation rates for UK, U of L below average in major sports

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The University of Kentucky and University of Louisville need to raise graduation rates for their athletes to avoid facing possible sanctions from the NCAA in coming years, according to a newspaper report.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported that the graduation rate for UK's football team ranks in the bottom five percent of NCAA Division I-A, not too many years after UK was near the top of that list. UofL has not been credited with graduating a men's basketball player in nine of the 13 years since the NCAA began issuing graduation reports.

The NCAA is expected to approve tougher rules later this month that would put in place sanctions for schools that don't meet benchmarks for graduating athletes, which has spurred coaches and administrators at both UofL and UK to make efforts to emphasize academics.

Under the proposed rules, schools could lose scholarships, tournament money and possibly even NCAA membership for shortcomings in graduation rates. But UK athletic director Mitch Barnhart and his UofL counterpart, Tom Jurich, both said their programs are improving academically and should avoid any potential penalties.

"I feel real good about our progress," Barnhart said. "We've got some work to do, but I think we're taking care of business the right way."

The NCAA's most recent graduation reports reflect the 1996-97 freshman class. The NCAA counts as graduates athletes who earn a degree from the school within six years of enrolling.

(See **RATES**, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Coach Jack Pack and the Prestonsburg High softball team got in practice time Monday. Prestonsburg was scheduled to host Shelby Valley, but the visiting team never arrived.

Sheldon Clark 4, Betsy Layne 0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Shawn Johnson rocked and fired on the mound Monday evening and pitched Sheldon Clark to a 4-0 win over host Betsy Layne. Playing on the new grass-covered infield at Stumbo Park, Betsy Layne managed five hits, but could get no runs across.

Betsy Layne Coach Duran Newsome

praised the Cardinals in the preseason, saying, "Sheldon Clark will be strong and contend in the region again."

Sheldon Clark, coached by Mike Hall, entered last season as a favorite to win the 15th Region. Before being knocked off in last year's 15th Region Tournament things looked very good for Sheldon Clark.

(See **GAMES**, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Jordan Kidd went to the mound Monday and suffered a loss in a 4-0 setback to visiting Sheldon Clark.



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd senior Megan Ousley (7) stood in Monday evening against Betsy Layne junior Kristen Smith.

Teams committed for JC EKB Summer Slam

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — High school basketball is never over for too long in the state of Kentucky. During the month of June, basketballs will again be bouncing throughout Johnson County.

Johnson Central High School will again host the East Kentucky Beverage Summer Slam. This year's event is slated to take place June 3-5.

The games will be evening games on the first two days and will start at 10 a.m. on the last day, which falls on a Saturday.

The 2004 edition of the Summer Slam event will feature teams from two states. Participating squads will represent the 14th, 15th and 16th regions.

Teams that have already committed for the event include Tug Valley, W.Va., Pike County Central, Paintsville, reigning 15th Region champ East Ridge, Breathitt County, Fairview, Prestonsburg and host Johnson Central.

The 15th Region officials will have an officials camp to go along with the event.

South Floyd out to 1-0 start in district play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Betsy Layne is the defending 57th District softball champ and will have to fend off stiff challenges from Floyd County foes Allen Central, Prestonsburg and South Floyd if it hopes to defend its title. Betsy Layne beat Allen Central for last season's championship.

Playing on its homefield at Minnie Park Monday evening, South Floyd, coached by Susan Damron, outlasted Betsy Layne, beating the Lady Cats 20-17 to notch its first district win of the season.

It was the first district game of the season for either team.

(See **DISTRICT**, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne junior hurler Kristen Smith offered up a serving to the Lady Raider offense.

Rebs hold on, beat Magoffin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE — Visiting Allen Central scored eight runs on 12 hits Thursday, holding on to beat Magoffin County 8-6.

The Rebels jumped out to a lead in the first inning after plating three runs. Allen Central led 6-1 heading into the bottom of the third inning when Magoffin County came across with four runs to make it a 6-5 game. After Allen Central tacked on another run in the top half of the fourth inning and Magoffin County answered with a run in the bottom half of the middle inning, the Hornets could get no closer.

Allen Central junior Ryan Hammonds came on in relief of starter Brock Kidd and helped the Rebels to the win, eventually earning the pitching

(See **BEAT**, page two)

Stephens attends Nebraska spring game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High junior John Mark Stephens, after attending a junior orientation earlier in the month, returned to Lincoln, Neb. over the weekend for the University of

Nebraska football program's annual Red-White Spring Game. The Prestonsburg junior, accompanied by his father, took in the game, which was played in front of a record crowd of over 61,000 fans.

Prestonsburg assistant coach James DeRossett accompanied Stephens on

the first trip to the home of the Cornhuskers.

"They take their football real serious in Nebraska," DeRossett said. "It was a great experience for John Mark."

(See **STEPHENS**, page three)

May wins at Eldora

Kinzer finishes second in Modified class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — When the checkered flag flew Saturday night in the Late Model feature at Eldora Speedway, Floyd County Late Model dirt track driver Chuckie May was left with his first-ever win at the

Saturday night's racing action at Eldora Speedway produced a rare 'hat trick' as three drivers moved into victory lane for their first-ever Eldora feature wins. May, Allen, overpowered a stellar field of 55 entrants in the Sunoco American Late Model Series (ALMS) competition, while Chad Ruhlman triumphed over 36 United Midwestern Promoters (UMP) Modifieds and Tom Wiedman survived a wild Stock Car finale, in a field that found 37 cars competing.

For May, the long tow from Allen, paid off.

A solid victory in his qualifying heat race, coupled with the sixth quickest time trial run of the evening, found him starting in the front row at the start of the 25-lap finale. And, when the green flag dropped, that was the momentum that sparked the fire for May.

He instantly opened a sizable lead over Aaron Scott, who like May, was seeking his initial Eldora checkered flag. Behind them, John Lawhorn, who surprised the field with a strong time trial effort, was

(See **MAY**, page two)



photo courtesy of Eldora Speedway

Floyd County Late Model driver Chuckie May (left) was all smiles following a feature win Saturday at famed Eldora Speedway.

Rates

Players who transfer — even if they leave in good academic standing and graduate from another school — are counted as failures by the NCAA, and schools do not receive credit for students who either transfer into a program and graduate or graduate more than six years after their initial enrollment.

The newspaper did an independent study of the graduation rates for the men's basketball programs at UofL and UK, including transfers and those who earned their degree after six years.

The current presidents, athletic directors, football coaches and men's basketball coaches at both schools were not in those positions during the 1996-97 school year.

UK's football graduation rate was 18 percent in the NCAA's 2002 report and 24 percent in the 2003 report, and Kentucky's 32 percent rate during the past four years ranks 110th among 117

Division I-A football programs. In 1995, UK had a 75 percent graduation rate.

UK football coach Rich Brooks said the current numbers are "unacceptable." Barnhart attributed the drop to recent turmoil within the program. Brooks is UK's fourth coach since 1996, and the coaching turnover, combined with NCAA probation, led to many transfers in recent years, Barnhart said.

"Football has gone through some massive transition," Barnhart said.

Only one player from 1996 through 1998, when Kentucky appeared in three NCAA championship games and won twice, graduated from UK. That was transfer Heshimu Evans. Four other players transferred, and five who entered UK during that period now play in the NBA. That's why Kentucky registered a zero

percent graduation rate in the last two NCAA reports.

From the 1988-89 season through the 1997-98 season, 16 of the 37 players who entered the program, either as freshmen or transfers, graduated from UK. That is 43 percent, which is near the current Division I average of 44 percent.

"We have struggled lately (in basketball graduation rates) because we've had a bunch of guys who have gone pro or transferred," Barnhart said. "Still, we've got to have some stability in that rate and make it better."

At UofL, only once in the last 13 years has the school reported graduating more than 50 percent of a basketball class. During the period covered by those reports, every player completed his eligibility under former coach Denny Crum.

Of the 37 players who entered the program between the 1988-89 season and the 1997-98 season, 10 received a UofL degree. That amounts to 27 percent.

"Academics were always a priority with me," Crum said. "But every kid is not the same. Some

kids weren't as concerned with academics. We had a lot of kids who went into professional basketball and a lot who came back after their pro careers to get their degree."

Jurich said current coach Rick Pitino has emphasized academics. Two of the Cardinals' four seniors are expected to graduate in May, and another is on track to graduate next year after a redshirt season.

UofL's football team had a 38 percent graduation rate during the

four most recent years counted. The Division I average is 51 percent.

Jurich pointed to the cumulative grade point averages of the UofL basketball (2.7) and football (2.46) teams, which are on the upswing.

"We can't turn it around overnight," Jurich said. "I'd say we're about halfway there. Am I satisfied? Absolutely not, but I certainly like the direction we're headed."

Jurich and Barnhart are confident their programs won't be at risk in 2007, when the most severe of the potential punishments could be handed out by the NCAA.

"I think every sport we have is deeply concerned with academics, and I wouldn't have said that five years ago," Jurich said.

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Games

On Monday, the Cardinals (8-4) broke open a scoreless game in the top half of the second inning by scoring two runs.

Sheldon Clark came across with two runs in the second inning and two runs in the third inning.

Senior pitcher Jordan Kidd was tagged with the loss for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne (2-6) had runners on base as early as the first inning, but could not score.

Kidd, Brandon Thacker, Jordan Case, Lance Collins and Cody Click each had hits for Betsy Layne. No Betsy Layne player managed to register a mul-

tiplet hit game.

Betsy Layne made its biggest noise in the first and fourth innings, but ultimately couldn't come across with any runs.

The Bobcats played on the road at Phelps Friday and came up short, losing 11-7.

Betsy Layne was back on the road yesterday, playing at Pikeville, the site of this year's 15th Region Tournament. Sheldon Clark was at home yesterday, hosting Johnson Central in a key 57th District game. Results of both high school baseball games were unavailable at press time.

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Alice Lloyd splits with West Va. Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team picked up a 6-5 win Thursday at home against West Virginia Tech in the second game of a double-header. Jeff Robbins pitched a complete game to get the win. The Eagles lost the first game 9-5.

Over the weekend, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the Eagles hosted Milligan in a three-game Appalachian Athletic Conference series. Milligan won both games on Saturday, 11-0 and 15-0. Alice Lloyd won the final game on Sunday, 21-5. The score was 5-4 going into the sixth inning when Milligan broke the game open with a more than productive inning. Travis Slusher was the starting pitcher for Alice

Lloyd and pitched five strong innings.

The Eagles were on the road at West Virginia Tech yesterday and will travel to Brevard for a three-game series on Saturday and Sunday.

TENNIS: The Alice Lloyd men's tennis team hosted Somerset Community College Saturday. The Eagles lost the home match 7-2. For Alice Lloyd, Matt Fields won his match. The Eagles number one seed, Tim Sparkman, had to stop his match with the score tied 3-3 due to an ankle injury.

The men's team played its last match of the season this past Monday at Somerset. The women's team has already played its last match and its season is over.

May

holding back Rusty Schlenk and defending ALMS champion Kris Patterson, as the field began searching for their desired grooves on the one-half mile clay oval.

The first change among the top five came on lap three as Schlenk began to drop off the pace, allowing Patterson to slip by and Audie McWilliams to enter the top five.

Three laps later the first caution flag appeared as Greg Martin, Jerry Bowersock and Jayme Zidar were involved in a three-car tangle.

With a tightly aligned field for the restart, May picked up the pace where he left off. He showed no signs of being denied his first taste of victory. With no further race delays or incidents, that taste was fulfilled.

Scott, in his strongest run ever, began to close the gap in the waning laps, despite constant challenges from Patterson, but as the cars crossed the checkered flag, the running order found May finishing ahead of Scott, Patterson, McWilliams and Josh Williams.

The Ruhlman name has been dominant in Modified racing for the past three years, but it has been Brian doing the winning. This year, his brother, Chad, has committed to make the weekly trek from New York to do battle and Saturday night Brian's misfortune became Chad's fortune.

Although it wasn't easy.

Aaron Jenkins shot into the lead at the start of the headliner, with Davey Gantt and Gary Richard in tow, while the Ruhlman's followed.

Brian wasted little time in moving to the front and by the third circuit, was close on Jenkins' heels. Two more laps swept by, and he was in the lead, with Jenkins and brother Chad following.

On the next lap, a wild 10-car melee brought the action to a halt, as the track was completely blocked.

Once cleaned up and the field realigned, Brian Ruhlman reassumed his lead, but two laps later, an engine went sour and he unexpectedly dropped to the pit area, putting Jenkins back into the lead.

As Brandon Kinzer, who was doing double duty on the evening, entered the fray, along with last week's feature winner, Elvin Herschberger, the scene was set for a wild finish. And that it was.

With five laps to go, Chad Ruhlman dove under Jenkins to take the lead he was to hold to the checkered, with the next four; Kinzer, Jenkins, Herschberger

other any time out."

In Floyd County, Tackett is among three first-year high school softball coaches. Mark Martin is in his first season at Allen Central. Jack Pack, like Martin, also a girls' basketball coach, guides Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg was scheduled to host Shelby Valley Monday night, but the game never happened. Shelby Valley didn't show for the game. Pack's team began its season on Saturday with a 13-1 loss on the road at Pike County

Central High School. Wet weather, while affecting a bunch of other area teams, also put Prestonsburg behind on games to start the season. Prestonsburg is scheduled to travel to East Ridge Thursday for a 15th Region game.

Allen Central was on the road at Betsy Layne last night. Results were unavailable at press time. The Lady Rebels are scheduled to continue district play today by traveling to South Floyd.

Note: Game information from Monday's South Floyd-Betsy Layne game will appear in Friday's edition.

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victory. Hammonds allowed just one run in two innings of work. He also struckout four batters. Sophomore Tyler Turner came on after Hammonds and pitched three innings of scoreless baseball, striking out three Hornet batters.

Magoffin County scored five runs on three hits off Kidd. However, only one run was earned.

Several Rebels got into the offensive act.

Nick Music and Ramon Spurlock both collected three hits in four at-bats for the Rebels. Music had three singles and drove in a run while Ramon Spurlock had a pair of singles and a lone double.

Wilfredo Dominguez had two hits — one single and one double.

Kidd, Justin Jacobs and Scott Little all had one base hit apiece.

Hammonds had a sacrifice bunt for an RBI.

Each team committed three errors.

The Allen Central pitching staff will likely get a boost next week when Josh McKinney is expected to return to action after being out with a hand injury.



The Pikeville College women's bowling team has captured the school's first national championship.

Pikeville College women's bowling team wins national title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TULSA, Okla. — It took a mere three years for the Pikeville College women's bowling team to do what hadn't been done in 115 years.

Saturday afternoon, they won the national championship.

Pikeville wrapped up the season with a thrilling 2-0-1 win over top-ranked Wichita State University in the finals of the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships at Riverview Lanes.

"When we started this three years ago, I don't know if I even dreamed of a national championship," said Coach Ron Damron, who is also Vice President for Student Services and director of athletics. "We felt like the most important thing was for us to bring in the right people, and I think we've done that."

"We try to do things right, and tonight it paid off."

The win was Pikeville's seventh in 12 tournaments on the

season.

The championship came down to the final frame, with senior Lindsey Durham bowling for Pikeville. Wichita State sophomore Caroline Lagrange had spared and closed with nine, posting a score of 192.

Durham, named to the five-player all-tournament team, picked up eight on her first ball to push the nine-frame score to 179. When she spared, she needed only four for the championship.

She got seven to post 196 and claim the title.

Pikeville opened the third game with a turkey from Patty Trusty, LaDeanna Damron and Stacey Wyatt to get off to a big start. Damron, a sophomore from Millard who shares the title with her coaching father, posted four strikes and two spares in her six championship frames.

The turkey pushed Pikeville out to a big lead which, combined with a fifth-frame open by Wichita State, enabled it to sur-

vive a second-half open frame, and set the stage for Durham's heroics.

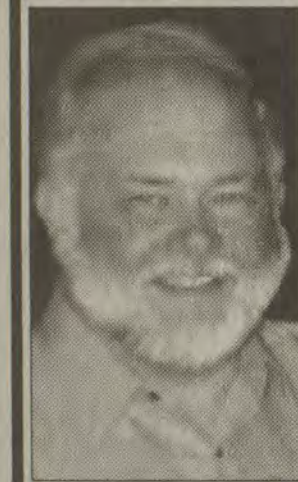
Game Three was necessary after a rare tie in Game Two. Pikeville led all the way but was open in the 10th frame. Wichita State's Lagrange spared and needed seven for the win, but her six left the teams knotted at 169.

In the opening game, Pikeville rolled five strikes to post a 197-160 win. Durham struck in the fifth and 10th before giving way to sophomore Michelle Leonard who followed with a strike of her own.

The win in Game One was the fifth opening-game win for Pikeville in as many matches in the tournament.

"We wanted to jump out early and post big numbers, and I think we did that all week," said Damron. "We knew it would be critical to do that tonight, and we managed it again."

"It was the key to our championship."



ON BENDED KNEE

The knee is a complex joint with several gliding surfaces, cartilage pads and strong ligaments. Due to this complexity, the knee is often injured, especially at this time of the year when people are becoming more active in sports, spending time in their gardens, and doing a great deal of biking and walking.

The most commonly affected part of the knee is the patella, or kneecap. Often the patella does not move smoothly or effectively on the femur when the knee bends, causing abnormal stresses upon the tendons, cartilage and ligaments. The problem normally originates when there are imbalances in the quadriceps muscles of the thigh that attach to and move the patella. This condition is called chondromalacia patella (CMP) or patella femoral syndrome.

Pain from CMP is experienced especially when climbing stairs, running, jumping and getting up from lengthy sitting. Women are more apt to have this problem, because of their body build and from wearing high heels. Chiropractors are ideally trained to provide the necessary diagnosis and management of knee problems. The main treatment for mechanical or overuse injuries is reestablishing proper muscle equilibrium, restoring appropriate movement to the patella and other joints of the knee, and improving any subluxations or misalignments of the sacroiliac joints and foot problems. In certain cases, a brace is used to help with patella alignment or joint stabilization.

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Stephens

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Stephens was invited to attend the Nebraska spring game as a recruit. He took the trip to Nebraska in between innings, so to speak. Stephens, a three-sport athlete, pitches and plays other positions, often batting in the heart of the order for the Prestonsburg Blackcat baseball team. On the gridiron, he plays tight end on offense and line-backer on defense.

Nebraska concluded its first spring under new head coach Bill Callahan, former head coach of the Oakland Raiders. The 2004 season will be Callahan's first as head coach of the Cornhuskers.

Stephens has been invited back to Nebraska for its annual football camp, an event that normally draws high school players from across the country.

Half Mountain Speedway tuned up for start of season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROYALTON - Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines. Dirt racing at Half Mountain Speedway is ready for the 2004 racing season.

In 2004, Half Mountain Speedway will do something that it has never done before - run a full season with drivers battling each and every week for the

honor of being the first ever track champion. The season-long points battle will begin on May 8 and continue all the way up until some time in September.

It has been almost seven months since the last feature of the 2003 took the checkered flag, but the wait is over, the excitement is back, and the race fans and the drivers are anxious to compete for the entire 2004 sea-

son. So far, over 60 drivers from all over the region have sent in preregistration forms to race at HMS in the upcoming season. Several more entries are expected over the days leading up to opener.

Several race fans got a sneak preview of the 2004 racing season Sunday when HMS held a free preview practice session for all divisions. The practice session ran from 1 p.m. until after 7 p.m. with over 50 cars in attendance making final preparations for the start of the racing season this coming weekend. With the weather sunny and hot, with temperatures well into the 80's, the track got extremely dusty for the beginning of the practice session. However, track officials kept adding water and as the day turned to evening the track began

to hold the water and the surface came into racing form with several drivers taking advantage of the opportunity to get ready in conditions that would be similar to hot laps and qualifying conditions late in the evening.

Half Mountain Speedway will start the 2004 season with seven divisions of racing. Super Late Models will be competing for \$1,200 to win; Limited Late Model will be competing for \$800 to win; Modified Division will race for \$650 to win; Super Bomber Division will run for \$500 to win; Bombers will be competing for \$400 to win and the Road Hog and Four-Cylinder Divisions will race for \$200 to win feature events.

Gates will open Saturday at 4 p.m. with the drivers meeting

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Hicks outlasts others for Late Model win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD - Local racers left their marks in the Late Model feature race Saturday at Willard Speedway, the Tri-State's fastest quarter-mile. Willard resident Terry Hicks, piloting the Thomas Concrete, Luv Homes sponsored No. 64 Late Model, took the checkered flag and the \$1,200 top prize in the 30-lap race. In addition, Hicks drove the fastest qualifying time of 13.188, to win the \$100 bonus compliments of Luv Homes of Grayson.

Another local racer, Tom Hall of Grayson, driving the No. 6H racecar, added some excitement and competitive action as he maneuvered his machine to secure the second-place position in the race. Travis Brookover (12) of West Virginia, seized third place and was followed by Grayson residents Ronnie Whitt (W4) and Tony Hamilton (79) in the fourth and fifth places, respectively.

The fast and furious Modified feature race was won by Joey Back (6B) of Olive Hill. Close behind was Keven Copher (12), who put in a spirited challenge to arrive second at the finish line. Third was Bill Dement (1D). He was followed in the fourth and fifth places by Jeff Meadows (3J) and Greg

Thompson (4B).

Last season's track champion, Conard Newman (27) of Frankfort, Ohio, a familiar and consistent top finisher, got another winner's trophy in the Bomber feature. Finishing second was Josh McGuire (41) of Ashland, who invested his well-recognized driving skills to challenge Newman and in the process provided some thrilling moments of uncertainty about who would finish first. Third through fifth places were Kenny Chapman (16), Joey Back (22), and Stacy Jackson (7J).

More exciting racing was seen in the Four-Cylinder division with Dennis Meadows (72) taking first place, a triumphant follow-up to his second-place finish from the previous week. Second through fifth places were held by Dale Dehart (06), Albert Swanagan (34), Floyd County driver John Henson

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Upward Basketball enjoyed a successful season with several players and volunteers making the league a success.

Upward Basketball holds awards night

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The first season of Upward Basketball in Floyd County came to a conclusion on Friday evening with an awards banquet at the Irene Cole First Baptist Church. Upward Basketball is becoming more and more popular throughout the area.

Joey Hawkins, youth minister at the First Baptist Church, was excited about the number of children involved, and is already looking forward to next year.

"We could not have had such a good season without the help of the parents and coaches," stated Hawkins. "We look forward to growing next season."

All of the children involved with the league were honored on Friday evening with an awards night. Upward Basketball is very different than most leagues in that the league stresses that each child be given equal playing

time and winning or losing is not a priority. Upward Basketball has a motto that says "Every Child Is A Winner," and that is the view of the entire league.

Emery Minton Jr. was the guest speaker at the awards night. Minton is the youth pastor at Pump Springs Baptist Church in Harrogate, Tenn. Each child was presented a basketball and a prayer pin for participating in the season.

Clark scores wins in C-USA tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MEMPHIS - The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated University of Alabama Birmingham 4-0 in the second round of the Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship Friday. The victory also marked head coach Rex Ecarma's 200th career win.

"Coaching at U of I has been such a pleasure for me," said Ecarma. "I hope I can win another 200 for the Cardinals. I would like to thank all the student-athletes who have played for me over the years for allowing me to experience this achievement."

The Cardinals took the doubles point as the team of Matt Mayer and Jeremy Clark, No. 18 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, defeated Anton Mavrin and Andre Maier 8-3 at the top seed. Damar Johnson and Jakob Gustafsson defeated Dino Mançarella and Sanzaruz Zaman 8-4 at No. 2 and Octavian Nicodim and Mark Kennedy beat Kristijan Mitrovski and Ivan Andreev 8-4 at No. 3.

In singles action, Clark, who previously ranked as one of the top high school golfers in the state of Kentucky, while at Prestonsburg, picked up a 6-1, 6-0 win in No. 6 singles and

Louisville falls to No. 17 TCU 4-0 in C-USA Semifinals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MEMPHIS - The University of Louisville men's tennis team fell to top-seeded and 17th-ranked Texas Christian University in the semifinals of

the 2004 Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship.

TCU began the match by taking the doubles point as the team of Hector Almada and Jacopo Tezza defeated Damar Johnson and Jakob Gustafsson 8-5 at No. 2 and Jacob Martin and Alex Menichini beat Octavian Nicodim and Mark Kennedy 8-4 at No. 3.

In singles, Almada registered a 6-3, 6-1 win over Nicodim at No. 2. Fabrizio Sestini topped Johnson 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 and Martin beat Prestonsburg High grad Jeremy Clark 6-1, 6-2 at No. 6.

Menichini was leading Louisville's Matt Mayer 7-6, 2-0 at the top seed, Tezza was ahead of Jhonny Berrido 6-5 and Louisville's Gustafsson was beating Rafael Abreu 6-0, 5-2 at No. 5 when the match was suspended.

The Cardinals fall to 19-9 on the season and finished tied for third in the final C-USA standings.

Boyd shines in second Kentucky football scrimmage

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky's offense made a strong showing Saturday in the team's second scrimmage of spring practice.

The first-team offense, with senior Shane Boyd at quarterback, played six series against the starting defense.

Boyd led a 65-yard touchdown drive, including a 21-yard completion to Scott Mitchell. Boyd finished off the score with a 14-yard run. He completed 11

of 18 passes for 122 yards and one interception.

"Shane was very good today," said head coach Rich Brooks. "He did throw one interception, but he did a better job of recognizing things and doing what we asked him to do."

Freshman quarterback Andre Woodson also saw solid playing time, throwing for 76 yards on 8-of-11 passing.

The annual Blue-White game, the end of spring practice, is scheduled for Saturday.

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Evans ties Kinzer's Late Model qualifying record, wins feature

by CHRIS BELCHER
201 SPEEDWAY TRACK
WRITER

SITKA - Spring-like weather conditions made for a perfect evening of dirt track racing action at the 201 Speedway Saturday with the largest crowd of the season filing into the grandstands. Drivers in seven racing divisions often raced side by side for position throughout heat races to make the starting grid for the evening features. Fans who arrived early enough were treated to the recently completed turn one grandstands, which provide one of the best views of the action from high above the first left turn as well as the complete track.

The red clay track surface was smooth, dust free and fast, as was evident in Late Model qualifying when the No. 2 2001 Draime Racing Engines powered Rocket Grand Prix of St. Albans, W.Va. rolled off a 13.22 lap, good enough to tie the Late Model track record held by Allen's Brandon Kinzer.

Super Bomber qualifying also saw some fast times with the No. 24H of the 2000 division champion, Michael Paul

Howard of Falcon, turning a best lap of 15.70 in his G.C.P. Performance Racing Engines powered 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo.

Paintsville attorney Mike Osborne made the quickest Open Wheel Modified qualifying circuit around the high banks of 201, turning a best lap of 15.07 in the Osborne and Osborne Law Office sponsored No. 02 car.

Evans shared the front row of the Late Model feature with fellow West Virginian David Smith, who drove the No. 87.

When the field took the green, Evans quickly got to work on the right tires of his machine, leaning hard on the right side rubber, and carrying a ton of speed off the corners to gain nearly a half a straightaway advantage over Smith, who had to deal with a hard charge from defending Late Model Champion David Powers.

With Evans controlling the point, Powers kept looking to the outside of Smith off the fourth corner, often getting a nose up to the rear quarterpanel. Yet Smith was able to pull ahead of Powers on the frontstretch. On the fourth lap, with the race

to watch quickly being for the second spot, Powers again measured Smith off the fourth turn and pulled alongside as the two carried the race for second all the way through the first set of turns with only a couple of inches separating the two. After several circuits of side by side racing action for the second spot, Powers chose to drop to the bottom on the eighth lap, searching for a lane around Smith. But again, with Smith now on the bottom of turn four, Smith won the drag race to the first turn and hung on to second.

With a little quicker exit off the second turn, Smith was finally able to put a little breathing room between he and Power and draw closer to the leader. The first of only two cautions flew on the 12th lap, setting up a restart with the cars all bunched up again. On the restart, Powers went looking for the second spot again, but drove the No. 97 car too hard into the center of turns one and two, looping his machine around and ending up with his nose up against the inside retaining wall, and sending him to the rear of the field to fight his way back through traffic. On the restart, it was Evans,

Smith and Louisa's Chris Wilson, the front three. Wilson took a look to the inside of Smith on the restart by the flagstand. However, Smith would have none of it and turned Wilson's challenge back through one and two. Lap 17 saw Smith, who had ran a solid second up to that point, loose it in the middle of turn two, setting the field at that point with Evans, Wilson and Powers, who had made it back to third in five laps. With five to go, Evans maintained the lead, with Wilson driving into the fourth turn just a little too hard, opening the door for Powers.

Evans finished out strong, hanging on for the checkered flag.

In the Super Bomber feature, Randy Fannin raced to the win. Fannin was followed by Prestonsburg driver Dennis Deboard, who finished a strong second. Elva Smith finished

third and Micahel Paul Howard ended the game fourth.

On the second lap of the Bomber feature, misfortune found Michael Paul Howard for the second time of the evening when transmission problems pitted the 2000 division champion on the second lap, forcing him to find the pits for the remainder of the Bomber feature. After a caution when Howard had to limp off the speedway, Davey Warnock saw his opportunity for the point, while the No. 17 of Buck Lemaster kept looking for a way to the leader. Warnock's lane was higher through one and two, with Lemaster racing a lane closer to the inside rail through the turns. By the fourth lap, Buck would get up to the numbers on the 20W ride as Warnock's machine developed a hard push in the center of turn four, opening a lane to the inside for Lemaster, who would race the leader door

handle to door handle by the flagstand on the fifth lap. Warnock would enjoy a slight advantage off turn two. Warnock's car was good on the entry of turn three, but had trouble coming off the fourth turn, as his machine continued to push out towards the wall. Lemaster continued to stalk Warnock all the way around the track and it would pay off on the 10th lap when Warnock's car broke off the fourth turn, sending the Hargis racer to the pits for the remaining five laps. From there to the finish, and in only his first start in about a year, after winning the points championship two years ago, Lemaster was back at 201 to carry the Bomber checkers in the Lemaster Brother's Racing Monte Carlo, built by brothers Duty and Joe Lemaster and

(See FEATURE, page five)

Wallace ends 105-race drought at Martinsville.

by HANK KURZ Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Rusty Wallace left his doubts — and the competition — behind at Martinsville Speedway.

Wallace ended an agonizing 105-race victory drought Sunday, holding off Bobby Labonte in the Advance Auto Parts 500 for his 55th Nextel Cup victory.

"Finally!" the 47-year-old Wallace said.

"I questioned myself a little bit. I was like, 'Man, this schedule is wearing me out and these bad performances are wearing me out. I questioned a lot of things for a long time during that dry spell. It feels good to finally get back in Victory Lane.'"

Wallace took command with 45 laps to go Sunday, and made sure he didn't let it slip away.

"Once I got in the lead, I just talked to myself. 'Get smooth. Hit your marks. Don't screw up. Don't give this thing away,'" Wallace said.

The race took more than five hours to complete because of a hole in the track that appeared just past the halfway point.

The delay came with 210 laps left when a hunk of concrete came lose in the third turn, leaving a hole a foot long and a foot wide.

Repairs took an hour and 17 minutes, but when the race finally restarted, a refreshed Wallace started making his move. He came out of the pits third after a caution with 120 laps to go, passed teammate Ryan Newman

for second with 55 laps to go and then ran down Jimmie Johnson, who was stuck on older tires after failing to pit with the lead.

Wallace passed Johnson with 45 laps to go, pulled away on a restart 10 laps later as the contenders behind him fought for position, then held off the charging Labonte after he, too, broke free from the pack.

"I looked up and I saw Bobby Labonte break loose, too, and I thought, 'Uh-oh, this is going to be a dogfight here,'" Wallace said.

It was, with Wallace winning by just 0.538 seconds.

The victory — his first since April 29, 2001, at California Speedway — was his seventh at Martinsville and enabled him to break a tie with Lee Petty and take over sole possession of eighth on the career victories list.

Labonte knew his odds of winning weren't good with Wallace ahead.

"Seriously, catching some-

body here and passing them is two different things," Labonte said. "We had a great run today and we will take this."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished third and Johnson was fourth, giving Chevrolet the next three spots on the grid behind Wallace's Dodge.

"I just love this race track," Earnhardt said after his fifth straight top-five finish on the Virginia track. "I want to win here so bad I can't stand it."

Earnhardt took the lead in the season standings, five points ahead of Kurt Busch and 12 in front of defending champion Matt Kenseth.

Johnson, "a sitting duck" according to crew chief Chad Knaus after ducking in like he was going to pit with about 85 laps to go, then staying out while all the leaders pitted, said he was surprised to be left alone.

"We really thought that some

(See WALLACE, page five)

photo by Jamie Howell

Junior pitcher Kim Clark and Betsy Layne came up short Monday evening against South Floyd. A complete recap of the Betsy Layne-South Floyd softball game and other are high school games will appear in Friday's edition.



photo by Jamie Howell

Three-sport athlete Jordan Case is back for the Betsy Layne High baseball team. The Bobcats struggled for runs Monday night, falling to visiting Sheldon Clark.



photo by Jamie Howell

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League held its first games of the 2004 season Monday. In B-team play, the Cubs beat the Astros 12-11. In the A-team game, the Astros won 13-11. All area Little League coaches and scorekeepers are urged to submit their scoresheets to the Times. Fax scoresheets to 886-3603. Email information to sports@floydcountytimes.com.

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scheduled for 6:30. Hot laps will begin around 6:45 with a complete racing program following with qualifying for the Super Late Models, Limited Late Models and Modified divisions. Heat races will be ran in all seven divisions and feature races for all seven divisions will follow as soon as heat races are over. Admission prices for regular shows are \$10 for the grandstands and \$20 for pit passes. Special rates will be available for children.

Hicks

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(18K) and Scott Collins (01). The V6 Stock feature, always a fun race to watch, was won by Steve Mills (15). Second through fifth were Brian Maynard (13), Justin Jaynes (5), John Maynard (40) and Josh May (M8).

An intermission drawing gave Rob McGraw Jr. of Huntington, W.Va. a gift certificate from Performance Transmission of Soldier.

The next set of races at Willard Speedway is a regular show on Saturday. Gates will open at 4 p.m. with racing beginning at 7. For more information, check the track's website at www.willardspeedway.com.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Allen Central Middle dropped a B-team volleyball match to Mountain Christian Academy, but rebounded to win in the A-team match. In the A-team match, Allen Central, coached by Larry Maynard, pulled out an A-team victory after losing the second

game of the match. Allen Central beat MCA 21-14, 15-21, 16-13 to improve to 5-1.

The Rebel volleyball team will return to action Thursday at home against Betsy Layne. Allen Central played South Floyd last night. Results were unavailable at press time.

H.S. SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL	
Monday's games	
Belfry 14	Prestonsburg 4
Boyd County 12	Russell 6
Clay County 16	Perry County Central 6 (6 innings)
Cumberland 13	Evarts 2
East Carter 11	Raceland 1 (5 innings)
East Ridge 6	Shelby Valley 5
Harlan	6 Knott County Central 4
Lawrence County 11	Pike County Central 0
Lee County 15	Owsley County 5
Paintsville 7	Pikeville 4
Portsmouth, Ohio 9	Greenup County 3
Powell County 11	Wolfe County 2
Red Bird 4	Cordia 3
Rowan County 6	Ashland Blazer 5
Sheldon Clark 4	Betsy Layne 0
Whitesburg 16	June Buchanan 3

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL	
Monday's games	
Cordia 21	Red Bird 1
East Carter 16	Elliott County 1
East Ridge 9	Fleming-Neon 2
Fairview 2	Ashland Blazer 1
Greenup County 5	Rose Hill Christian 0
Greenup County 9	Rose Hill Christian 3
Hazard 6	Breathitt County 5
Johnson Central 13	Paintsville 3 (5 innings)
June Buchanan 11	Riverside Christian 9
Lee County 15	Wolfe County 5
Lewis County 7	Mason County 2
Magoffin County 15	Jackson City 12
Morgan County 10	Menifee County 0 (5 innings)
Pike County Central 8	Sheldon Clark 5 (5 innings)
Pike County Central 13	Sheldon Clark 10
South Floyd 20	Betsy Layne 17
West Carter 16	Lawrence County 1 (4 innings)
Whitesburg 10	Jenkins 0

YOUTH SOCCER: Thunderbolts-Patriots game ends in deadlock

TIMES STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, the Floyd County U8 Thunderbolts played a home game against the Belfry Patriots. The game ended in a 4-4 tie.

For the Thunderbolts, Chase "Smash the Ball" Thacker had a breakaway goal after Derrek "Fancy Footwork" Studebaker used his full body on defense to stop an attempted Patriot goal. After Studebaker blocked the goal, he sent it to Thacker, who took it the full length of the field for a score, giving the Thunderbolts two goals.

After the goal, Studebaker and Thacker changed positions and the same thing happened, giving the Thunderbolts two goals.

On a rebounding shot, Dustin "Big D" Moore put a ball in the Patriots' net after recovering another player's missed attempt. The scoring was rounded out with Alisha Owens scoring her first goal of the season, covering another player's missed attempt. The scoring was rounded out with Owens scoring her first goal of the season.

While not every Thunderbolt scored, it was not due to a lack of attempts,

Jordan "No Pain" Ray and Kaitlyn Ousley both took multiple shots on goal, but were unsuccessful due to the defensive skill of the Patriots. The Thunderbolts also had the first close call of the season with injuries when Ray appeared to suffer a minor injury during a play. Ray put aside the pain, and was disappointed when he was pulled from the field for a short period to recover from his injury. This was the second game of the season for the Thunderbolts. The Floyd County U8 team will return to play this Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

U12 TRAILBLAZERS — The all-girl Trailblazers notched their first win of the young spring soccer season on Saturday against the mostly all-girl Johnson County Raptors. The Trailblazers won 2-1.

After winning the opening coin toss, the Blazers elected to defend the soft, grassy end of the field in the first half, giving them the firmer end of the field on which to work their offense.

Blazer forwards Kaitlyn Minix and Kathleen Smith, with the assistance of midfielders Clara Osborne and Madyson Nunnery, got several great looks at the goal in the opening frame. Unfortunately,

they were unable to convert those opportunities into goals.

The defense of the Trailblazers, led by Trista Damron and Tori Hunt, turned away several drives to the goal by the Raptors' front line of Victoria Parker, Alyson Salyer and Trent Davis. Goalkeeper Alexis DeRossett continued her fine play at her favorite position, making several saves, including the block of a hard

shot from about 15 yards out by Davis. Leandra Padgett showed her continued improvement while manning the midfield position, as did Elizabeth Hardt and Brenna Ousley. Fine defensive play by both teams resulted in a scoreless tie at the half.

In the second half, the Raptors took early advantage of the better field position, with Davis notching a goal at about

the five minute mark. While the soft ground and thick grass slowed the speedy Blazer forwards, they were able to press the attack on several occasions, thanks to great midfield play by the whirling dervish known as Elizabeth Davis. One of those attacks resulted in a corner kick for the Trailblazers, taken by (now midfielder) Smith. Doing her impression of David Beckham, Smith

booted it toward the Raptor goal, bending it just enough that the goalkeeper was forced back across the goal line to catch the ball.

The defense of the Trailblazers then stiffened, denying the Raptors another score. Meghan Banks, back on the soccer field after taking the

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Feature

sponsored by McFarland Lovely Attorney at Law, Magoffin County Funeral Home and Frank Howard's TV Cable. Following Lemaster to the finish was the T1, owned by Charles Blair, driven by Ervin Blair, Scooter Lemaster of Inez and Wes Blair in the Blair Howard Motorsports entry, subbing for Bannie Blair who is suffering from knee problems.

West Liberty's Scott Pennington was the winner of the Road Hog feature. Defending Road Hog champion Rick Baker of Perry County was the official second-place finisher, ahead of Derek Powers, Lee McKenzie and Walt Castle.

In what has proven to be the

fastest growing and often most competitive division at 201, the Modified Four-Cylinder class feature had one of the Mud Creek racers, Leroy Newsome, to the inside of Hindman's Marty Hall. On the start, Newsome claimed his spot at the point, with the No. 8 Mustang of Hall right beside of him for the lead. From well back in the field, the No. B9 of Mud Creek's Stacy Hall looked to be a contender for a spot at the front and came off the fourth turn on the first lap, looking for a way around the No. 8 car of Marty Hall. As they neared the flagstand, Stacy Hall ran out of room to the outside and caught the outside wall hard, crippling his machine for the rest of the feature. On the restart a blanket would have covered the front three cars with Newsome leading, Marty Hall chasing second, and the No. 2 of Kelly Neace Jr. all looking for the lead at the entrance of the first turn. Marty Hall found the point after a fierce battle for the lead, and carry enough speed down the backstretch to distance himself from the challengers, Neace and Newsome, who continued to race side by side for several laps before Newsome would get the better of the race and hang on to the second spot.

From the middle of the starting grid, after coming up shot one week earlier, Hindman's Jason Hall had moved to second after Newsome's machine slowed up in turn four, setting up another close finish.

A flat right rear proved to be the problem for Newsome, and

with one lap to go, Jason Hall made his final move to the leader, off turn four and with the best run he had had off the fourth turn, it would be just a little to short as Hindman driver Marty Hall took the win by only a couple of inches in the closest finish of the night in his Mosley's Video Plus, Dee's Grocery sponsored 1984 Mustang.

For the second week in a row, Jason Hall came up ever so short in the No. 911 machine, followed closely by the No. 2 of Kelly Neace Jr., defending points champion, Jack Clevenger, and mother of three, Mary English of Inez.

Wallace

more were going to stay out," he said. "I looked in the mirror and saw them coming but we were having a discussion on the radio and felt like it would be best to stay out."

Newman emerged second after taking just right-side tires, and Earnhardt was third with Wallace right behind him on the restart.

"It was basically a mistake," Knaus said.

The hole on the track, 2-to-3 inches deep, hurt Jeff Gordon more than anyone. Running second behind Earnhardt and with a car capable of winning, Gordon was forced to make repeated pit stops for repairs under yellow and dropped to 22nd in the field. He rallied to finish sixth.

"It was unfortunate the race-

In the regular Four cylinder feature it was Mud Creek's Jamie Hamilton with the win from the drop of the green to the checkers with his Evan's Wrecker Service, Dee's Grocery, J&J Auto Parts sponsored 1983 Toyota Celica. Delmar Whitley was second, followed by fellow Mud Creeker, Junebug Newsome, Mark Jude and Ronnie Maynard.

Hamilton had broken out of his regular Four-Cylinder time bracket and will compete as a Modified Four-Cylinder racer the next race. This week's Four-Cylinder feature races will pay double the money.

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track came apart. I hear they are going to repave it. I guess we were just one race early," Gordon said.

"It definitely took away any chance we had of winning, but I guess that is part of it. You hate to have a race slip away from you like that."

Gordon started from the pole for the third consecutive race on the 0.526-mile oval and was seeking his third consecutive victory here.

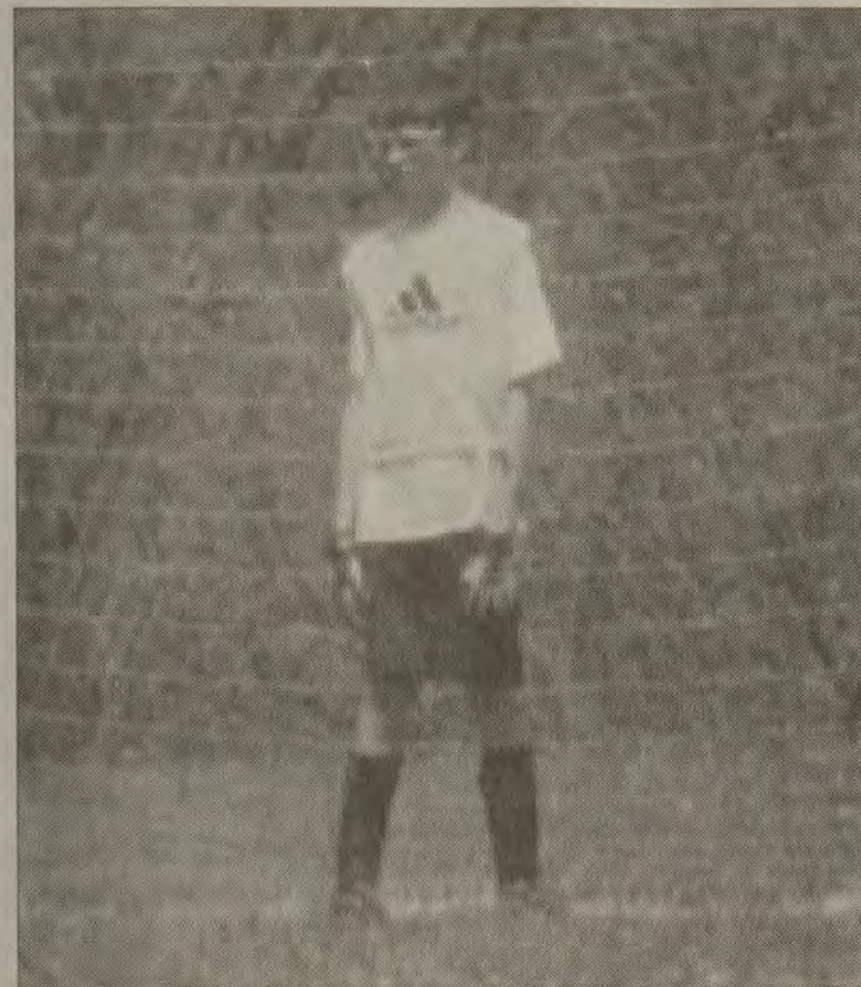
Newman was fifth, also in a Dodge, followed by Gordon, Jamie McMurray, Kenseth, Sterling Marlin and Dale Jarrett.

The race was slowed 11 times for 106 laps by caution, including the six laps before and the 11 laps after the repairs to the track were made.

Floyd County Galaxy U10 goalkeeper Allison Conley prepared to take the goal kick in the first half of her team's 7-2 victory over a team from neighboring Johnson County.



The U8 Thunderbolts (left to right) — Jordan Ray, Alisha Owens, Kaitlyn Ousley, Chase Thacker, Derrek Studebaker, and Dustin Moore.



Floyd County U14 Warriors goalie Jackson Osborne didn't see much action as his team defeated the team from Perry County by a score of 11-0.

Clarett blocked from draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Maurice Clarett's bid to jump to the NFL was blocked by a federal appeals court that left open the possibility he could enter a supplemental draft.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put on hold a lower-court decision to allow the former Ohio State star and other athletes, like Southern California's Mike Williams, to enter this weekend's draft.

Players are barred from the

NFL until three years after high school graduation under current league rules.

The appeals court said it stayed the earlier ruling to safeguard the NFL from harm and to ensure a more thorough review. Its final opinion will probably be issued after the draft, perhaps weeks from now.

Any potential harm to Clarett would be lessened by the NFL's agreement to hold a supplemental draft if the appeals court later ruled in his favor, the court added.

CINCINNATI — Running back Corey Dillon was traded to the New England Patriots for a second-round draft pick, ending his stellar and stormy career with Cincinnati.

During his seven seasons in Cincinnati, Dillon became one of the NFL's top running backs and one of its most enigmatic figures. He complained from

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Bengals sign QB Jon Kitna for additional season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Jon Kitna, who had his best NFL season in 2003 as quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals but was demoted to backup this season, signed on Tuesday for an additional season to remain with the Bengals through 2005.

The Bengals declined to reveal terms of the extension.

Last season, Kitna had career highs in pass completions (324), passing yards (3,591), touchdown passes (26) and completion percentage (62 percent). He was the only NFL quarterback to play every offensive snap for his team in 2003.

Despite Kitna's performance, coach Marvin Lewis has decided to go with Carson Palmer, who came to Cincinnati as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2003 draft.

Lewis said he is happy to have Kitna remain, as both a seasoned backup and an upbeat influence on his teammates. Kitna is entering his eighth NFL season.

"This solidifies Jon's position with the Bengals and brings stability and depth to our quarterback situation," Lewis said.

Kitna, the former Seattle Seahawks quarterback, said he hadn't wanted to move his family again. Kitna said he will try to

help Palmer master the job as starter.

"It'll be great if I don't have to play much," Kitna said. "But if I am called on to go in there, I'm working in a system where I've had success and with coaches I know and respect."



South Floyd freshman Heather Dean attended her first NBA game on Wednesday, April 14 in Orlando when the Magic hosted the Philadelphia 76ers. Dean is pictured getting an autograph from former University of Kentucky standout Keith Bogans.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Mid-South Conference held its annual tournament over the weekend at StoneCrest Golf Course.

Stone Crest hosts MSC Championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Over the weekend, StoneCrest Golf Course hosted the 2004 Mid-South Conference Championship. On the men's side, Lindsey Wilson College had the top two individual finishers and won the team title. Lindsey Wilson golfer Tyler Sharpe beat teammate Zach Wilson in a playoff to win the men's tournament. Pikeville College finished fifth on the men's side. Cumberland College won the women's championship. Lindsey Smith of Georgetown College was the top overall female golfer. She was followed by teammate Kristen Phillips.

2004 MSC Championship
Friday, April 16-Saturday, April 17
Stonecrest Country Club - Par 72
Prestonsburg

MEN'S

- Team Results
1. Lindsey Wilson College 601
 2. Georgetown College 618
 3. Cumberland College 627
 4. Campbellsville University 629
 5. Pikeville College 639
 6. Lambuth University 702

- Individual Results
1. Tyler Sharpe * - Lindsey Wilson College 72-76 148
 - Zach Wilson - Lindsey Wilson College 74-74 148
 3. Eddie Parman - Cumberland College 76-75 151
 4. Chris Hill - Georgetown College 80-72 152
 5. Josh Matney - Campbellsville University 76-77 153
 - Adam Young - Georgetown College 76-77 153
 - Federico Lizarralde - Lindsey Wilson College 79-74 153
- * won playoff

WOMEN'S

- Team Results
1. Cumberland College 733
 2. Georgetown College 739
 3. Lindsey Wilson College 753
 4. Campbellsville University 845
 5. Lambuth University 845

- Individual Results
1. Lindsey Smith - Georgetown College 82-75 157
 2. Kristen Phillips - Georgetown College 79-81 160
 3. Jennifer Kieffer - Cumberland College 84-82 166
 4. Stacy McClain - Lindsey Wilson College 86-82 168
 5. Jenna Cockrill - Campbellsville University 90-83 173

INSIDE TIP: Bailey picks Wimbledon for Derby

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Jerry Bailey will ride Wimbledon in the Kentucky Derby, choosing trainer Bob Baffert's Louisiana Derby winner over several other horses.

Bailey, the Hall of Fame jockey regarded as the best in the business, had also been considering Eddington, Quintons Gold Rush and Read the Footnotes.

Agent Ron Anderson said Monday that Bailey was leaning toward Eddington, but a lack of earnings in graded stakes makes the colt a doubtful starter.

The Derby field is limited to 20 starters, based on graded-stakes earnings. Eddington, third in the Wood Memorial, is 28th on the list.

Bailey replaces Javier Santiago, who was aboard Wimbledon for his win in

Louisiana and his fifth-place finish in the Blue Grass on April 10.

Baffert said Preachinathebar, his other Derby contender, would be ridden by Hall of Famer Gary Stevens if the colt gets into the field. Preachinathebar is 21st on the graded-stakes earnings list.

"I had some choices," Baffert said. "I had (Corey) Nakatani as my backup and I had Pat Day, too. But I sort of held out for Bailey. I leave it up to them. If they want to ride, fine."

Bailey will be riding in his 17th Derby and has won it twice, with Sea Hero in 1993 and Grindstone in 1996.

Bailey rode Quintons Gold Rush to victory in the Lexington Stakes on Saturday, and trainer Steve Asmussen was hoping to retain his services. Asmussen said Monday he's in no rush to name a new rider.

Deadlock

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fall season off to play basketball, displayed how conditioning and training in another sport can be beneficial as she hustled to block at least one shot on goal. Banks' fellow defenders Katie Hutchinson and Rachel Sanders also worked hard to keep the Raptors away from the Blazers goal. With about 10 minutes to play in the game, Smith stole the ball from a Raptor midfielder and broke free into the offensive end of the field. As the defenders came to her, she laced a pass to forward Nunnery on the right side, who in turn booted it into the goal from about 10 yards out. Nunnery's goal proved to be the difference in the game as the Trailblazers held on for the 2-1 win.

The Blazers are next scheduled to play in Perry County.

U12 LIGHTNING — On Saturday, the Floyd County U12 Lightning traveled to Belfry to take on the Fire. The Lightning arrived up with just five players — Caleb Petry, Branstion Jarrell, Warren Vierheller, Joseph Kidd, and Cody McCoy. The Lightning

picked up one player from the Pike County Irish — Evan Bush. The six Lightning players played against the nine Fire players. On the kickoff, Petry, working with Bush, proceeded to go down and score immediately. During the next kickoff, Bush took the ball down and scored. The Fire answered with two quick goals of its own. After that, it was all Lightning. Jarrell was able to find his mark twice. Petry and Bush also connected three more times each, making the final score 10-2 in favor of the Lightning. The Lightning are next scheduled to play in Hazard.

Play will continue in the youth soccer league during the upcoming weekend

P'burg falls to Pike Central, Morgan County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

While Prestonsburg outthit Pike Central 7-5, stranding base runners and errors proved costly for the Blackcats when the two teams met Thursday evening.

In the a 15-5 loss, Prestonsburg was led in hitting by shortstop Jarred McGuire, who had two hits, a two-run home run and a single. McGuire finished with two runs batted in.

Prestonsburg second baseman Brandon Campbell had two hits, a double and a single.

Josh Rodebaugh, Ed Osborne, Andrew Shepherd and Nick McGuire each had a base hit with Nick McGuire driving in one run.

Morgan County 5, Prestonsburg 0

Morgan County defeated Prestonsburg 5-0 in a game in which the Blackcats again had baserunners, but couldn't manage to score as what was needed.

Prestonsburg was led in hitting by Brandon Campbell's two base hits. Nick McGuire, Josh

Draft

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time to time about being on a losing team, but changed his mind and agreed to a five-year, \$26 million deal before the 2001 season.

Heading into last season, Dillon already was the Bengals' career rushing leader and one of only four players in NFL history to run for 1,000 yards in each of his first six seasons.

Last year, while the Bengals stayed in playoff contention, Dillon lobbied for a trade.

COLLEGE SPORTS
INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division I Management Council voted unanimously to repeal a rule on scholarship limits in bas-

ketball and replace it with one that rewards teams for overall academic performance.

The current rule allows schools to offer five scholarships in one year or eight in two years, but it penalizes schools — no matter how well they've done historically — by not allowing them to replace scholarship players who become academically ineligible. NCAA president Myles Brand said.

One of the proposals the Management Council will present to the NCAA Board of Directors later this month would set a team threshold for triggering a penalty, such as the loss of a scholarship.

Month of March plentiful for Johnson County harness racers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Johnson Countian Eddie Blair, a harness racing enthusiast, experienced a successful month of March. With the month of April more than halfway over, Blair is hoping the current month will be somewhat as successful.

One of the harness horses Blair owns, Painted Biscuit, a nine-year-old pacing mare, won a \$6,000-7,000 claiming handicap at Windsor Raceway in Ontario, Canada on March 5. CM Desperado a five-year-old gelding Blair owns, won a \$10,000 claiming race at Windsor March 28. On March 9, Foreign Traveller a 10-year-old gelding, won a \$4500

claiming race at the same Canadian track. TJ Classic, a five-year-old gelding set his new lifetime mark in 157.1 for the mile at Hoosier Park in Indiana on March 13.

TJ Classic was a regular at Thunder Ridge this past summer. He was purchased the week before the win by Blair and Larry Pennington.

Another Blair-owned horse, KD's Bret, continued to roll at Lebanon Raceway. The eight-year-old bay gelding won all four starts for Blair in the month of March. He is trained by Tom Smith, Lebanon's leading trainer.

Other Johnson Countians with wins in March included Don Cantrell (4), Ron Fairchild (3), Pennington (3), Ronnie Ross (3) and Frank Castle (4).

Blair's horses in Canada are driven by Jason Brewer and trained by Jeff Brewer, a Thunder Ridge regular. The horses at Hoosier Park are trained by Jeff Brewer and driven by Brett Miller, one of the top drivers in the country.

In the fall, harness racing will again return to Thunder Ridge.

Belfry bashes Blackcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY — Belfry led visiting Prestonsburg 6-1 through two innings and 10-2 through three frames en route to a 14-4 win. The host Pirates beat Prestonsburg in five innings.

The Pirates scored three runs in the fourth inning and another one in the fifth frame. Belfry scored its 14 runs on 18 hits. The Pirates committed two errors. Prestonsburg plated a single

run in four of the five innings. Three different Belfry players belted home runs. Nick McGuire hit a round-tripper for the Blackcats.

Jarred McGuire had a double for Prestonsburg. Two other Belfry players also hit doubles.

The Pirate pitching effort limited Prestonsburg to four runs on eight hits. The Blackcats committed three errors.

Blackcat pitcher John Mark Stephens suffered the loss.

Tigers get revenge in win over Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Pikeville beat Paintsville 10-2 in the Panther Classic Tournament of Champions Friday behind a strong pitching performance by sophomore Brenton Hamilton. The Panthers had 12 hits in the win. Paintsville just had four hits in a loss. However, the Tigers got revenge Monday in

the form of a 7-4 win over the visiting Panthers.

Pikeville visited Charlie Adkins Field Monday and despite a late comeback rally, fell short.

Paintsville led Pikeville 7-0 going into the top half of the seventh inning. Pikeville had a late rally, but was cut short.

Paintsville starting pitcher Matt Hensley gave up four hits

in the complete game win. Blake McCown took the loss for Pikeville (10-2). The Panthers committed four errors.

Paintsville got its seven runs on eight hits. In the field, the Tigers committed three errors.

Casey Young and Shane Simpkins each had a double for Paintsville (2-7).

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KENTUCKY BOYS' ALL-STARS

- Chris Lofton, Mason County (Mr. Basketball)
- Parfait Bitee, Louisville Western
- Terence Farley, PRP
- Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic
- Tyrone Green, Wayne County
- Demetrius Guions, North Hardin
- Bo Harris, Clark County
- Jarrod Litzinger, Mason County
- Matt Maresca, Warren Central
- Harrison Morton, Lexington Catholic
- Ty Rogers, Lyon County
- Boris Siakam, Caverna

KENTUCKY GIRLS' ALL-STARS

- Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart (Miss Basketball)
- Patrika Barlow, Warren County
- Candye Bingham, Manual
- Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic
- Sarah Elliott, Jackson County
- Megan McGrath, Louisville Butler
- Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North
- Aaron Richmond, Warren Central
- Tangie Sellers, Boone County
- Anitha Smith-Williams, PRP
- Corky Stiger, Christian County

Business/Professions

Federal vouchers expand education, training

Financial aid options for foster children

FRANKFORT - Youths who age out of foster care in Kentucky can now look to a federal voucher program as well as two state-sponsored forms of special aid to help them pay for postsecondary education and training.

The Education Training

Voucher (ETV) component of the federal Chafee Independence Program provides up to \$5,000 per student per year for a variety of education and job-training costs. Kentucky got \$522,000 in first-year funding for the vouchers in October, and 72 Kentucky students enrolled in universities, community and technical colleges, vocational schools or approved job training programs now receive vouchers averaging \$250 monthly.

More than 80 youths have applied for the vouchers but

some were ruled ineligible. To qualify, youths must be under age 21 and must either have left state foster care at age 18 or been adopted from foster care after turning 16.

Once approved, youths who remain in good academic standing can continue to receive ETV funding until age 23. Their academic eligibility is verified monthly.

The vouchers can be used at accredited institutions of higher education, including two- and four-year colleges and vocational and technical schools, or for

participation in approved job training programs. Needs that qualify for ETV support include: direct educational expenses, such as tuition and fees, that are not covered by state programs; books, supplies and required equipment; services for students with disabilities; and other essential costs, such as housing, child care and transportation.

Fawn Conley administers the ETV program for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) in her capacity as state coordinator of the Chafee Program, which prepares foster children for independent adulthood.

Conley said Kentucky's ETV funding allotment for the current fiscal year may not cover all the needs of all eligible youth. Still, she said, those who don't receive ETV funds are likely to be eligible for at least one of two other state-sponsored sources of postsecondary education funding for foster children.

One of these programs, created by the legislature in 2001, requires Kentucky's public colleges and universities to waive all remaining tuition and mandatory fees once Kentucky foster and adopted children have applied for other forms of financial aid. Since the program began, 487 youths have been approved for waivers.

The other state program provides tuition assistance to youths ages 18-21 who extend their commitment to foster care for educational purposes. Students at accredited private and out-of-state public institutions can qualify for tuition assistance, but as with the waivers, applicants must first apply for other forms of finan-

cial aid. Conley said fewer than 20 foster youths receive this form of aid-probably because the waivers and other forms of federal and state aid cover the full cost of tuition for most Kentucky foster children.

Each year, she said, nearly 400 youths in Kentucky may be eligible for ETV and state assistance to begin, continue or complete higher education or vocational training.

Conley said the voucher recipients are earning a grade-point average of 3.3 out of a possible 4.0 in academic and training programs ranging from health-care specialties, social work and history to diesel mechanics and home construction.

In keeping with Gov. Ernie Fletcher's goal of avoiding wasteful spending, CHFS administers the ETV program in-house. Many other states contract with private agencies to review applications and students' academic standing and issue funds.

Since contracting for these services would cost about 10 percent of the program allocation, Conley said, direct administration by CHFS allows Kentucky to provide more funds to students.

And compared to the benefits derived, "the cost of the program is a relatively small chunk of change," she said.

Conley said the unstable lives many foster children lead place them at considerable risk when they leave foster care. Postsecondary education or job training, she said, can spell the difference between those who achieve self-sufficiency and those who end up jobless, home-

less, victimized or in trouble with the law.

Conley said a growing number of foster youths realize the importance of education and take advantage of the available funding resources.

"Programs like the ETV and the state's tuition assistance and waiver programs help level the playing field for these youth and offer education as a much better alternative to the options they'd have otherwise," she said.

For more information on the Chafee Program, the ETV or state education assistance programs for foster and former foster children, contact Conley at (502) 564-2147.



Big Sandy Community and Technical College has announced the hiring of a new employee, Julian Slone. Slone will be the program facilitator in the Community, Workforce and Economic Development Department, where he will be facilitating the Work Keys and Kentucky Employability Certificate Initiative. Slone is a former BSCTC student and a native of Kentucky. He now resides in Martin with his wife Rhoda and family.

DOES IT GET ANY BETTER??? GEORGE JONES AT THE MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER

An Outback Concerts Event Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 pm and Friday, April 30th at 8 pm

Tickets are \$51

George Jones first hit the charts in the 1950's. In April 1999, he celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his first

Number One record, White Lightning. It was also the year that Jones won his second Grammy as Best Male Country Vocalist for his performance on the single "Choices." His only previous Grammy was in 1981 for his performance of "He Stopped

Loving Her Today."

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POISON OAK

A tribute to "Rubus fruticosus"

Among the things decided by the 2004 Kentucky General Assembly, which adjourned last week, was that the "Rubus fruticosus" would become our state fruit. You know, like the Cardinal is our state bird, and Golden Rod is our state flower.

Of course, "Rubus fruticosus" is the Latin name for "blackberry," and as far as this ole country boy is concerned, its being so designated is okay by me. As a matter of fact, if those guys (and gals) in Frankfort wanted to officially list a "state dessert," blackberry cobbler would be just fine, too.

I've never made cobbler in my life, so I don't have any recipes to share. However, my mom could flat out make the world's finest blackberry cobbler. Over the years, I've seen blackberry cobbler of various names and descriptions listed on restaurant menus—blackberry cobbler, delight, deep dish blackberry cobbler, fresh blackberry cobbler—but as far as I know, Mom just made the plain old-fashioned blackberry cobbler.

I couldn't say for certain, but I'd also venture a guess that of all the blackberry cobblers she ever made when I was growing up, she never once used store-bought blackberries.

(See OAK, page three)

Editor's Note: Our deadlines have changed and I forgot to inform Kim (sorry, girlfriend!). So, we're using a little filler that we think you all might enjoy and, hopefully, will take to heart and remember.

What You Can't See

-Anonymous

What do you see, people, what do you see? What are you thinking when you're looking at me?

A crabby old woman, not very wise, uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes?

Who dribbles her food and makes no reply when you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"

Who seems not to notice the things that you do, and forever is losing a stocking or shoe.....

Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will, with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill...

Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse - you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still, as I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten... with a father and mother, brothers and sisters, who love one another.

A young girl of sixteen, with wings on her feet, dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.

A bride soon at twenty — my heart gives a leap, remembering the vows that I promised to keep.

At twenty five now, I have young of my own, who need me to guide and a secure happy home.

A woman of thirty, my young now

(See SEE, page three)

CO-OP NEWS Termites: Love is in the air

Ray Tackett,
FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR
AGRICULTURE

Termite love is in the air. Warmer weather and springtime showers signal

termites to emerge and fly into the air to find mates and start new colonies. This is why it is common to see large numbers of winged termites from now through May.

It may be difficult to distinguish

between swarming termites and winged ants. A termite has straight antennae, uniform waist and wings of equal size. Conversely, a winged ant has elbowed antenna, a constricted waist and wings that are longer in the front than back.

Swarming termites emerging from wood piles, tree stumps and other outdoor locations don't necessarily indicate a home or building infestation.

(See CO-OP, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Prestonsburg resident Elizabeth Ramey, longtime friend to both Russell and Eve May, spent the day reminiscing about times past with the May siblings. Here, she speaks with Kathy about some of the prints in the shop.

Gallery closes, but memories remain for May family

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

They say that all good things come to an end and this may be so but, nonetheless, it doesn't make the end any easier and this can certainly be verified by many of our town's locals in regard to the closing of one of Prestonsburg's longest standing landmarks, The Russell May Art Gallery.

"It's just that we all live away and there's really no way for any of us to be able to keep our eye on it," said Kathy May, eldest daughter of the Kentucky Heritage Artist that immortalized many of Eastern Kentucky's most recognizable landscapes, Russell May. "It hurts us to close down, but change happens in life and we have to find ways to deal with it," she said.

Though the gallery managed to remain open for many years after Russell May's death, due to the fact that his widow, Eve, continued to run the shop following her husband's passing, the shop has been closed for several months now since the passing of Eve, herself. As the weeks drew on, it soon became evident to local townspeople that the "Closed Today" sign on the front door may not ever come down, a saddening realization for many.

"I grew up in this shop, watching my dad - and my mother," said Rusty, the couple's only son. "I learned a lot here and I hate to see the doors close for good. It makes me sad, but, I'll always have my memories."

(See GALLERY, page three)

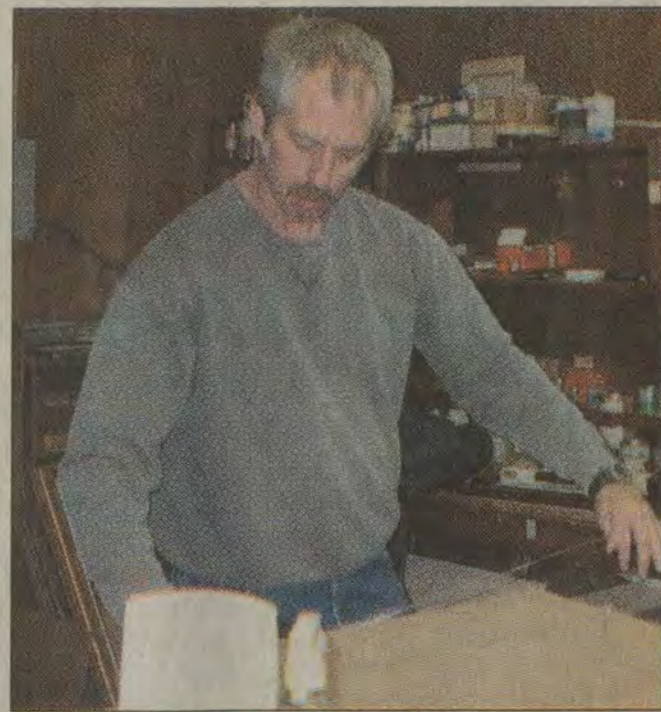


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Rusty May applies the finishing touches to complete a framing job.

CRITTER CORNER

If not for dogs

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

Editor's Note: As I check my email and realize that Dr. Carol has not submitted a column for this week, I can only wonder about what sort of tangles she found herself in this time. One of these days, I'm gonna take a day to just visit her clinic and stand by with pen, pad and camera — or maybe I can send an email to Animal Planet

and have them send someone armed with a really good video-cam! In the meantime, I'm going to fill this space with a few more internet findings. I've taken great care to locate some things I think Dr. Carol will approve of. Happy reading!

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

—Will Rogers

Best Friends

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town, which he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Harley." Harley, who owner Sherry Little refers to as her "ill boy," is a one-year old Jack Russell Terrier, who recently celebrated his first birthday this past April 16. Sherry shares that Harley "loves to play fetch and sleep under the covers" and that he "spends most of his time being curious and rambunctious." Harley lives with Sherry and her husband, Derek, at Wheelwright.

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school

day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members to the school's Site Based Decision Making Council until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29. All nominations must be turned in to the front office. The election for parent representative will be held on Monday, May 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Apr. 29 - Health Dept. nurse in center.

■ Apr. 21 - Blue Ribbon activity (K-3).

■ Apr. 19 -23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week and Blue Ribbon Month Observance (wear your blue ribbons all week).

■ Apr. 22 - Kindergarten transition meeting for parents.

■ Apr. 23 - Wear Blue Day.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents - Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 30 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents must bring the following with them: Official copy of child's birth certificate; Kentucky immunization certificate; medical exam on KDE approved form; Kentucky Eye Examination form; and social security card.

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month, each class will collect pennies to be donated to

CASA.**

■ Apr. 19-23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week.

■ Apr. 23 - Hurt Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Archer Park. Sponsored by Community Based Services.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 29 - "Safe Families, Safe Communities," 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center. This is a training program concerning family violence.

■ June 14- July 22 - UK Dental School will offer services at the Floyd County Health Dept., in Prestonsburg. Call 886-2788, ext. 221 for an appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building

at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and

(See **SCHOOL**, page three)

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 27 and April 29, 1994)

A nine-county coalition, formed in eastern Kentucky, is taking aim at one of the region's most persistent problems — the rising costs and headaches associated with the disposal of garbage. Spearheaded by the board of directors for the Big Sandy Area Development District, counties from Lawrence to Leslie are putting out feelers for proposals officials hope will lead to a regional solution to mounting woes associated with the disposal of solid waste...Noted Appalachian author and humorist, Loyal Jones, will be the keynote speaker for the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, slated for June 7...John R. McIntosh, of Abbott, was sworn in as the new postmaster at Weeksbury, Thursday, April 21, by Diane Sharp, manager of Post Office Operations in Ashland...Mike Turner, Prestonsburg Elementary student, piloted the mock shuttle "The Traveler" during the Floyd County Schools Student Technology Showcase at Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center, April 25...Robert Perry, president of Friends of the May House, has asked Prestonsburg City Council to consider a request by Friends of the May House to apply for a \$250,000 transportation department matching grant to restore the historical eighteenth-century landmark...Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties will soon be hitting the road in a video, touting tourist attractions in the three counties...The murder trial of a Floyd County man accused of killing an Auxier teen, last year, is set to begin Wednesday, in Floyd Circuit Court. Jerry Michael Martin, 22, of Grethel, was charged in the June 6, 1993, shooting death of Shawn Prater near Betsy Layne...Construction crews with Goggans Construction Company began assembling scaffolding, Thursday, for a move up to the third of five floors on a new medical office complex being built at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Delinquent customers of the Martin water company almost got a reprieve from having their water meters pulled, but city council members declined to back up on their position to take a tough stand to settle past due accounts...About four tons of garbage was picked up during the Trash Bash held Saturday at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Approximately 78 volunteers, mainly students, tackled the task of cleaning up the Dewey Lake shoreline, and collected 321 bags of trash...A Martin police officer resigned his position after questions surfaced in relation to a high-speed chase, Saturday night. At Wednesday's

Martin City Council meeting, Mayor Raymond Griffith announced that officer Aaron Kidd was given a choice to resign or face an administrative hearing for his participation in the chase...A business dispute between shareholders over the escalating cost of building a harness racing track in Floyd County has led to the ouster of one of the stockholders in the company constructing the track...There died: Lillian B. Hatcher-McCleese, 70, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Harold, Tuesday, April 19, at her home; Olna Sturgill Hamilton Burchett, 84, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, April 21, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Dora May Crisp, 61, of Martin, Monday, April 25, at the Kentucky Clinic, Lexington; Spencer Hall, 65, of Martin, Saturday, April 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Joseph Lindsey Layne, 81, of Phoenix, Arizona, a native of Prestonsburg, March 28; Joe Lee Burke, 50, of Jonancy, Thursday, April 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rev. Merlin Mullins, 88, of Craynor, Monday, April 25, at his daughter's residence at Craynor; Opal Buchanan Warrix, 86, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Shirley Jean Conley, 56, of Martin, Friday, April 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; David Allen Scaff, 62, of Endicott, Thursday, April 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wilmedea "Willie" McGuire Shepherd, 76, of Berea, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, April 18, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville; Lloyd Bailey, 77, of Hueysville, Friday, April 22, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia; Dr. Gwen G. Auxier, 84, of Riverside, California, Sunday, April 17, at Allen; Phyllis Mae Hyden Herald, 70, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, April 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Opal Irene Gibson Childers, 71, of Huntington, West Virginia, Saturday, April 16, in St. Mary's Hospital; William P. Necessary, 78, of Weber City, Virginia, Tuesday, April 26, at Elizabethton Tennessee Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(May 2, 1984)

First Commonwealth Bank wins right to build a new building, as Appellate Court upholds rezoning of residential area to commercial area...Floyd County Democrats re-elect Martin coal miner Morris Isaac as county chairman by a wide margin, over Prestonsburg physician, Dr. Larry Leslie...Columbia Gas asks for another rate boost...There died: Eff Mosley, 76, of Emma, Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington;

Judy Hamilton Stake, 68, of Grethel, April 26, in a Louisa nursing home; Byrd Webb Wicker, 83, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, in a Lexington hospital; Rebecca Nichols, 74, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Salyersville Health Care Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(May 1, 1974)

The Prestonsburg Water & Gas Commission is developing plans for the possible doubling of its water plant capacity without the expenditure of the million dollars, which conventional plant increase would cost...Squire Feltner, president of District 30, United Mine Workers, said this week that he and other district and local union officers have called on administrators of strikebound Appalachian Regional Hospitals "to work out a satisfactory settlement between these hospitals and the Steel Workers as soon as possible"...Two Floyd community clubs are repeat winners this year of plaques and checks as participants in community development programs—Wheelwright, in the village category; Tram, in the rural non-farm division...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Holbrook, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Tonia Sue, April 22; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Dings, of Martin, a daughter, DeAnna Faye, April 26; to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bailey, of Maytown, a son, James Shawn, April 22; to Mr. and Mrs. Amalene Damron, of Grethel, a daughter, April 16; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shepherd, of Estill, a son, April 21...There died: Squire Hamilton, 57, retired postmaster and merchant, last Friday, at his home at Grethel; Robert Drexel Bowling, 77, of Weeksbury, April 23, at McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Matilda Cox McKennon, 50, of Lewistown, O., formerly of Garrett, April 11, at Lima, O.; Mrs. Hattie Cole, 56, of Melvin, Saturday, at Lexington; Mrs. Vernie Hampton, 56, native of Pyramid, Monday, in Mason, Mich.; Reuben Hall, 62, of Martin, recently at his home; Henry Patton, 67, Monday, at his home at Langley; William K. Allen, 79, of Charlotte, Tenn., formerly of Betsy Layne, April 24, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Forty Years Ago

(May 7, 1964)

No special grand jury session will be called for the investigation of the triple-slaying, for which Roy Salisbury, 34, is held in jail, here, without bond, Circuit Judge Hollie Conley indicated here this week...The Kentucky Road Oiling

Company has been awarded the contract for a grade and drain construction of the remaining 7.1 miles of the Mountain Parkway extension from the Parkway, near Salyersville, to the Floyd-Magoffin line...Options have been acquired on all property involved in Prestonsburg's two urban renewal projects, but it was learned from the Community Facilities Administration, Atlanta, Ga., that no advance of funds will be given until the city can give a firm commitment, supported by names of subscribers, that its \$93,000 bond issue has been subscribed...Twelve-year-old Stephanie Midkiff, sixth grade pupil at the Prestonsburg grade school, emerged the winner of the annual Floyd County spelling bee, held here, April 25, as she outlasted, and outspelled, 23 other school champions. Runner-up was Rosemary Frazier, eighth grader at Martin...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitt, a son, Billy Eugene, last Wednesday...There died: William M. Bevins, 77, of Printer, April 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Isaac Watson Moles, 64, Tuesday, at his home at Justell; Franklin T. Jones, 60, of Drift, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Darrell Stratton, 61, Friday, at home at Stanville; Mrs. Pearl M. Prater, 51, of Prestonsburg, April 29, at Pikeville; Mrs. Minnie L. Hatcher, 81, of Harold, Monday, at Huntington, W.Va.; Berry Tackett, 54, April 28, at his home at Teaberry; W. M. Frasure, 63, of Pyramid, Tuesday, at Prestonsburg; W. J. Hall, 75, of Grethel, April 30, at Prestonsburg; Troy Calhoun, 57, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, while fox hunting in the woodland section of the Right Fork of Bull Creek.

Fifty Years Ago

(May 6, 1954)

Floyd County has more than 12,000 persons on relief, it was said Wednesday, by G.R. Spradlin, commodity distribution supervisor...Full agreement between the County and Prestonsburg Boards of Education on terms under which the county system will make available a site for the proposed auditorium-gymnasium here was reached, at a joint meeting of the two groups, Tuesday afternoon...Mose Osborne, 40, of Hueysville, an employee of the Liberty Elkhorn Coal Company, at Maytown, was killed, Monday afternoon, when he was crushed by a car against the mine side...Fire destroyed the home of Ex-Magistrate Jack Allen and an adjoining home owned by Mrs. Clara Messer, at Garrett, last week...Sixty-seven fires were reported in Floyd County last year with

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However, winged termites found indoors usually are a sign of an infestation that needs treatment. Although termites swarming indoors die without causing damage, seeing thousands of them emerge inside can be an emotionally trying experience. Winged termites emerging from the base of a foundation wall or adjoining porches also usually indicate that the house is infested and requires treatment.

Other indications of termite infestations are pencil-thin mud tubes extending over inside and outside surfaces of foundation walls, piers, sills, floor joists and the like. Also, damaged wood hollowed out along the grain with dried bits of mud or soil lining the feeding galleries.

Often there is no sign of the worker termites that cause damage — small, creamy-white insects with an ant-like appearance. Infestations can remain undetected for years, hidden behind dry-wall paneling, floor coverings, insulation and other obstructions. Damage to exposed wood isn't noticeable because the outer surface usually is left intact. It takes the keen eye of an experienced professional to detect termite damage and treat this problem.

Since eliminating termites requires special skills and equipment, it is best to contact a pest

control company rather than try to treat for them yourself.

Be sure to take your time when choosing a pest control company. Consider calling two or three companies to request inspections to determine the extent and approximate cost to treat the termite problem. The company should be licensed by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Membership in a state or national pest control or management association indicates an established firm with access to technical and training information necessary to correctly do the job. Always ask for references.

Avoid firms that use "specials" or scare tactics to pressure you into immediately signing a contract. The quality of a termite treatment depends on the individual doing the work, not the person who sells the contract. A safe, effective treatment requires an experienced technician.

The entire structure should be treated, rather than "spot treating" areas where termites are seen. This is because subterranean colonies may contain hundreds of thousands of termites foraging in many different directions. Localized or "spot" treatments generally are a gamble for the homeowner, except when re-treating.

Liquids and baits are the two

general categories of termite treatment.

A liquid treatment keeps termites out by providing an effective, long-lasting chemical barrier around and beneath the home. Termite baits are installed in plastic stations below ground in the yard and occasionally indoors. Populations gradually decline as foraging termites consume the bait and share it with others in the colony.

Termiticides are extensively tested for adverse effects. Based

on current research, registered termiticides applied according to label directions present no significant hazard to humans, pets or the environment.

Source: Mike Potter
For more information, contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Local artist, Randy Lawson, shows off the painting he did of the art gallery in order to preserve a little piece of Prestonsburg's history. Lawson says that prints of his painting may become available at a later date.

Gallery

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And, thanks to the skilled hand and artist's eye of one of Kentucky's most loved and talented artists, who spent a lifetime preserving area landscapes and "home places," so will many others.

Kathy, Rusty and sibling Janie, recently spent a weekend in Prestonsburg conducting a close-out sale of gallery items but say they plan to return in the coming weeks to conduct yet another sale. "It isn't going

to happen all in one weekend," agreed Rusty, "We'll be back and that's great, because we love seeing everyone in our hometown and reminiscing about our parents. I always look forward to coming home."

For further information in regard to the May Art Gallery, you may contact local artist Randy Lawson or watch for upcoming announcements in future editions of our newspaper.

School

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Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

- May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

- Apr. 23 - 10th Annual "Spring Fling" Gospel Sing, 7 p.m., in MCA gym. Call 285-5141 for more information.
- Apr. 27, 28, 29 - CTBS testing.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- Character Education words for the month of April - Caring & Helpfulness.
- **PES wants to THANK everyone for helping us reach our goal of \$400,000 in Food City receipts!!**
- April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!
- May 3-14 - Spring testing.
- May 21 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in school auditorium.
- The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
- Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the

Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- Apr. 21 - Child Abuse Awareness Informational Booth in school foyer. Students, employees and community welcome to stop by.
- Apr. 26 & 27 - Self-Esteem presentation.
- Apr. 28 - CPR training.
- May 4 - Drug Awareness presentation.
- Walking track open to public (except during special event).
- The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
- Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
- All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.
- For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**John M. Stumbo Elementary PTO will accept nominations for parent members of the school's SBDM Council until 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 23. All nominations must be turned in to Tristan Parsons or Anita Tackett in the Family Resource

Youth Services Center. Election for parent members will be held Friday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in school cafeteria. Contact Donna Hamilton at 587-2212 or Brenda Osborne at 587-1297 for more information.**

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

■ Apr. 30 - SBDM Council - Parent Elections, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in cafeteria.

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

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

Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members of the School Based Decision Making Council, until 3 p.m., Thursday, April 22. All nominations must be returned to Kim Hall, in the front office. The election for parent representative will be held on Thursday, April 29, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Family Resource Center, and then again at 6 p.m., also in the FRC.

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

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

- Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.
- Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.
- Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.
- Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.
- All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

Critter

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An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who answered, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel, and if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!"

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"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."
—Unknown

A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all this world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me. Do not break my spirit with a stick for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will

more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail, when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements.

I ask no greater glory than to have the privilege of sitting at your feet beside your hearth.

Keep my pan filled with water for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, my friend, when I am old and no longer enjoy good health and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going, I am not having fun.

Please see that my trusting life is taken gently.

I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.

Yesterdays

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losses totaling \$300,534...Miss Joan Tackett, representing McDowell High School, was adjudged beauty queen of the 12th annual Floyd County Music Festival, held here, Saturday...Born: to M-Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Little, formerly of Topmost, a son, Robert, at Orlando, Fla.; to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Compton, of Allen, a son, Saturday night...There died: Hugh F. White, 62, of Prestonsburg, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Friday; Mrs. Nancy Bryant, 40, of Hi Hat, Monday, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Eva Joseph Dotson, 67, of West Prestonsburg, at the Paintsville Hospital, Wednesday; Mrs. Virgie Damron, 72, at home at Tram, Tuesday; Mrs. Sallie Robinson, 67, of Printer, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Ned Davis, 36, Sunday, at the home of a sister on Mare Creek.

Sixty Years Ago (May 4, 1944)

A \$40,000 deal involving transfer of gas properties from Jack Spurlin to purchasers, Commonwealth Attorney John Allen and J.J. Hatcher, both of Prestonsburg, Lawrence Keathley, of Martin, Ray Schwybold, Albert Kaenig and Elmer J. Rice, of Cincinnati, was completed, here, Friday...Richmond Brandford, of Blue River, is reported as having been killed in an undisclosed theater of war, and Sgt. Edsel R. Barker, of Lackey, is reported as missing. Floyd soldiers reported wounded: Pharoah Deal, of Grethel; Pfc. James Collinsworth, Prestonsburg, and Pvt. Warren G. Music, of Bonanza...S. G. Ferguson, Prestonsburg attorney, was recent-

ly appointed as one of four new Workmen's Compensation Board referees by Governor S. S. Willis...After having eaten a poisonous plant, which she is believed to have mistaken for sheep sorrel, Lois Jean Nelson, seven years old, died at the Nelson home at Blue River, Monday, before medical aid could reach her...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warrick, of Allen, a son, May 1, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Irving George, of Allen, a son, Samuel Lawrence; to Mr. and Mrs. George Hall Jr., of Ivel, a son, at the Pikeville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harmon, of Bonanza, a son, Gary Lynn; to Pfc. and Mrs. Joe Kish, of Martin, a daughter, April 28...There died: Wilburn Elliott, 77, of Abbott Creek, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Tuesday; Mrs. Shirley Spears, 26, of Martin, Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Seventy Years Ago (May 4, 1934)

Establishment of district offices for both the National Reemployment Service and the CWA, in this section, is being made in Pikeville, thus switching the entire reemployment office, from Prestonsburg to Pikeville...Married: Miss Fern Belfrey, of Pikeville, and Mr. Hollie Howard, of Prestonsburg, April 23, in Louisville...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Elliott, of Martin, a son, Harrison Wesley Jr., May 3, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Mrs. Dora Webb Allen, 53, at home at Maytown, Saturday night.

Oak

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I read somewhere once that there are more wild blackberries in Australia than any other place in the world. I don't know how things are now, but back in the late forties and early fifties, I'd bet eastern Kentucky could have run a close second. And, I'll bet Dad knew where every vine (within walking distance of the house) was.

At about this time every year, through the end of May, when I was ten or twelve years old, we'd walk along the edge of the woods and he'd point out the little white flowers—five petals and a hairy center—and comment that long about July we would be able to go berry picking.

And, that's exactly what we'd do: "One for the bucket, and one for me."

Although I wasn't very good at it (probably because far more went in me than in the bucket) it was an activity that I rather enjoyed until, that is, the chigger attack came, usually later that night. Neither was I overly fond of the thorny thickets that seemed to produce the sweetest, biggest, juiciest

berries.

Dad would explain that the berries deepest inside the tangle of briars were for the birds, and the ones toward the outside were for us. He said the birds would eat the berries, then their droppings would plant the seeds in other parts of the woods. It made perfect sense to me, and as much as I was scratched up by just picking ones I could readily reach, I was glad I wasn't expected to dig deeper into the brambles.

Anyway, even with urban sprawl taking a good deal of the old blackberry patches, I'm glad that the blackberry is getting the attention it deserves. Now if only I could have just one more helping of Mom's old-fashioned blackberry cobbler.

Hope everyone enjoyed Easter as much as the folks at our house did. What made ours so special was the first-ever opportunity to hide the colored eggs with granddaughter Alison, who flew in from Florida with her mom and dad. Of course, it's always holiday time when she's around.

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Euro Salmon Salad
With Gorgonzola Dressing

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When you want to impress your dinner guests, good-for-you foods with a certain "wow" factor are definitely on the menu. But you also don't want to spend all day in the kitchen achieving that effect. Convenient canned or pouched Alaska salmon, a wholly natural product, can help make menu magic. Recipe-ready wild Alaska salmon is available in both cans and in pouches — right from the shelves of your grocery store.

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Euro Salmon Salad With Gorgonzola Dressing has great color, texture and the flavor pop of fresh basil, orange, toasted pecan and blue cheese. A new spin on salmon patties — Thai Salmon Cakes With Hot and Sour Sauce — will tantalize your taste buds with the irresistible blend of fresh lime, cilantro and lemon grass. Calcium, protein and omega-3s never tasted so good!

Thai Salmon Cakes With Hot and Sour Sauce

- 2 cans (14.75 ounces each) Alaska salmon, drained and chunked
- 1 tablespoon peanut or canola oil
- 3/4 cup diced yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons seeded and minced jalapeño pepper
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced lemon grass Juice and zest of 1/2 lime
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1-1/2 cups finely sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in small saucepan over medium-low heat. Add yellow onion and cook until soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic, jalapeño pepper and lemon grass; cook an additional 1 to 2 minutes. Cool.

In large bowl, combine lime juice and zest, soy sauce, sugar, green onions and cilantro. Mix well and reserve.

In small bowl, whisk eggs. Add cornstarch, salt and pepper; mix.

Add egg and cooled onion mixtures to large bowl; fold gently to mix. Add salmon and carefully fold until just combined. Form salmon mixture into 8 cakes and chill at least 30 minutes.

Pan fry salmon cakes in oil over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until heated through. Serve hot with Hot and Sour Sauce.

Hot and Sour Sauce

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chili sauce (sambal or roasted)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

Dissolve sugar in vinegar. Add chili and cilantro; mix together.

Makes 1/2 cup

Nutritional information per serving (with 1/2 dipping sauce): 444 calories, 19g total fat, 47g protein, 20g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 10g sugar, 1919mg sodium, 3.6g omega-3 fatty acids

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Substitution: For each 14.75-ounce can of salmon, you may substitute 2 cans (7.5 ounces each) traditional pack Alaska salmon OR 2 cans or pouches (6 to 7.1 ounces each) skinless, boneless salmon.

Euro Salmon Salad With Gorgonzola Dressing

- 1 can (14.75 ounces) Alaska salmon, drained and chunked, skin and bones removed (if any)
- 1 pinch garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely sliced green onions
- 8 cups torn red leaf or romaine lettuce
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 medium red onion, sliced in strips
- 3/4 cup slivered large basil leaves
- 3/4 cup pecan halves, lightly toasted
- 1 medium orange, segmented or 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange slices

In bowl, sprinkle salmon with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add lemon juice, olive oil and green onions. Gently stir, cover and refrigerate.

Arrange lettuce on 4 plates. Visually divide each plate into 5 sections. Place diced tomato on 1 section. Place red onion on second section. Fill third section with basil strips, fourth with pecans and fifth with orange segments.

Top each salad with salmon mixture. Serve with Gorgonzola Dressing.

Gorgonzola Dressing

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola or blue cheese
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard and milk until smooth. Fold in garlic and Gorgonzola. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper; mix well. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Makes 1-1/2 cups

Nutritional information per serving (with dressing): 714 calories, 56g total fat, 33g protein, 24g carbohydrate, 8g fiber, 8g sugar, 1532mg sodium, 2g omega-3 fatty acids

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550-Land/Lots

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610-Apartments

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

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Rn Day Shift Available 8:30 am -5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. High way 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222 (psa)

\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$ for information leading to the return of Very friendly YORK-SHIRE TERRIER missing since April 8 a neutered male bob tail tan face and legs with black under coat with silver gray long hair barks alot at birds and when excited can jump very high if you see this dog a large reward is your no questions asked call 886-3160 anytime. \$\$\$ REWARD \$\$\$

812 - Free

FREE PALLET: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times. *** Missing Cat ***

815-Lost & Found

Blue Eyes, short hair, Siemiese marked Friendly, outside cat male \$35.00 reward call Sarah at. *** 886-8402***

850-Personals

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$ for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burglarized the home of Edward Richie on Sat. April 3, 04 at Wayland, Ky call \$\$\$ 358-2103 \$\$\$

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8053, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal for a permit for a preparation plant, located 0.25 miles south of Ivel, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from US 23's junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 0.25 mile south of the Levisa Fork of Big Sandy.

The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by J.K. Stratton Heirs and Wendell E. Stratton. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-1258

U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK NA, FKA STAR BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIZENS BANK OF PIKEVILLE) PLAINTIFF VS. JEFF L. HALL, GENIA D. HALL, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON RELATION OF SARAH JANE SCHAAF, SECRETARY, REVENUE CABINET, FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY, KENTUCKY FORESTRY SERVICE, FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION, AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC. DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$18,587.25, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract of land, lying on Shop Fork of the left fork of Otter Creek, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: TRACT NO. 1 Beginning approximately 3 feet south of southeast corner at a brick store building owned by Robert & Shirley Hall this point being marked with 1/2" gal. pipe, thence southwest 1 ft. west and with a stone storage building said line continued beyond stone building in a southwest direction to a fence line where another 1/2" galvanized pipe marks the south west ending thence a westward direction with said fence line to the original Elkhorn Coal Co. line now known as the Old Inland Steel on Island Creek line thence northeast with said line to beginning so as to enclose approximately 1 acre of line and all buildings within said boundary. This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, by Deed dated September 18, 1981, as recorded per Deed Book 226, Page 515, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. TRACT NO. 2 Beginning at an iron pin or road right of way and in a drain; thence leaving drain with road right of way S 6° 12' W 150 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving road right of way S 75° 45' W 1160 feet to a stake; thence N 6° 12' E 150 feet to a stake thence N 75° 45' E 1160 feet to an iron pin at the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less. This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors by Deed dated February 15, 1988, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, from Bill L. Hall and Ruth Hall, his wife, as recorded per Deed Book 317, Page 047, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all

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quent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Septimious Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court Owensboro, Kentucky 42301 (800) 648-1606

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 02-CI-1036

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SIDNEY L. MEADE, INDIVIDUALLY, AND DBA MEADE'S HEATING & COOLING; MARY L. MEADE; WEST VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

Amended Judgment, entered on March 27, 2003, and Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$64,680.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Sidney L. Meade, the Male Mortgagor, from Floyd County Board of Education, by deed dated June 11, 1996, of record in Deed Book 396, Page 835, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and more particularly described as follows: Tract 1: Beginning at the state road on a telephone pole, corner to M.E. Church South's property; thence South with the line of said church property and Mrs. G. M. Hatcher's lot to within ten feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to a drain; thence North with said drain or ditch opened for said drain to the state road and the east with said road to the beginning corner. Tract 2: Beginning at the middle of the road at the corner of the yard at a rock N.E. [on the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher estate approximately 120 feet from the creek (Abbott Creek)], and from the said mentioned rock with the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher deed to the state road; thence down the road to a rock nearly opposite a locust post and a rock (approximately 100 feet from the state road for of Abbott Creek); thence down the center of road about 100 feet to the beginning corner at a rock. Tract 3: Beginning at a stone on the state road, west of the church; thence running east about 50 feet to a stone; thence running south about 50 feet to a stone; thence running west about 50 feet to a stone; thence running a straight line to the beginning. Tract 4: Beginning at the present county or state road, corner to M.E. Church South's property formerly, but now owned by the first party; thence south with the line of same and property of first party and which formerly was owned by Mrs. G.M. Hatcher, to within ten (10) feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to within twelve (12) feet of a drain; thence in a norther direction, following said drain a distance of twelve (12) feet therefrom, to the present county or state road; and thence east with said road to the beginning corner. It is expressly agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto that the conveyance of the above described tracts on the second party is subject to all previous easements, restrictions or covenants of record. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all

delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 606/886-1615

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-9015, which was last issued on 2/1/95. The application covers an area of approximately 56.30 acres, located 0.35 mile east of Martin in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.40 mile west from KY 1428's junction with Arkansas Creek Road, and located approximately 0.03 mile south of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety, in the amount of \$ 2 2 , 0 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 18 percent of the original bond amount of \$123,100.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 1/24/97.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321, by 6/11/04.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 6/14/04 at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 6/11/04.

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All construction shall comply with the Kentucky Residential Code, the Energy Efficiency Code, and the National Electric Code. Documentation from REScheck or other approved software is required, stating the building envelope exceeds the code requirements by 20 percent. Any approved septic/plumbing, and electrical installers will be responsible for all permits and inspection fees.

If you are interested in bidding on materials or performing sub-contract services, please contact Eddie Patton, Director, Low income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., 116 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, for a Statement of Qualifications, or supply a written response on your company letterhead, outlining the services or materials you have to offer. Copies of the bid package may be obtained between 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to HUD Section 3 Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 12246, and Title VI. MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID. Successful bidders will be required to submit evidence of Worker's Compensation, Builders Risk, and General Liability Insurance coverage at the time of contract signing.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5441, Renewal No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an

existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located at Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 161.88 surface acres of which 1.69 acres overlie mining area and will underlie 1,999.92 acres, of which 184.67 acres overlie permitted surface or underground mining area, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,975.44 acres.

The proposed operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and is located within Mitchell Branch of Mud Creek and also lies along Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-1321 WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. RUSSELL BRIAN MEADE DONNA LYNN MEADE DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 16th day of February 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principle sum of \$120,000.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), at public auction, on Thursday, the 6th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more

particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Prater Creek and being a part of the same land conveyed Russell Brian Meade and Donna Lynn Meade, his wife, by deed from Billy Allen Williams and Lora Virginia Williams, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 292, Page 744, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Beginning at a stake at the right of way of Highway 1426 and property line of Rudy Robinette, running west with the property line of Rudy Robinette 146 ft. to a stake, thence running south with property of Billy Williams 134ft. to a stake, thence running east with same property line of Billy Williams 73 ft. to a stake, thence running north 160 ft. with Highway 1426 to the point of beginning.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky,

real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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

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This Week: Litter

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Litter Can Kill

Not only does litter look ugly; it can cause serious harm to wild animals – even to animals that live far away from where the litter was first dropped. Some litter looks like food. Other litter can tangle animals, leaving them trapped so that they can't find food or escape predators.

Litter can wash into rivers and streams and be carried to oceans and bays. There, birds, sea turtles and even whales can become entangled. Sea turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and try to eat them. Eating plastic bags is very dangerous for any animal.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living things cause changes in the environment and some of these changes are detrimental to other organisms.

WATCH YOUR WASTE!



Problem Poppers

Do you like helium-filled balloons? They are fun to _____ and bat around.

When these balloons are let loose, they float up into the air and seem to _____. But they don't.

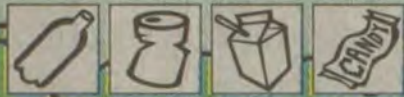
Ultimately these balloons lose their _____ and fall back to earth as litter. Some end up in the _____ where marine animals, especially sea turtles, eat them. The swallowed balloons can block air _____ or get caught in the animal's _____. Either way, balloons can be dangerous.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words and sentences.



Litter Hunt

Circle all of the litter hidden in the park. Draw a line from the litter to where it should go.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

YOU Can Help Stop Litter!

Circle the things you can do to keep your community clean and beautiful.



Standards Link: Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

Read and sign this pledge and keep it where you can see it every day!

OFFICIAL WASTE WATCHER PLEDGE

I promise not to litter.

I promise to do my part to keep my community clean and beautiful.

I promise to recycle.

Signature _____

Date _____

Double Double Word Search

TANGLE
LITTER
WASTE
PARK
PLASTIC
CLEAN
BLOCK
ANIMAL
WHALES
FLOAT
FOOD
BAYS
HELIUM
EAT
FINE

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

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

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

Weekly Writing Corner

My Favorite Tree

My favorite tree is a palm tree. Most palms grow in the tropics like Hawaii and the Bahamas. There are more than 2,800 types of palms. Can you imagine all those trees? Some palms grow a fruit called coconuts and some don't have fruit at all.

Kelsea,
5th Grade

My favorite tree is the weeping willow tree. Did you know that its scientific name is *Salix Babylonica* and that the willow was native to China and has been introduced to other parts of the world? The willow also lives a shorter time than most other trees.

Katherine,
6th Grade

I like the sycamore because it is unique. The sycamore is a large tree with patchy, peeling bark of varying colors of white, gray, green and brown. Sycamores are found throughout the eastern states. It is the largest deciduous tree in the United States, but not the tallest.

Saegan,
6th Grade

My favorite tree is the dogwood tree because they make straight arrows. They can grow up to 35 feet tall. Its berries provide food for birds and mammals and they have large, beautiful yellow and white blossoms.

Royce,
4th Grade

I like mango trees because mangoes are my favorite food. Mango trees provide good shade on hot days. When I was a baby we lived in Maui and I used to swing in a mango tree.

Rhiannon,
3rd Grade

My favorite tree is a maple tree. I like it because it is light brown and pretty. Maple syrup comes from the sap of the tree. Before they put it in bottles they add sweet stuff to the sap.

Stephanie,
3rd Grade

My favorite tree is called a redwood. It is tall, like me. I also like the magnificent red color of the bark.

Nick,
3rd Grade

Write On!

When I am Crabby I...

Deadline: May 16, 2004
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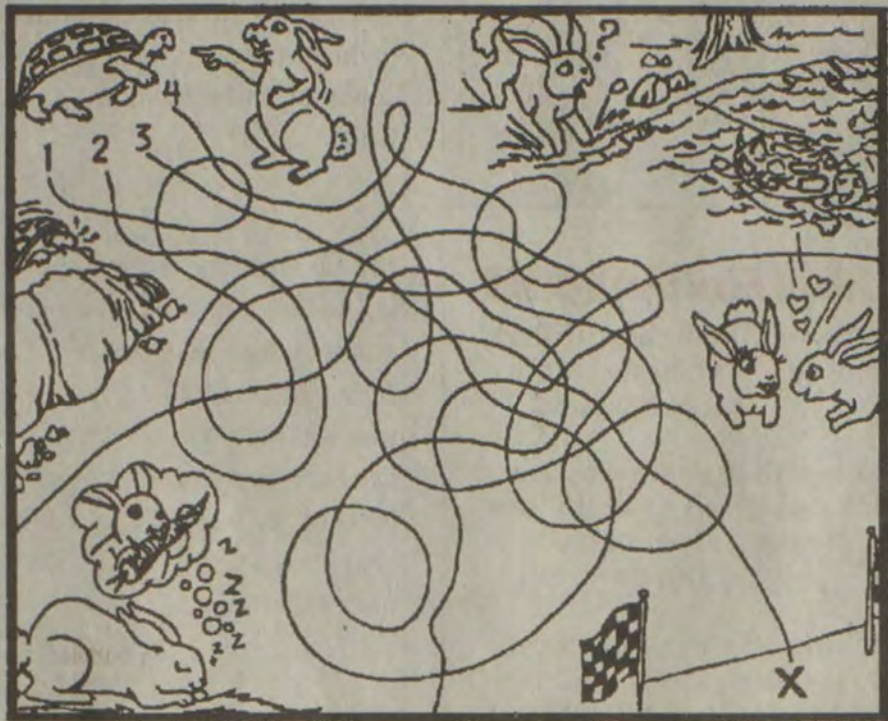
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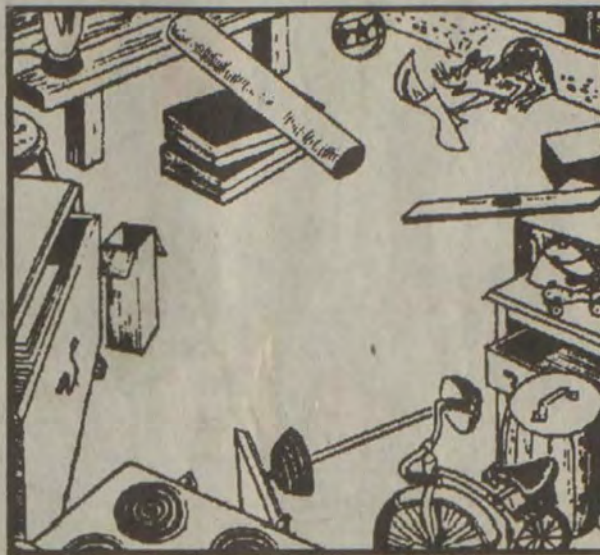
COLORING PAGE



BOUND TO WIN! Who wins the big race? The unlikely tortoise, natch. And which path reaches the finish line? You decide.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



FOLLOW THAT MOUSE ABOUT HOUSE

Instructions to mouse shown at left: Proceed to attic. Complete a circular tour around the room, hopping from object to object with this stipulation: Last two letters of each object's name must coincide with first two letters of next object encountered.

For your information, the first object on the tour is a tube. Other objects, but not in order, include a desk, teakettle, chest, bench, stove, skate, level and velocipede.

Following these instructions, see if you can trace the path of the mouse from item to item about the attic.

TRADE SCENTER! Do things need doing around the house? As need be, call one of these tradesmen: 1. PAT RINE. 2. PETER CARN. 3. MEL PRUB. 4. DAN GREER. Unscramble names for trades.

1. Painter. 2. Carpenter. 3. Plumber. 4. Gardener.

OH, SHOOT! This is a type of target shooting that also tests wits. Object is to achieve a total score of 15 in just seven shots at the target shown.

Question: How many times must you strike one, two and five individually to achieve designated score?

All seven shots must strike the target, and, oh yes, one other thing, each of the three amounts — 1, 2 and 5 — must be struck at least one time.

Remember, the idea is to score 15 in seven shots.

How quickly can you comply?

Time limit for this test is just two minutes.



Fifteen may be attained by hitting one twice, two four times, and five once.

Tour order: Tube, bench, chest, stove, velocipede, desk, skate, teakettle, level.

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DOG

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My Kid Scoop™

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My name: _____

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



Trash Trouble

Yucky! What a mess! Draw a line from each of the nine pieces of trash to the trashcan.



My Rhyme Time

Nine wads of trash
There by the gate.
Pick one up,
Then there are eight.

My Letters

T is for Trash
t is for trash



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that begin with the sound the letter T makes at the beginning of the word trash?

My Numbers

How many trashcans?

How many tomatoes?

How many teddy bears?



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

My Sentence

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



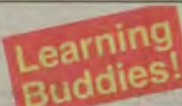
Trash is _____



Start

Finish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter T in trash.	Math Play Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Big T and Little t On one page of the newspaper search for an uppercase letter T and a lowercase letter t. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase T pairs?	Find Nine With your child, look at pictures in the newspaper to find 9 noses, 9 shoes, 9 hands. What else can you find 9 of?	Dot-to-Dot On one newspaper page, circle the number 9. Then find the number 8, then 7 and so on until you "count down" to the number 1. Have your child connect the circled numbers, starting with 9 and counting down to 1. What shape could it be?	What comes next? Starting on page one of the newspaper, turn and count the pages until you get to page 9. Then go back and pick a page, such as page 4, and ask your child, "Here is page 4, what page comes next?" Repeat with other pages from 1-9.	Nine Toss Crumple up a sheet of newspaper into a small ball. Cover the entire ball with masking tape. Toss the ball back and forth with your child counting from 1 to 9 each time the ball is caught. If someone drops the ball, start counting again.



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6	3	4	8	6	7	8	2	3	2	4	6	8
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Rational Numbers

answers

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



ACROSS

- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- One-third of 16-Across
- Fifty more than 15-Across
- Eight times 12-Down
- 1-Down plus 5-Down
- Four times 1-Across
- One-half of 7-Down
- Two times 3-Down
- 5-Across minus 14-Down
- The sum of the digits is 3-Across
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 10-Across minus 15-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Digits of 8-Across rearranged
- 4-Down minus 17-Across
- 16-Across plus 9-Down
- Digits of 2-Down reversed
- Same digit repeated

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

DOWN

- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Same digit repeated

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Looking at trees

There are five basic tree groups. Needle-leaf trees (**conifers**) such as pines and firs, and broadleaf trees, like oaks, maples, eucalyptuses and palm trees, are the most common. Unusual tropical and subtropical species include the tree fern, the ginkgo and the cycad.



Broadleaf trees are deciduous, which means they lose their leaves every autumn.

Coniferous trees generally have narrow, hard leaves known as scales or needles.

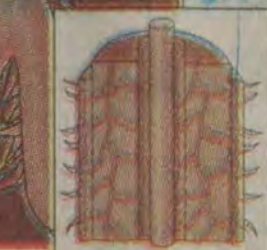
Tropical trees like the palm are broad-leaved trees.

Redwoods, eucalyptuses and sequoias can grow to a giant size. The General Sherman Tree, a sequoia in California's Sequoia National Park, is over 275 feet tall. One California redwood reached 368 feet. The tallest tree ever recorded was a **eucalyptus** that measured more than 430 feet.

Did you know? The side of a tree trunk with the most green growth and moss on it is always the side facing **north**.



Fungus facts
Unlike tree leaves, mushrooms do not have chlorophyll and cannot make their own food. They absorb their food from decaying plants.



The root of the matter

Roots are long (underground) branches of the tree trunk that serve as a tree's anchor, keeping it standing upright. Thousands of smaller, hair-like secondary roots develop off of the larger roots, absorbing the surrounding soil's water and nutrients, which are then carried to the tree's leaves via the xylem layer of the roots, trunk and branches.

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How a forest can develop

If left to nature, sometimes an abandoned field can develop into a forest:

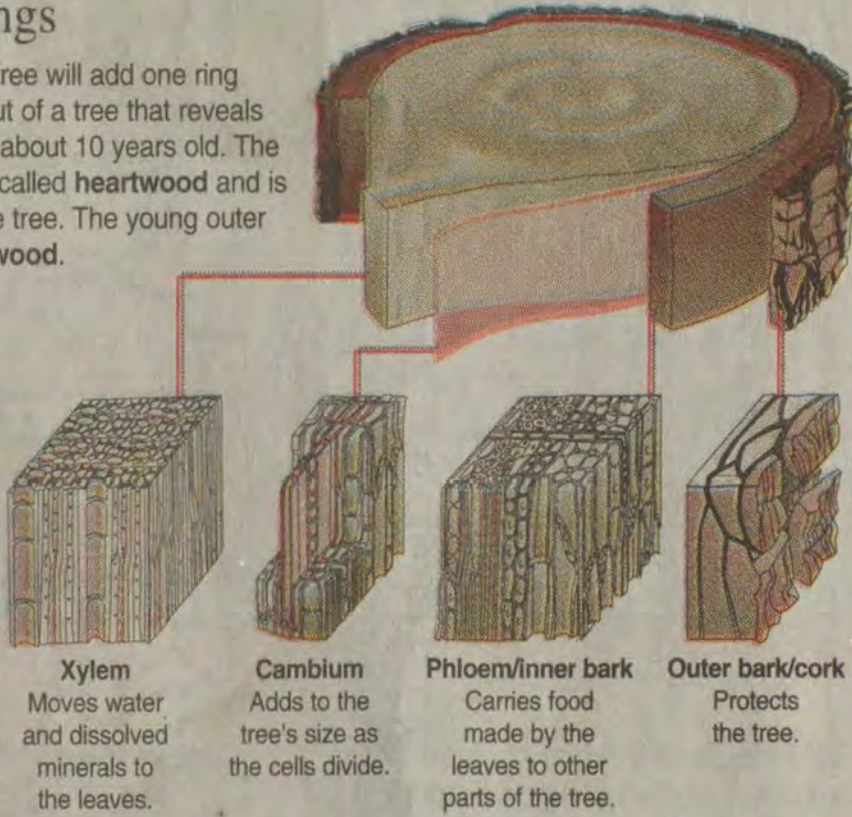


The trunk

Tree trunks consist mostly of dead wood, but they do contain layers that form a vital life-support system that carries water and minerals from the roots up to the leaves through the **xylem**, a system of small tubes. The leaves then make nutrients such as sugars and starches, which travel back to the rest of the tree through the phloem.

Counting rings

A typical hardwood tree will add one ring each year. A crosscut of a tree that reveals 10 rings is probably about 10 years old. The center of the tree is called **heartwood** and is the oldest part of the tree. The young outer xylem is called **sapwood**.



Xylem
Moves water and dissolved minerals to the leaves.

Cambium
Adds to the tree's size as the cells divide.

Phloem/inner bark
Carries food made by the leaves to other parts of the tree.

Outer bark/cork
Protects the tree.

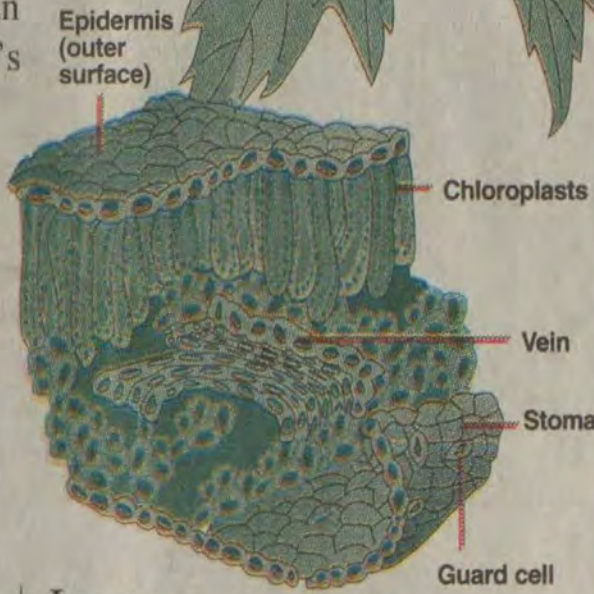
Leaf litter, fungus and algae

Mosses and ferns sometimes grow in the rotting material that gets stuck in the bark of trees. Algae and lichens also grow on trees. Algae are primitive organisms, while lichens consist of an alga and a fungus that live together as a single unit. Leaf litter is decaying leaves and twigs that collect beneath a tree, forming a spongy layer. Insects and mushrooms use it for food. In turn, they help with the decomposition of leaf litter.

Leaves

Leaves contain many different cells, each with a unique purpose.

Stomata (pl. of "stoma") are tiny pores on the outer surface of the leaf that take in air and release moisture. Guard cells protect and surround each stoma. They expand and contract to adjust the amount of carbon dioxide (needed in the foodmaking process) and water (as vapor) that enter and exit the leaf. Contained within the spongy tissue cell layers of the leaf are small bodies called chloroplasts. They contain chlorophyll, which absorbs and uses the sun's energy to split water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen, and combines the hydrogen with carbon dioxide to produce food (in simple sugar form) for the tree. This process, called **photosynthesis**, leaves oxygen as a byproduct, which escapes back into the air through the stomata.



How to plant a tree

Trees are fun to plant and good for the environment, too. Select a type of tree that will be able to thrive in the area where you want to plant it (i.e., is there enough sunlight, water and room for your tree to become full-grown?). Before you are ready to plant, keep the tree roots moist and store it out of the sun so it doesn't dry out.

Carry the tree by the container (around the root ball), not the tree trunk. Dig a hole as deep as the container and twice as wide (so that the roots can easily be spread out).

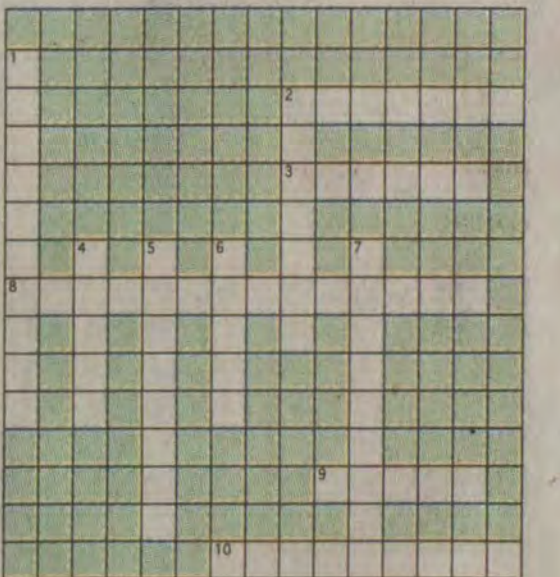
It is a good idea to put topsoil and subsoil into separate piles. Using a stake may help keep the tree straight while planting and during the tree's early growth period.

Remove the container or burlap around the root ball and carefully place the tree in the hole. Spread the roots and fill the hole, first with topsoil, which is more fertile, and then the subsoil. Pack the soil tightly and add a protective layer of mulch. Water the area around the tree right after you plant it and every day for the first few weeks.



What do you know?

- ACROSS**
- Young outer layer, or xylem, of a tree.
 - Trees are one of the — things on the planet.
 - The process of using the sun's energy to turn carbon dioxide and water into food
 - Side facing — has the most green growth.
 - Deciduous trees belong to this tree group.
- DOWN**
- Species of the tallest tree ever recorded.
 - Tiny breathing pores on a leaf's outer surface.
 - These help anchor a tree.
 - Needle trees are this kind of tree.
 - Part of a tree that carries nutrients from the roots to the leaves.
 - Name for wood found in the center of a tree.



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