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## One killed in wreck at Eastern

Times Staff Report

EASTERN — A Richmond man was killed in an accident Tuesday on Route 80. James E. Hall, 27, of Richmond, was traveling west on Route 80 at Eastern when his 1989 Nissan Sentra crossed the center median into eastbound traffic, striking an oncoming 1999 Ford Mustang driven by Ruth Sumner, 31, of Vicco. Hall, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Glenn Frazier. Sumner was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident, but suffered injuries and was transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. Later she was airlifted to Charleston, W.Va.

No passengers were in either vehicle and the accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Bryan Layne.

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Today  
**Partly cloudy**  
High: 40 • Low: 26

Thursday  
**Rain, snow**  
High: 43 • Low: 30

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## Wheelwright drug trial begins in Pikeville

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The trial of Left Beaver brothers Vernon Slone, Michael "Whitey" Slone and David Slone, as well as Bevinville resident Rodney Thornberry,

who were charged with trafficking cocaine in March of last year, officially got underway Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Monday was spent in jury selection and finished with an impaneled jury of 14 people — eight women and six men, while

Tuesday saw the first witnesses take the stand in the case.

Of the two witnesses, Brandon Slone, the second to take the stand Tuesday, became the focus of much questioning by U.S. District Attorney Roger West.

Brandon Slone, who testified that he

worked with Kentucky State Police as an undercover informant, said under oath Tuesday that he made controlled buys from Rodney Thornberry, and had also discussed buys with Whitey Slone.

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photo by Mary Music

Several concerned citizens and law enforcement officials turned out last night for the first organizational meeting of UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment & Education) which was held at May Valley Elementary School. The meeting, hosted by field representative Tim Mills, focused on creating a community coalition to combat drug problems in Floyd County. Full coverage of the meeting will be available in Friday's addition of the Times.

## Park faces fines after asbestos found in manager's office

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park faces thousands of dollars in fines after asbestos was found behind a wall taken down during remodeling of the park manager's office.

State Commerce Secretary W. James Host announced "management actions" Feb. 3 after being

notified of workplace safety citations at the Prestonsburg resort.

The Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection found "serious" violations of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Act carrying potential maximum fines totaling \$16,875. Host said the cabinet has posted a notice of the citations and potential fines,

and will immediately start an abatement process.

Park Manager Julian Slone has been placed on special administrative leave with pay pending a complete investigation, including his authority to commence this project without approval from senior manage-

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## Vote-buying brings 20 months

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County man has been sentenced to 20 months in prison for buying votes in the 1998 primary election.

Patrick Wayne Madden, 46, of Littcarr, will serve two years probation when he is released.

U.S. District Judge David

Bunning imposed the sentence Monday, saying he hopes the punishment will deter others from buying votes in eastern Kentucky.

Madden, who was not a candidate in the election, pleaded guilty. He was among a group of Knott County residents charged in an FBI crackdown on election fraud that netted 12 convictions.

Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, a former state representative, was among those caught in the crackdown. He was convicted in federal court Oct. 1 of one count of conspiracy to buy votes and two counts of buying votes.

Newsome's sentencing is

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## Manslaughter convict appeals sentence

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A hearing will be held in circuit court Friday to determine whether an inmate serving time on a manslaughter charge should be furloughed.

Hardy Kilburn, 41, of Martin, who is currently incarcerated at

the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange, acting in his own behalf, filed a motion Jan. 20 asking the court to grant him a furlough, claiming that he's already served the necessary sentence for crimes he pleaded guilty to nearly four years ago.

Kilburn, originally charged with murder and two counts of first-degree assault, pleaded

guilty to amended charges of reckless homicide and two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment on Aug. 2, 2000, after he accepted a plea deal from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

That offer, negotiated and signed by Kilburn and his attorney

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## Treasurer asking for early release

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Glen Burgess, the former Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department treasurer who pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$300,000 from that organization late last year, will be, according to motions filed Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court, seeking shock probation on those charges.

Burgess' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, filed the motion Jan. 27 and will present it during a motion hour later this week, according to court documents.

Burgess, who says he suffers from mental illnesses for which he has been taking medication,

entered an open guilty plea in October and was sentenced on Dec. 3 to a five-year term consisting of two years spent in jail and the additional three on supervised probation. Through his plea, the 52-year-old print shop owner admitted to writing checks from the department's funds and depositing them into his personal and business accounts.

The checks alone totaled approximately \$200,000, prosecutors said, while roughly \$10,000 more was taken through checks written for smaller amounts and made out to himself during a six-year period

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## Annexation still on table in Allen

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — The possibility of annexation is still on the table for the city of Allen, according to Mayor Sharon Woods, who said during a meeting Monday that the city would continue efforts to get the project moving.

During a meeting last month, city officials asked city attorney Stacy Marshall to "get the feel" of whether or not residents in

neighboring New Allen would favor annexation. The city hopes to start a petition for the annexation when they find out how the community stands on the issue.

During Monday's meeting, Marshall told council members that he has, and will continue, to "test the waters," noting that some people have expressed that they would "love to be incorporated" into Old Allen.

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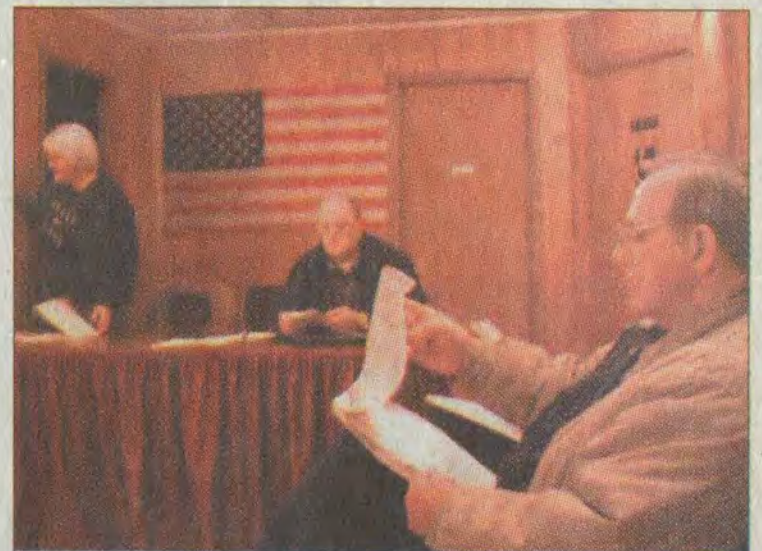


photo by Mary Music

Allen city council member Jerome Kinzer reviews one of several applications for the city's new part-time police officer position. The city received nine applications for the position, according to Mayor Sharon Woods. The council will review them and complete background checks on the top three chosen before making a final decision within the next two weeks, she said.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Surf's up, senators. State senators will soon be able to surf the Internet on the floor of the legislative chamber.

The new right doesn't come without some restrictions. A policy adopted by the Legislature's Executive Board on a 5-2 vote Monday forbids any use of sound or viewing of video on the computers in the chamber. Nor can the computers be used for personal or financial gain.

"No porn channels then?" Sen. Jim Cudaback jokingly asked.

"We wouldn't recommend porn channels," replied Sen. Chris Beutler.

Even with the restrictions under the new policy, Sen.

Ernie Chambers said senators will be free to look at almost anything they want on the Internet.

"How are you going to enforce this without someone ratting?" he asked.

Enforcement is left to the 10-member Executive Board, which helps set legislative policies.

Chambers and Sen. Gene Tyson voted against giving senators access to cyberspace in the legislative chamber.

"I don't see the point," Tyson said. Senators should be focused on debate and having Internet access could be a distraction, he said.

■ **OLYMPIA, Wash.** — This justice gives new meaning to the words "bench press."

State Supreme Court Justice Faith Ireland won her second national powerlifting championship over the weekend, grabbing a spot for herself on the USA Masters Team for world competition.

On Saturday, the 61-year-old justice broke the American squat record for her age and weight with a 198-pound lift. In the deadlift, Ireland set a personal record of 253 pounds.

She's proudest of her 133-pound bench press — not just because it set another national record, but because she achieved her long-standing personal goal of benching more than her 130-pound weight.

"That's kind of a mark among people who lift weights," the gym-savvy judge explained. "At my age, I'm happy to do it!"

Twenty years ago, Ireland was overweight, out-of-shape and nearly crippled by back pain from a car accident. She started lifting weights about four years ago as physical therapy for her back, and says it has transformed her life.

■ **SAVANNAH, Ga.** — What's red, white and blue, runs off a 72-volt battery and has a top speed of 25 mph? The president's official Bushmobile for the summer Group of Eight summit.

G-8 organizers on Monday unveiled the electric car — which resembles a golf cart the size of a Volkswagen Beetle — customized for President Bush to cruise around Sea Island during the June 8-10 meeting of world leaders.

Leaders of the remaining seven countries attending the summit in coastal Georgia need not be jealous. They'll each get similar rides decked out with decal motifs based on their own national flags.

The cars are made by Global Electric Motorcars of Fargo, N.D., a subsidiary of Daimler Chrysler. With 12-inch wheels and open sides, they work as high-end golf carts.

But they're also street legal in areas where the speed limit is 35 mph or less, with seat belts, headlights, mirrors and even windshield wipers as standard features.

■ **BRENTWOOD, N.H.** — You'd think a governor would want to get out of jury duty, but Gov. Craig Benson is looking forward to it.

Benson reported for jury duty Monday morning at Rockingham County Superior

Court and was picked to be back in court at 10 a.m. Wednesday for a criminal case.

"It's the very first time I've been called to jury duty," Benson said, adding that he was

(See **ODDS**, page six)

## Double drug defendant asks to amend charges

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

■ **PRESTONSBURG** — Lancer resident Penny Branham, who has been arrested during the county's last two drug roundups on drug trafficking charges, will ask the court Friday to consider an amendment to the charges brought against her in an April indictment.

Branham was arrested at her home in Lancer on a warrant following a single-count indictment

on April 8 charging her with drug trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school. Branham's home is within blocks of nearby Adams Middle School.

Branham was taken into custody, along with a record 36 other Floyd County residents, when members of the Floyd County Drug Task Force arrived at her home for the arrest, claiming then that Branham was found flushing a bag of processed marijuana down the toilet when police entered the home.

Branham was free on bond when, during a second roundup, she was arrested on a second time on drug trafficking charges.

Branham's attorneys filed a motion Jan. 29 asking that the charge be amended. Court documents were not available to specify exactly what amendments Branham is seeking in her motion.

A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 6, at which time the court will consider Branham's motion.

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2004. There are 331 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors unanimously chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

**On this date:**

■ In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

■ In 1801, John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States.

■ In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

■ In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

■ In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

■ In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

■ In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

■ In 1976, more than 22,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala and Honduras.

■ In 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32.

■ In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

**Ten years ago:**

The Federal Reserve increased interest rates for the first time in five years in a surprise announcement that triggered a huge sell-off on Wall Street; the Fed said the move was designed to head off any recurrence of high inflation.

**Five years ago:**

Gravely ill with lymphatic cancer, Jordan's King Hussein left the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and was flown home. Senators at President Clinton's impeachment trial voted to permit the showing of portions of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition. In a case that caused a firestorm, Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, was shot and killed in front of his Bronx home by four plainclothes New York City police officers.

**One year ago:**

President Bush visited the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where he led a tribute to the lost crew of the shuttle Columbia and rededicated

the nation to space travel. A rare television interview with Saddam Hussein aired in which the Iraqi leader charged that U.S. claims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in his country were a pretext to seize Iraq's oil fields. Lawmakers formally dissolved Yugoslavia and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro. Opera singer Jerome Hines died in New York at age 81.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 91. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 83. Actor William Phipps is 82. Actor Conrad Bain is 81. Actor Gary Conway is 68. Movie director George A. Romero is 64. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 63. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 60. Comedian David Brenner is 59. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 57. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 56. Actor Michael Beck is 55. Actress Pamela Franklin is 54. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 52. Rock singer Tim Booth is 44. Rock musician Henry Bogdan (Helmet) is 43. Country singer Clint Black is 42. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 38. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 34. Singer David Garza is 33. Actor Michael Goorjian is 33. Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 29. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 29. Rapper Cam'ron is 28.

**Thought for Today:**

"No human creature can give orders to love." — George Sand, French author (1804-1876).

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**Trial**

West asked Brandon Slone about the buys and then played recordings for jury members of an alleged conversation between Whitey Slone and Brandon Slone about prices for cocaine purchases.

West contended to the jury and to U.S. District Judge David Bunning, that the tape revealed Whitey Slone pricing an ounce of cocaine for \$1,400 and a quarter ounce of cocaine for \$375.

Prosecutors then turned their

attention to a series of alleged buys they said occurred on March 13, 18 and 24 between Rodney Thornsberry and Brandon Slone.

Brandon Slone testified he purchased an ounce of cocaine for \$1,700 from Thornsberry on March 13, for which West provided the jury and the court an audio recording and a written transcript. Another alleged buy, which Brandon Slone swore took place on March 18, supplied the court with both audio

and video evidence presented by West and viewed by the court just before 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

The video depicts what prosecutors said was a drug transaction between Brandon Slone and Rodney Thornsberry at Thornsberry's home in Bevinsville. During this alleged buy, Brandon Slone testified to purchasing two ounces of cocaine for \$3,300.

"We were trying to increase the amount of the buys a little at a time," Brandon Slone said during his testimony Tuesday.

Video recordings of the March 18 buy revealed fleeting shots of Thornsberry at home speaking with Brandon Slone, who was fitted with a camera hidden inside his jacket, and provided the court with audio recordings of Brandon Slone counting out money. In one

frame, Brandon Slone holds up what appears to be a small bag directly in front of the camera after counting out money.

A third video recording prosecutors said was of a March 24 controlled buy showed Thornsberry greeting Brandon Slone at his home, taking another \$3,300 request and then leaving to supposedly obtain the two ounces Slone had asked for.

West questioned Brandon Slone about the March 24 video, and was told he and KSP Detective Randy Hunter, who oversaw his work as an undercover informant, had passed a vehicle thought to be Vernon Slone's on the way to make their purchase at Thornsberry's home.

"We told him (Thornsberry) that we had passed Vernon's truck on the way up and that he might not be there," said

Brandon Slone.

Brandon Slone testified that, on this March 24 trip, Thornsberry left the home and returned some time later without the cocaine.

According to testimony from Brandon Slone, Thornsberry told him to return later that day and that he would have what he needed. A return trip was caught on audiotape only, prosecutors said, because the weather was too hot by that afternoon for Slone to wear a jacket that could conceal the camera.

After several hours of testimony, Judge Bunning stopped proceedings just before 5 p.m., saying court would reconvene at 9 a.m. this morning.

Trial will continue today with

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# Hit-and-run defendant seeks bond reduction

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tracy Dean Yates, the man police say was the driver responsible for the death of 2-year-old Stacia Collins following a hit-and-run accident along Mud Creek in 2002, has filed motions to have his bond reduced, according to documents filed Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Yates, who was arrested shortly after Stacia Collins was killed in a two-car accident along

Honaker when police discovered his abandoned Park Avenue and linked the vehicle back to him, saw Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner ask for a \$25,000 full cash bond during court proceedings this past October.

Turner said the bond issue was considered because Yates' district court case had lapsed.

The bond amount was requested after Turner stipulated the "seriousness" of the charges against Yates.

It is alleged that Yates fled the scene of the accident at Honaker after crashing his wife's 1989 Park Avenue into the Collins' vehicle, killing 2-year-old Stacia Collins, despite attempts to revive her at the scene, and injuring her mother and father, Stacy and Denise Collins, and her older brother.

Jail officials Tuesday said Yates was currently being held without bond, although a \$25,000 full cash bond was the only request made by the commonwealth in October.

# Asbestos

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ment and the department's safety and compliance branch. Frankfort official John Paul, assistant director of parks, will serve as acting park manager.

Parks department official Jim Carroll said that no further asbestos testing has been conducted in the park and operations will continue as usual.

# Appeal

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ney, stipulated that Kilburn receive a total of five years for the charges against him in return for a guilty plea — two-and-a-half years on the reckless homicide sentence running consecutively with two other concurrent two-and-a-half-year sentences.

According to his indictment, Kilburn caused the death of a passenger in his car, Randall Elkins, on May 19, 1998, when he wrecked while driving under the influence of marijuana and alcohol. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Kilburn struck two other vehicles, driven by Paul Delone and Darrell Bartley during the incident, injuring them in the accident.

Kilburn entered prison July 21, 2000, and was administratively discharged on Dec. 31, 2001, according to his court record. In April 2002, former Gov. Paul Patton issued an order restoring his civil rights to vote and hold public office, a fact, Kilburn says in his motion, shows that his time has already been served on the reckless homicide charge.

A few months following the Patton's proclamation, Kilburn was arrested again on a parole violation. According to a citation issued on Aug. 23, 2002, Kilburn violated his parole by drinking nine beers, by possessing ammunition, and by possessing a controlled substance — 56 pills in an unmarked bottle, later identified as Topiramate.

Following that violation, Kilburn was again resentedenced by Circuit Judge Danny P.

Caudill, who, in Oct. 2002, handed down the same sentence imposed prior to Kilburn's release two years earlier.

In his motion, Kilburn claims the five-year sentence is "incorrect."

Included in his file is a petition of signatures from at least 50 community members who said that Kilburn deserved a "second chance" when he applied for shock probation in 2000 and 2003, which was denied.

# Allen

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"I talked to some people who said they would love to be incorporated into the city," he said, "but I think some of the business owners weren't too excited about it."

Marshall said business owners in New Allen who oppose annexation expressed concerns about occupational and other taxes, a fact which city manager Bill Parsons said wasn't necessary because no occupational tax would be imposed on those businesses.

Marshall also said that some residents who favor annexation do so because they fear that they will eventually be annexed by the city of Prestonsburg.

"We'll just keep checking," Woods said during the meeting. "It will take a little time, so we'll just keep it [on the city's agenda]... We just have to take it day by day."

According to Parsons, the city attempted and failed with proposals of annexation on three occasions, the last of which was approximately 24 years ago.

Annexation would incorporate several businesses, includ-

ing the Dollar General Store, the Quick Mart, and approximately 800 to 900 new residents, Parsons said, many of whom live in hollows along U.S. 23.

Council member Ray Parsons suggested that the council host a town meeting to discuss the possibility of annexation.

"That's a good idea," said Woods, who told members they would set a date for the meeting after they get things scheduled and in order.

Approximately 350 residents currently live in Old Allen.

In other news, the council also:

- Discussed the demolition of two dilapidated houses within city limits. Marshall reported to the council that the county may possibly pick up the tab for the demolition of one of the houses, because it poses a danger on a county road.
- Discussed the opening of Jacob's Ladder Love Food Pantry. According to Woods everything is "looks real good" with the project. She and council member Cindy Parsons, who will run the pantry at the city's old police station, have met and will continue to meet with state officials regarding project funding. Since funds have already been allocated to food pantries throughout the state, said Woods, the pantry will be working on a voluntary basis this year.
- Reviewed applications for a part-time city police officer. The city received nine applications, according to Woods, with the majority of applicants having prior experience in the firefighting and security fields. Council members will pick three of the most favorable applicants for interviews and background checks prior to hiring within the next two weeks, she said.

# Mother charged with abuse

by **JAMIE L. VANCE**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Angela Woods, 33, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Jan. 30, and charged with fourth-degree assault and second-degree criminal abuse to her 14-year-old daughter.

The teen told police that after accidentally waking her mother Friday afternoon there was a short verbal confrontation, after which she proceeded to her bedroom with a friend. Her mother followed, allegedly slapping her

# Treasurer

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while he worked as treasurer for the department.

When entering his plea, Burgess agreed to pay \$45,000 up front, offered annual payments of \$10,000 and submitted his vehicles for forfeiture in order to pay back the amount he confessed to embezzling between April 1995 and August 2001.

Fire department officials, stunned that Burgess had concealed his process of funneling money from the organization for so long while the department struggled to make basic bills, such as utility payments, said

shortly after Burgess pleaded guilty that finances were beginning to improve.

Burgess' motion for shock probation is scheduled to be heard on Feb. 6 before Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill.

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# Sentence

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scheduled for March 16. He faces three to 15 years in prison.

Another Knott County man, Willard Smith, was convicted in the same trial of one count of conspiracy to buy votes and four counts of buying votes. Smith faces five to 25 years in prison at his sentencing on Feb. 17.

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Our View

## Keeping government open the duty of all

It's a simple move, really, but it's one that makes sense — one which we especially appreciate. The state House of Representatives unanimously voted last week to require all of the state's elected officials to sign a statement indicating that they have read the Open Records and Open Meetings laws. The measure now needs the Senate's approval and the governor's signature before becoming law. We hope it does. There have been a few times over the years when, in our quest to obtain news, we've encountered public officials along the way who have tried to prevent us from seeing certain records or attending certain meetings. It is almost as if these officials, and there aren't too many, have never even heard of the state's Open Records or Open Meetings laws, which are designed to put as much information in the hands of the public as possible, with very few exceptions. If this bill becomes a reality, we can be satisfied not only will they have heard about these laws, but that they have also read them. There shouldn't be too many misunderstandings after that, although there might be a disagreement or two over what exemptions are exempt. In addition to making our jobs easier, this bill really has the potential to make local government better by making it more accessible to ordinary citizens. But therein lies the rub: because officials know to what information the public is entitled, doesn't mean the public necessarily knows. Toward that end, we offer our readers an assignment of 100 points. For years, the Democracy Resource Center, a Lexington-based public advocacy group, has published a wonderful booklet that is designed to give readers an easy-to-understand overview of the state's Open Records and Open Meetings laws. You can now download the booklet over the internet at Democracy Resource Center's website. To get it, just visit [www.kydrcc.org](http://www.kydrcc.org), click on "Publications & Tools" and, in the menu that opens, look for a link reading "Beyond Voting: A Citizen's Guide to Opening Local Government." Once you click on that link, the booklet will either open in your browser or download to your computer. Making government open is best for all. It keeps government honest, it keeps citizens more informed, and it helps create a better society. Requiring elected officials to brush up on how to keep government open is a good first step. The rest of the work belongs to the rest of us.

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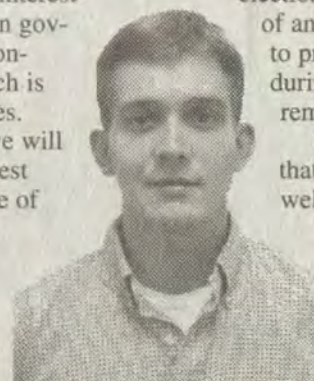
## Sticks & Stones

### Too much partying

With the election of Kentucky's first Republican governor since Louie Nunn stepped to the plate in 1967, coupled, at the same time, with the downfall of the Dems crown prince, Ben Chandler, we now have more emphasis than ever being placed on party affiliation. Too much actually. It was reported that at Nunn's funeral this past week, three former governors attended the funeral. It was also pointed out that the three former gov's were all Democrats. Yes, I would think so, considering the last Republican governor before Nunn, of course, was Simeon S. Willis, who

served from 1943 to 1947 and died in 1965. The concern is that too much focus is being placed on party goals and party accomplishments and the interesting dynamics a Republican governor brings to the commonwealth in general that much is lost in terms of basic issues. In a very short while we will be voting to elect the newest member of the state House of Representatives, and very little has been said from either on the issues, other than some broad, over-the-water-cooler thoughts. And it's worth mentioning that candidates Chuck Meade and Bobby Stumbo will not be the only ones climbing a stump come May. Something that people might be forgetting is that whether Meade or Stumbo wins the special election later this month, the two

will still have to face other candidates in May, a lot of other candidates. Of course, no one is arguing that the victorious candidate will, following the election on Feb. 17, hold something of an edge. They have the chance to prove themselves by January during their time serving out the remainder of Stumbo's term. But that sword has two edges that need not be overlooked, as well. The successful candidate will also have until January to reveal that he is potentially unfit for the office. In any case, none of us is very prepared to make too many judgments about the qualifications of either candidate, considering so very little is known about their respective agendas. We should ask more of these candidates, and those with a hand in gathering them.



SHELDON COMPTON

(See STICKS, page eight)

## Guest Column

### Connecting license plates with nature and conservation

by WILLIAM H. MARTIN

There are now over 100,000 vehicles in Kentucky with a nature license plate. This milestone was recently passed without any fanfare when a Kentucky vehicle owner spent an extra \$10 to display a viceroxy butterfly, cardinal or bobcat on the rear of his or her vehicle. I don't know who it was, but I want to take this opportunity to thank that person and all 100,000 people who have made a choice to display a nature license plate. Each of you is showing that you sup-

port and contribute to conservation in Kentucky, specifically the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund. Creation of the fund was a major environmental initiative of Gov. Brereton Jones. Establishing the fund and the license plate program was broadly supported and passed by the 1994 General Assembly. The first nature plates were sold in 1995. The first plates displayed a Kentucky warbler and tulip tree (the state tree). Fewer than 5,000 were sold in the first year, but they were on the road and getting attention. With additional plates and choices, over 100,000 have now been sold or renewed in less than 12 months! The nature license plate has been a win-win program for all Kentuckians. The extra \$10 for a nature license plate is combined with other revenue to create

the KHLCF to purchase important natural areas and wildlife habitats across Kentucky. The lands that are acquired must meet at least one of four criteria, including:
 

- Natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species.
- Areas important to migratory birds.
- Areas such as wetlands that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss.
- Areas in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

 Since 1995, almost 21,000 acres across Kentucky have now been conserved with these funds. Acquisitions from willing sellers include:
 

- Crowe's Chase in Henry County, the first outdoor environmental education facility in the United States to

be developed for the blind and visually impaired.
 

- Portions of Blanton Forest in Harlan County, the largest old-growth forest in Kentucky and the 13th-largest old-growth tract in the eastern United States.
- The forests and fields surrounding Lincoln's boyhood home in Larue County, now managed by the National Park Service.
- Four important tracts at the Jefferson Memorial Forest in Jefferson County, making it the largest publicly-owned urban forest in the United States.
- Letrouneau Woods, a wonderfully preserved bottomland hardwood forest in Fulton County.

 The ongoing purchases and protection of significant natural areas and wildlife habitat are important to each

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# Health Extra

## State's bad dental history creates expensive problems

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's woeful dental health leads to greater overall health problems, especially among the state's poorest residents, dentists say.

New federal statistics show that more than 42 percent of Kentuckians 65 and older have lost all their permanent teeth. That's about 213,000 people.

"The underlying reality is that Kentucky's population, particularly the poor part of its population, is really ill," said Dr. James Cecil, a University of Kentucky dentistry professor who serves as administrator of oral health for the state's Health Services Cabinet.

A November report by the group Kentucky Youth Advocates showed that two-thirds of Kentucky children eligible for dental services for the poor didn't receive them.

Cecil and other experts told The Courier-Journal of Louisville that poor oral health is hurting Kentucky economically just as much as heart disease, obesity or diabetes.

Preventive dental care for a child's first six years of life costs \$200 to \$250, but if the teeth are neglected and become diseased, a hospital stay and surgery cost \$5,000, which in many cases is paid by the tax-funded Medicaid program, Cecil said.

Because it involves pain,

inflammation and the spread of germs throughout the body, dental disease also worsens heart disease, diabetes and other major problems that boost the state's health care burden, he said.

For example, by passing on an infection to the fetus, a mother's poor oral health is responsible for 10 percent or more of the pre-term low-birth-weight babies born nationwide, studies show. A pre-term birth increases a child's risk for death, mental retardation, blindness, lung disease and other health problems.

In a recent survey, reported Dec. 19 by the Centers for

Disease Control, Kentucky edged out West Virginia for the top spot in toothlessness.

The study on toothlessness by the CDC concluded that tooth loss nationwide was more prevalent among the less educated, those with lower incomes and people reporting fair or poor general health. It also occurred more often among blacks than whites.

The authors of the study called special attention to the "adverse effects of cigarette smoking, which accounts for approximately half of all cases of periodontal disease in the United States."

But toothlessness is accept-

ed in many parts of the state as a natural step in growing older.

"People say, 'My mom had her teeth out at 22 and my teeth are bad and now I'm going to have mine out,'" said Dr. J. David Hardison of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

The dental association's main focus is getting legislation that would require children to have a dental exam before entering school, said Michael Porter, executive director of the Kentucky Dental Association.

Such a bill has been introduced several times in past years but has met stiff opposition and died each time.

## Pizza, hold the crust? Pizza makers painfully consider low-carb dough

by MARTIN FINUCANE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Pizza might be hailed as the food of the gods, one of America's best-loved meals, a hearty delectable dish that fills the stomach and seems to soothe the soul.

But to low-carb dieters, it's just a gut-busting disk of dough.

And that has caused pizza makers around the nation to

wonder if the low-carb craze will force changes in one of America's best-loved foods.

They're saying, "Hey, we've got a problem here. Pizza's built on bread. It's the No. 1 enemy of the Atkinites," said Tom Boyles, senior editor of PMQ Magazine, a publication that follows the pizza industry.

Boyles has a word for those who want to avoid carbohydrates: "carbavoids."

Although industry sales haven't taken a hit yet, some pizza operators are considering offering customers low-carb pizzas.

"Pizza operators are asking themselves, 'Do I want to do this?' and they're bouncing the idea back and forth," Boyles said. "It's at that point where they're going, 'Just how far is this going to go?'"

According to the National Association of Pizzeria Operators, about 3 billion pizzas are sold each year in the United States by about 40,000 shops.

At the same time, low-carb diets like the Atkins, South Beach and Zone have gained wider popularity. A Harris Interactive poll done last summer for Novartis Consumer Health Inc. estimated that 32 million Americans were on some kind of high-protein, low-carb diet.

Doug Ferriman, owner of Crazy Dough's Pizza Co. in Cambridge's Harvard Square, said he didn't think low-carb dieters would put "too much of a dent" in the pizza business,

but he had clipped a recipe for low-carb dough from an industry publication and was going to try it in the spring.

"We're going to have to fiddle around with it for a while," he said.

Some local pizza shop owners and some smaller chains

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# Obituary

## Jack Carlton Hufford

Jack Carlton Hufford, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away, Monday, February 2, 2004, husband of Treva Conley Hufford, formerly of Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons: Pete Hufford of Dayton, Ohio, Steven Hufford of Englewood, Ohio, and Richard Hufford of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters: Kathy Hufford of Shalott, North Carolina, and Jacklyn Hufford

of Dayton, Ohio; three grandchildren: James Frampton, Christine Hufford and Tyler Hufford.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, February 6, at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roger Hicks officiating.

Burial will follow in the W. F. Conley Cemetery at Garrett.

(Paid obituary)

## Helen Joan Bowling

Helen Joan Bowling, 71, of Warren, Indiana, died at 2:50 p.m., on Sunday, February 1, 2004, at the Hospice Home of Northeast, Indiana, in Fort Wayne.

She was born on January 19, 1933, in Huntington, a daughter of Ilo James and Helen Frances Parks Kaylor. She was a homemaker and also worked as a production inspector at E-Systems/Memcor for 28 years, retiring in 1995.

She was united in marriage to Luther Bowling on December 20, 1952. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2001.

Survivors include two sons: Steven N. Bowling, and Tristan L. Bowling, both of Warren; four daughters: Mrs. Russell (Jean) Freestone, Mrs. John (Karleen) Herring, both of Warren; Mrs. Jim (Cheri) Britten and Mrs. Jimmy (Trilyn) Asher, both of Huntington; three brothers: Max Kaylor Sr., of Huntington, Gordon Kaylor of Louisiana, and Thomas Kaylor of Texas; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons: Cris Bowling and James Bowling; two brothers: James Kaylor and Robert Kaylor; and a sister, Betty Kaylor.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 4, at 11 a.m., at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, with Bishop Elzie Spencer officiating.

Interment will be at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, in Huntington County.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, or to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

To sign Mrs. Bowling's online guest registry, visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com) and click on obituaries.

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## Ralph Vernon Frye

Ralph Vernon Frye, age 81, of Martin, passed away, Saturday, January 31, 2004, in St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia, following an extended illness.

He was born December 12, 1923, at Williamson, West Virginia, the son of the late Haskell Frye Sr., and Minnie Runyon Frye.

He was retired from the C&O Railroad Co., a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Martin Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Music Frye; one son, Charles Gordon Frye of Martin; two brothers: Haskell Frye Jr., of Lexington, and Hubert Frye of Martin; one sister, Marlene Arms of Columbus, Ohio, and one grandchild, Aaron Tyler Frye.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Kenneth Frye, and Eugene Frye.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Roy Harlow officiating.

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

To sign the register online, go to: [www.hallfuneralservice.com](http://www.hallfuneralservice.com)

Pallbearers: Aaron Frye, Rex Music, Rick Music, Keith Caudill, Steven Caudill, and Haskel Frye, III.

(Paid obituary)

## Frank Conn

Frank Conn, age 84, of Printer, husband of the late Ida Macel Roberts Conn, passed away, Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born August 20, 1920, in Printer, the son of the late Melvin Conn and Caldonia Stumbo Conn.

He was a retired C&O Railroad section operator, a WW II Army veteran, a member of the DAV Garrett Chapter, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include one son, Terry Lee Conn of Ashland; one daughter, Janice Mullins of Blue River; two brothers, Dewey Conn of Martin, Jack Conn of Nashville, Tennessee; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin, with the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Military services were conducted by the DAV Chapter 128, of Garrett.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Jerry R. Butler

Jerry R. Butler, age 69, of Gahanna, Ohio, formerly of Drift, passed away, February 2, 2004, following a brief illness.

He was born November 6, 1934, the son of the late Robert and Jessie Butler of Printer. He was employed as a Quality Control Technician for Reynolds Building Products.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Katherine (Roseman) Butler.

Other survivors include one son, Jerry M. (Tara) Butler of Hilliard, Ohio; daughters: Teresa Butler of Gahanna, Ohio, and Connie (David) Gaiser of New Albany, Ohio; three granddaughters: Katherine, Victoria, and Allana; brothers: George (Carol) Butler of Orient, Ohio, and Phillip (Vicki) Butler of Printer; sisters: Louise Grubb of Prestonsburg, Peggy (Freer) Martin of Galena, Ohio, and Barbara (Bill) Bevins of Printer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert G. Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 5, at Schoedinger Northeast Chapel in Gahanna, Ohio.

Burial will be in the Mifflin Township Cemetery, Gahanna, Ohio. (Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.)

## James Barnett

James Barnett, age 88, of Martin, passed away, Monday, January 26, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born February 23, 1915, in Martin, the son of the late William Johnson Barnett and Ella Mae Stephens Barnett.

Survivors include one son, Frank Barnett of Georgetown; one daughter, Mary Marguerite Price of Centerburg, Ohio; one brother, Hallie Barnett of Martin; one sister, Alka Mae Schott of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren: Melinda (Dan) Reardon, Angela (Bryan) Gilmore, and Frederick Nicklaus; three great-grandchildren: Chelsea Gilmore, Celina Gilmore and Liam Gilmore.

Funeral services for James Barnett were conducted Thursday, January 29, at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergymen Don and Randolph Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Barnett Cemetery, at Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Jettie Sparks Shreve would like to extend their appreciation to all the friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thank-you to Ada Leslie, Wilma Campbell, Rita Davis, and Billie Lockhart for the special care they gave our mother. Also, a special thanks to Robert S. Powers, Jack Adkins, Floyd and Johnson County Sheriff's Depts., Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and 3rd Ave. Freewill Baptist Church.

THE FAMILY OF JETTIE SPARKS SHREVE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Shirley Osborne Brown 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 comforting words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to Clergymen Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye, Brad Tackett and Brent Tackett, 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 SHIRLEY OSBORNE BROWN

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ronda Rowe 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, and any acts of kindness. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Riverview Health Care staff, Highlands Regional Medical Center, doctors and nursing staff, 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 RONDA ROWE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Elsworth Lee Crum would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Ernest Reynolds for his 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.

THE FAMILY OF ELSWORTH LEE CRUM

## Card of Thanks

The family of Teresa Hall Taylor would like to express our deepest appreciation to all those who helped in any way to comfort us during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for your prayers and words of support, the flowers, and food, and all of the acts of kindness that you showed our family. We would like to extend a special thank-you to the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, and ministers Belmont Johnson and Barry G. Clark, for their comforting words, and to The Witnesses and Charles Adkins, for their songs of inspiration. Yours acts of love and kindness will never be forgotten. We would also like to thank the Kentucky State Police, and the Sheriff's Department, for traffic control, and thank Hall Funeral Home for their kind, professional and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF TERESA HALL TAYLOR

## Card of Thanks

The family of Stephanie Leigh Shepherd would like to sincerely thank the members of the Maytown Baptist Church, the Sidney Missionary Baptist Church, the faculty/staff and the students of John M. Stumbo Elementary, the faculty/staff and the students of Betsy Layne High School, and the faculty/staff of May Valley Elementary, the faculty/staff and the students of Mountain Christian Academy, the faculty/staff of Beltry High School, the faculty/staff of Bevins Elementary, relatives, and friends and neighbors. We appreciate and are so thankful for your continued prayers, your help, your kindness, the many flowers, the delicious food, and your blessings through these difficult times. God has truly blessed us daily through all of you. A special thank-you to Stacy Ousley, Teresa Newsome, Mike Cooley, and Rev. Bob Varney, for spiritual and emotional support; thanks to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. Thank you to all of Steph's friends in the counseling profession of which she poured out her heart and soul.

Stephanie was a Christian, devoted wife, caring mother, friend, and dedicated educator. She is missed dearly, but we have a great peace, knowing that she lives on in Heaven and that her love is in each of our hearts forever. Stephanie said she didn't know how anyone could go through any illness without God. It was Steph's prayer, and is our prayer, that God bless each of you and your families.

THE FAMILY OF STEPHANIE LEIGH SHEPHERD

## Reecie Wheeler Bryant

Reecie Wheeler Bryant, 90, of Price, died Saturday, January 31, 2004, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born October 7, 1913, at Whitehouse, she was the daughter of the late Lenville and Nellie Booth Wheeler. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Price.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Silas Bryant.

Survivors include six sons: Lonnie Bryant of Martin, Lloyd Bryant, Larry Bryant, Gary Bryant and Lester Bryant, all of Price; and Harold Bryant of Lorain, Ohio; four daughters: Rowlena Willis of Martin, Betty Bryant and Nellie Mullins, both of Price; and Cheryl Davis, of Albion, Michigan; a sister, Verlie Vanhoose of River; 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Bryant; a daughter, Constance Bryant; two sisters: Ethel Ward and Lenchie Welch; and one great-grandchild, Donna Sue Mullins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Ida Flora King Blankenship

Ida Flora King Blankenship, 62, of Teaberry, died Friday, January 30, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born June 17, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Shiller and Molly Kendrick King.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Lee Blankenship.

Survivors include three sons: Bennett Lee Blankenship and Ivel Ray Blankenship, both of Teaberry; and Gary Edward Blankenship of McDowell; a daughter, Teresa Lynn Causey of Teaberry; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Blankenship of McDowell; a son-in-law, Keith Causey of Teaberry; four brothers: Jack King and Shiller Edward King, both of Harold; Earl King of Illinois and Junior Johnson of St. Petersburg, Florida; three sisters: Sarah Stevens of Louisa, Evonell Justice of Harold, and Nora Brown of Texas; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Albert King, Oscar King, John Sam King and Waverly King; and three sisters: Jane Stevens, Martha Harness, and Elizabeth McIntosh.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Edward Blankenship Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Odds


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impressed by the pool of 165 potential jurors for several pending cases. He was excused from two civil cases but chosen for a criminal case.

"Nobody kicks up their heels when they're called for jury duty," he said, "but these were very civic-minded people in a solemn responsibility, being asked whether to send somebody to jail or in a civil case costing somebody a lot of money."

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# Community Calendar

## CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**TO HOLD MEETING**  
Who: Floyd County Retired Teachers Association  
What: February 5, 2004, meeting, 10 a.m.  
Where: Jenny Wiley Lodge State Park  
Speaker: Zina Goble, HRMC, Heart Rehabilitation.  
Call: 886-8978 for information.

### D.A.V. MEMORIAL FLAG

Betsy Layne Chapter 169 of the Disabled American Veterans is accepting donations to erect a memorial flag at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel. The flag will be dedicated to honor all deceased veterans. Donations may be tax deductible. For more information, call Larry Roberts, commander, at 478-9810, or 478-5066; or Shular Hurd at 478-9810 or 478-5631.

### SEPTIC INSTALLER CLASSES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Mayo Campus, will offer re-certification classes for septic installers. Classes conducted by a rep. of Zabel Environmental Technology, to be held in January, February and March only. For information, or to register, call Harold Burton at 789-5321, ext. 4225.

### CHURCH CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Town Branch Church will give away good used clothing (mostly adult sizes), on Friday's,

from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

### AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM

The Floyd County Conservation District is taking applications for the 2004-2005 County Cost Share Program. If you have an agricultural or environmental problem that you are need of assistance with, contact the District's office at 889-9800, or email to: [conserve@mikrotec.com](mailto:conserve@mikrotec.com).

### 4-H NEWS

\*Anyone interested in becoming a member of the **4-H Shooting Sports Team**, contact the office to be placed on mailing list. First meeting will be held in February - date TBA.

### BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

### SPECIAL CHURCH PROGRAM

The Prater Creek Baptist

Church, located at Banner, will present Dr. Jack Reiss, a born-again Jew and the director of the Baptist World Missionary Outreach Ministries, on Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the church. Dr. Reiss will conduct a Passover demonstration. All are invited to attend this special service. For more information, contact Pastor J.B. Hall at 437-6328.

### JUBILEE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

\*Feb. 5 - Women's Ministry, 6 p.m. Special speaker, Sonja Dotson.

\*Feb. 7 - 6 p.m., Soup bar w/sandwiches and desserts. All welcome!

\*Feb. 8 - Honor Bound Men's Ministry. Leader, Greg Damron. All welcome.

\*Feb. 15 - JCA Mountain Movers Senior Ministry for those 50 and older. Meeting immediately following Sunday service.

\*Feb. 16 & 17 - Operation Eat. Mon., 6 p.m., food will be packaged for homebound at Old Church on Long Fork. Tue., 9 a.m., food will be distributed. Church located S. Mayo Trail,

Pikeville. Call 437-0292 for more information.

### FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

### 'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### 'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

\* Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group -

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

\* Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

\* Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

\* MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

\* Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

\* Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet

(See CALENDAR, page eight)

## Pizza

have already moved to meet low-carb dieters' demands.

In Columbus, Ohio, Donatos Pizzeria has announced it will roll out a pizza with a low-carb

crust in its 182 outlets. Spokesman Tom Santor said the pizza dough, made out of soy protein and other ingredients, "tastes fabulous."

In Louisville, Ky., Bearno's Pizza, a small chain, offers a crustless pizza on the usual circular baking pan.

And in Escondido, Calif., John Pontrelli, owner of Pit Stop Pasta, offers what may be a traditionalist's worst nightmare: "pizza in a bucket." It has all the pizza toppings placed in a crock or, for takeout customers, a metal can.

While it's not a big item, he said, some people have asked for it, and "Our motto here is: you want to say no to people as little as possible."

At Low-Carb Creations in Vancouver, Wash., Craig Adams, vice president and general manager, said sales of low-carb pizza dough had risen 300 percent to 400 percent in the past six months. Adams said the small company, which has 17 employees, had signed

agreements to provide the skins to several smaller chains and dozens of other stores.

Tom Lehmann, of the American Institute of Baking in Manhattan, Kansas, a consultant who works with bakeries and pizza operations worldwide, said, "Low-carb is probably the biggest pebble to be dropped in this little pizza pond for a long time. There's just a huge, huge amount of interest."

Lehmann, who writes in industry publications as "The Dough Doctor," said he has received an average of five requests per day for the past three months on how to make low-carb dough.

He said his own experiments so far with making a low-carb dough had turned out a product that tasted, well, different.

"If you consider a pizza crust as being an edible bread-like product that's located beneath the toppings, the cheese and tomato sauce, OK, that's all we can say about it. ... Wipe away any memories of your old traditional pizza crust," he said.

Steve Coomes, editor of pizzamarketplace.com, wondered if the low-carb craze would last and whether it was just part of New Year's resolution dieting.

"I still think that the vast majority of American pizza consumers are going to look at pizza and those side items like wings as an indulgence and

will continue to enjoy them in their intended form," he said.

"They love it to the tune of \$26 billion per year."

In Boston's Italian North End, talk of a low-carb pizza was viewed as sacrilege.

"In my culinary heart, I will never do low-carb," Salvo Goglio, 36, a native of Sicily and chef at Antico Forno, said while chopping zucchini in a cramped kitchen.

Brandishing a container of golden polenta, he asked, "How can you get low-carb and keep the flavor?"

Just then, an order came off the printer above the counter where Goglio was working: roast chicken on a salad, hold the bread. And it turned out that several members of the staff, including Goglio himself, had been "on the Atkins."

Still, Goglio said, "If you want to really eat good food, you can't cut down carbs."

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the defense's cross-examination of Brandon Slone, Bunning said.

Rodney Thornsberry's brother, Harold Glen Thornsberry, was also arrested in March of last year and later indicted in federal court, but pleaded guilty to a single charge of possession with the intention to distribute a mixture containing more than 500 grams of cocaine in August, accepting five years in prison.

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# Bush budget includes improvements, cuts for Kentucky

by **NANCY ZUCKERBROD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

hikes as well as cuts for Kentucky programs.

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration released its proposed budget Monday calling for

The \$2.4 trillion budget outlines the president's priorities, though Congress ultimately controls the government's purse

strings by writing the nation's spending bills.

The budget calls for Kentucky to get about \$5 billion for major grant programs, just about what it received last year. Some of the

grant programs covered with that pot of money include the government's food stamp initiative, its school lunch program and aid to disadvantaged schools.

The President's budget calls

for \$66 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission's community and economic development programs. Last year, the president proposed slashing funding for those programs in half to \$33 million. Senate lawmakers intervened, restoring funding to \$66 million.

Agency head Anne Pope said in a statement Monday that the new budget shows Bush "is committed to creating jobs in Appalachia."

The White House also has called for level funding for ARC's highway development program, which comes out to about \$450 million annually. The highway program seeks to break Appalachia's isolation by building roads in mountainous areas.

The Bush budget also calls for

\$400 million to be spent to decontaminate and decommission the government's Cold War-era uranium enrichment plants at the Paducah plant as well as facilities in Tennessee and Ohio.

The Paducah site would get about \$93 million for that purpose under the Bush proposal. That is down from \$120 million expected to be spent there this year.

The budget also calls for the construction of new facilities at Fort Campbell, the sprawling

(See **EQIP**, page twelve)

## Bill seeks to let Medicaid recipients decide their caregivers

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill winding through the Kentucky General Assembly would permit some Medicaid recipients to choose who cares for them at home. Medicaid still would pay the tab.

The bill's sponsor said it would allow people requiring personal health care to have a measure of control over their lives.

The bill envisions a pilot project that would "provide more independence for those that have so long depended on someone to take care of them without having had any choice who does that," said Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown. "You may get a different one every time that you need one through your personal care benefits."

Lee's legislation would authorize a pilot project in which participants would confer with health care advisers to determine the amount of care needed. A budget for services would be set. Each Medicaid recipient would have a "fiscal agent" to pay expenses.

The bill sailed through the House 96-0 last week but its prospects in the Senate are uncertain. Sen. Julie Denton, chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, said she was uncertain whether she would entertain a vote on the bill if it was assigned to her committee.

Denton, R-Louisville, said she wanted to follow Gov. Ernie Fletcher's lead on any Medicaid issue. "I want to make sure that whatever we do with Medicaid dovetails with what the governor wants to do," she said.

Lee said a pilot project would last three years, with participation capped at 100,000 people statewide. The project would have an estimated \$900,000 in startup funds, including a \$100,000 yearly contribution by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, he said.

Eligibility would be open to Medicaid recipients who receive personal-care services outside an institution, Lee said.

The Cabinet for Health Services is seeking a federal waiver necessary to begin the pilot program, Lee said. About seven states have obtained the

waivers, he said.

Under current law, Medicaid money goes directly from the cabinet to the personal service providers, he said. Recipients do not choose their care givers.

Under the pilot program, the

fiscal agent would hold the Medicaid money and pay the bills. Agents would be hired under contract by the state. Lee said they would undergo the same scrutiny as other contractors.

## 15 face drug charges in Pike, Martin counties

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville concluded an 18-month investigation with a drug roundup of 15 suspects in Pike and Martin counties, according to KSP spokesman Scott Hopkins.

Police set out early Monday morning attempting to locate 19 suspects, Hopkins said, but were unable to locate four. Fifteen people were arrested, charged with numerous drug-related offenses ranging from possession of marijuana to trafficking in controlled substance, such as OxyContin, Lortab, Lorcet and Xanax.

During the roundup, police

said additional suspects were arrested and several other charges were filed based on drugs and paraphernalia located on the subjects at the time of arrest.

The following are the suspects arrested during the roundup:

- Earl Blankenship, 39, of McCarr.
- Bonnie Bowens, 39, of Tomahawk.
- Ricky L. Bowens, 43, of Tomahawk.
- Randy Cain, 50, of Warfield.
- Jimmy Cornett, 39, of Tomahawk.
- Benny Eldridge, 64, of Phelps.
- Burl Fannin, 49, of Warfield.
- Darlene Harmon, 31, of Hode.
- Keith Harmon, 33, of Warfield.
- Dustin McCoy, 20, of Beauty.
- Louia Ann McDowell, 48, of Inez.
- Betty Muncy, 69, of Lovely.
- Anson Ray Reed, 57, of Lovely.
- Tommy Reed, 32, of Inez.
- Steve Tackett, 41, of Robinson Creek.

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and every Kentuckian and our quality of life. Kentucky is losing 130 acres of forests and agricultural land to development every day - over a square mile every week! This conversion rate is placing extraordinary pressure on wildlife by the unsustainable loss and breaking up of their habitats.

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Kentucky's natural heritage and the benefits to all of us the next time you renew your plate. A big "thank you" to those that have already shown their support for "Nature's Finest!"

*Dr. William H. Martin is chair of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board and can be contacted at bill.martin@eku.edu.*

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Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each

month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold month-

ly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.


■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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Today's fashions, with very thin and high-heeled stiletto shoes, are being blamed for back and leg pains, say chiropractors. Many women wear these shoes to increase height and make legs look longer and bodies thinner. The heels force the lower back muscles to strain when the woman tries to stand up straight and balance herself.

Shoes with a heel height of between one and two inches are considered safe. They will not put too much of an extra burden on the lower back muscles. Anything higher can lead to tingling legs and ankle sprains, as well as back problems.

If you get muscle spasms when wearing high-heeled shoes, immediately remove them, so the pain does not worsen. Follow this with mild stretching exercises of the upper and lower back. This does not mean you should never wear high heels. Rather, it is best not to wear stilettos every day, and to notice effects on posture and movement when you do.

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- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

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

**BEST PEOPLE**

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

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

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

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

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

**BEST BUSINESS**

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

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

## Survey finds increasing health costs for retirees

**One in three of surveyed employers have hit cap on health obligations**

Washington, DC - In a new survey of some of the largest U.S. employers - conducted prior to passage of the new Medicare prescription drug legislation - 10% say they eliminated subsidized health benefits for future retirees in the past year, while 20% say they are likely to terminate retiree health coverage for future retirees in the next three years. These changes primarily affect new hires, rather than current retirees. The study also finds that 71% of surveyed firms increased retiree contributions to premiums in the past year, and 86% plan to increase such contributions within the next three years. The survey of large, private-sector employers was conducted and analyzed by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Hewitt Associates.

"Based on current trends, we can expect that fewer retirees will have health coverage in the future and those who do will be paying more for their health care," said Drew Altman, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Employers are an important source of health insurance coverage for workers who retire before they are eligible for Medicare ("pre-65 retirees") and for retirees who have Medicare and rely on retiree coverage to fill in Medicare's gaps ("age 65+ retirees"). For pre-65 retirees, employer-plans are typically the primary and sole source of health insurance coverage, while for age 65+ retirees, employer plans generally supplement Medicare, helping to pay for benefits, such as prescription drugs, that are not currently covered, and assisting with cost-sharing requirements under Medicare.

The 2003 study, the second survey on retiree health coverage conducted by Kaiser and Hewitt, was conducted between June and September 2003 with 408 large private-sector firms (1,000 or more employees) that offer retiree health benefits, including 45% of all Fortune 100 companies and 30% of all Fortune 500 companies. Complete survey findings are presented in a new report, Retiree Health Benefits Now and in the Future, available at <http://www.kff.org/medicare/011404package.cfm>. An article based on the survey findings

appears in today's online issue of the journal Health Affairs at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/abstract/hlthaff.w4.7>

■ **Firms' Retiree Health Care Costs Continue to Rise**

Among surveyed employers, the total cost for employers and retirees for health benefits increased by an estimated 13.7%, from \$18.1 billion in 2002 to an estimated \$20.6 billion in 2003, to provide coverage to pre-65 and age 65+ retirees and their dependents.

Annual retiree health care costs vary widely by firm size from an average \$4.1 million for a company with 1,000-4,999 employees to an average \$156.1 million for a company with 20,000 or more employees. Among surveyed firms, retiree health costs represent more than a quarter of the total estimated cost of health coverage for active workers, retirees and dependents.

Nearly half of all surveyed firms (46%) have placed "caps" (pre-determined limits) on their future financial retiree health obligations, prompted by rising health care costs and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) rules. Financial caps are often a specific dollar amount on what the employer will contribute, e.g., no more than two times a certain year's cost or a specified amount per year of service. The use of caps can limit the liability of employers by requiring retirees to absorb a greater share of costs when spending for retiree health exceeds a pre-determined amount. One third of all surveyed firms offering health benefits to pre-65 retirees and age 65+ retirees have either hit their cap or expect to hit their cap on retiree health obligations within the next one to three years.

"Offering retiree health care benefits is a delicate balancing act for employers," said Frank McArdle, Ph.D., manager of Hewitt's Washington, DC, Research Office. "Double digit cost increases, shifting demographics, financial caps, global competition and the impact on the bottom line are driving large companies to reexamine their retiree health programs and make changes."

■ **Retirees Are Paying More for Health Care**

Faced with double-digit cost increases for retiree health, surveyed employers have made a number of changes in the past year that directly impact costs for retirees:

■ Nearly three-quarters

(71%) of large-private sector firms increased retiree contributions to premiums.

■ For new retirees, between 2002 and 2003, retiree contributions to premiums increased by 20% for pre-65 retirees and by 18% for age 65+ retirees.

■ In 2003, pre-65 retirees paid an average of \$166 for health coverage and employers paid an average of \$261, while age 65+ retirees paid \$83 per month and employers paid an average of \$129.

■ 57% increased drug copayments/coinsurance and 32% imposed three-tiered drug copayments.

■ 53% increased general cost-sharing requirements.

■ 34% increased deductibles.

■ 29% increased out-of-pocket limits.

■ 26% increased hospital copayments.

Yet, despite efforts by most large private-sector employers to cut costs, 12% of employers said they added or improved retiree health coverage over the past year.

■ **Retirees Will Experience Higher Costs in the Future**

Looking to the future (again, prior to enactment of the new Medicare legislation), continued cost-shifting to retirees appears to be on the horizon as employers look for strategies to rein in health costs. Nearly two-thirds (64%) of firms reported that CEOs are very concerned about retiree health costs and employers expect to implement the following changes sometime in the next three years:

■ 86% of surveyed firms say they are likely to increase contributions to premiums and 70% expect to increase premiums for dependent coverage.

■ 81% of companies expect to raise cost-sharing obligations.

■ 75% say they are likely to increase deductibles.

■ 69% say they will likely increase physician copayments.

■ 65% say they will raise out-of-pocket limits.

■ 59% say they will increase hospital copayments and 54% are likely to increase cost-sharing for out-of-network care.

Almost all of the survey respondents (98%) said they were unlikely to eliminate prescription drug coverage in the next three years (again, when asked prior to passage of the Medicare drug bill), although the majority of large employers said they were likely to increase drug copayments or coinsurance for pharmaceuticals (85%).

■ **Employer Coverage Plays Critical Role in Drug Coverage**

Employer-sponsored retiree health benefits provide substantial assistance to retired workers. Typically, retiree health benefits have a \$250 deductible for retirees and \$500 for retirees and spouses, and out-of-pocket spending limits, with the deductible counting toward the out-of-pocket limit for the majority of firms.

With regard to prescription drugs - a key issue in the recent Medicare debate - 9 in 10 large employers (93%) currently provide prescription drug coverage for retirees and the majority (64%) says drug benefits are integrated into the overall plan design. Fewer than one in ten surveyed employers (8%) have separate benefits limits on the amount the plan pays for prescription drugs; one quarter (26%) have a separate prescription drug deductible, in contrast to the new Medicare legislation which has a separate limit on the drug benefit and a separate drug deductible.

"Prescription drug benefits offered by employers to retirees tend to be much more generous than what seniors can expect to get from Medicare if they sign up for the new drug benefit when the new law goes into effect," said Tricia Neuman, Sc.D., vice president, Kaiser Family Foundation. "A big question is whether the new Medicare drug law will encourage employers to stay in the game."

Because the survey was conducted before final details of the Medicare prescription drug legislation were decided, the survey did not ask employers to respond to specific provisions of the legislation. The new Medicare legislation offers incentives to encourage employers to maintain retiree health coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees, including \$89 billion in both direct subsidies and tax benefits. This survey provides a baseline prior to implementation of the new Medicare law. Future work will be needed to assess employer responses to the new legislation.

### Methodology

This study reflects survey responses of 408 large private-sector employers that currently offer retiree health benefits. The majority of participating firms are multistate employers (90 percent) and are publicly traded (72 percent), and they represent

a wide range of manufacturing (45 percent) and nonmanufacturing (55 percent) industries. The survey includes responses from 173 firms (42.4%) with 1,000 to 4,999 employees, 138 firms (33.8%) with 5,000 to 19,999 employees, and 97 firms (23.8%) with 20,000 or more employees. Together, these companies have 8.3 million employees and 3.6 million retirees, and provide health benefits that affect the lives of approximately 20.8 million employees and dependent family members and 5.9 million pre-65 and age 65+ retirees and dependents. Employers in the sample provide health benefits to an estimated 3.9 million Medicare-eligible retirees and their spouses, representing about a third of the estimated 12 million nonfederal retirees with employer health coverage.

The survey was conducted online between June 24 and September 12, 2003. All premium and benefit design information reflects responses from surveyed employers about retiree health plans with the largest number of enrolled retirees. Premium infor-

mation is for individuals who retire on or after January 1, 2003, referred to as "new retirees." Total premiums and retiree contributions to premiums are weighted by firm size and by the number of retirees in the largest employer health plan.

A webcast of the briefing held to announce the findings will be available on January 14, 2004 at 5 p.m. at <http://www.kaisernet.org/healthcast/kff/14jan04>. The survey report and summary of findings, as well as the 2002 survey findings, are available at <http://www.kff.org/medicare/011404package.cfm>.

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crash carts and various other items. Auxiliary donations are made possible by their operation of the hospital's Gift Shop and other fund raising activities. Donations by the Auxiliary make it possible for the Medical Center to purchase additional capital equipment items not included in the hospital's annual budget. All equipment purchases are used to improve direct patient care services. The Medical Center appreciates Highlands Auxiliary and their dedication to the hospital, their hours of volunteer service, their generous donations back to the hospital, and most of all for being the kind hearted and caring people who give of their time to help make Highlands Regional Medical Center a better place for patients, visitors, and staff.



The Highlands Auxiliary provides a much needed, and much welcome, service to patients, staff and visitors. In the past year, Auxiliary members have been instrumental in donating over \$100,000 in needed equipment to the hospital, made possible primarily from gift shop sales and fund-raising activities.

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The budget says \$30 million should be spent for barracks for the 5th Special Forces Group as well as \$1.6 million for a training facility for the 5th Group. The administration also wants to spend \$33 million for a new com-

mand and control facility for the 101st Airborne.

At Fort Knox, \$50 million would be spent to construct barracks.

In addition, \$37 million would be spent to build roads and infrastructure to support the construction of a chemical demilitariza-

tion facility at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond. The facility is supposed to be built in 2007.

Some of the federal agencies that have an impact on Kentucky's coal-mining communities would experience modest funding increases.

The budget would add \$53 million to the Office of Surface Mining's \$300 million budget to help speed cleanups of abandoned coal mines.

In addition, the Mine Safety and Health Administration would get \$276 million for next year, up from \$269 million this year,

which oversees the well-being of miners.

The White House released a state-by-state breakout examining how different regions would benefit from the administration's proposal.

It said Kentucky, a leading producer of coal, would benefit

from a \$447 million clean coal research initiative. The administration said that marked an 18 percent funding increase over this year. The initiative includes \$237 million for FutureGen, a project aimed at building an environmentally friendly coal-fired power plant.

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## Football Signing Day today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Signing Day for high-school student-athletes in football is today. This UK Athletics web site, www.ukathletics.com, will be updated throughout the day as the official letters of intent come in.

■ The Wildcats are taking part in strength and conditioning workouts under the guidance of Coach Marc Hill.

■ Kentucky's annual Homecoming game has been set for Oct. 16, 2004, as the Wildcats host the South Carolina Gamecocks. Game time will be announced at a later date.

Kentucky's first Homecoming football game was Nov. 25, 1915, as the Wildcats defeated Tennessee, 6-0. Additional pre-World War II information is sketchy, but

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### ALL 'A' CLASSIC

## State All 'A' has many Floyd County ties

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — If you make the trip to Richmond this week to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic you'll probably run into many native Floyd Countians.

Yes, the Betsy Layne Ladycats will begin play in the tournament tomorrow at noon, taking on Owen County. While Betsy Layne will bring with it a very strong fan base, many other folks with Floyd County ties are sure to be in the crowd.

The Betsy Layne girls are making their third straight appearance in the tournament.

■ Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock has his Hazard Bulldogs in the tournament. Hazard will behind play in the state event Saturday morning. Spurlock is a graduate of Allen Central High School and coached baseball, football and basketball at the school. He served as an assistant at ACHS under John Martin, the man he earlier played under.

Spurlock supports the small-school tournament.

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photo by Jamie Howell  
**Fifteenth Region basketball mainstay Hershel Conn (left) was honored by State Senator Johnny Ray Turner (middle) and Floyd County educator Pete Grigsby Saturday night prior to the start of the boys' 15th Region All "A" Classic title game.**



### BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Wildcats win first All "A" crown

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Shelby Valley has secured its first 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. The Wildcats beat South Floyd 57-54 Saturday night in the championship game of the 15th

Region All "A" Classic.

The Shelby Valley boys took the title in their school's first All "A" regional title in its first year of eligibility.

The Wildcats will play in the first round of the boys' state All "A" Classic at noon Thursday in Eastern Kentucky University's

McBrayer Arena in Richmond. Shelby Valley will face the Sixth Region All "A" champion — Louisville Shawnee (9-10) in the opening round.

Shelby Valley got help offensively from a variety of players.

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
**South Floyd senior Adam Tackett dribbled in the first half of Saturday night's 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game against Shelby Valley senior Kelsey Friend.**

### HEADED TO RICHMOND



photo by Steve LeMaster

Just a little less than two weeks ago, Betsy Layne put the finishing touches on a third straight 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. Pictured cutting on the 15th Region All "A" Classic net at South Floyd's Raider Arena is Betsy Layne Ladycat Breann Akers. Betsy Layne will take on 8th Region Champion Owen County in the first round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic today at noon.

## Allen Central beats Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Belfry shot just 33 percent from the floor (16-of-49) Monday night as host Allen Central pulled away from the visiting Lady Bucs, winning 54-40.

Belfry was without head coach Mark Gannon, who was ejected in last week's win over Pikeville.

Allen Central played well in all four quarters.

Senior Vicki Hall led three Belfry players in double figures with 14 points. Lyndsey Mahon added 12, and Anna Bevins tossed in 10 points while pulling down a team-high nine rebounds.

Allen Central got out ahead of Belfry early on.

Belfry, now 13-8, trailed 13-10 at the end of the opening quarter and

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### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Blackcats bounce Letcher, 68-21

## Slone leads Prestonsburg with 18 points

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After a long time away from the hardwood, the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats returned to action on Monday evening in a home game with Letcher.

Jack Pack's team scored early and often to take a 23-3 lead after one quarter in a 68-21 rout of the visiting Letcher Lady Eagles.

Eleven Lady Blackcats dented the scoring in the win, led by Meaghan Slone, who tossed in 18 points.

Letcher came in as a huge underdog

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### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Garrett takes third in Florida tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Garrett Christian beat Emanuel Christian, Ga. 76-48 Friday to take third-place in the Pensacola Invitational Tournament.

Garrett Christian, en route to the win, outscored its opponent in every quarter. Garrett Christian outscored

Emanuel Christian 19-9 in the first period and 16-14 in the second frame to lead 35-23 at halftime. Garrett Christian took the third period, 19-10.

In the third-place game, David Franklin led Garrett with 17 points. Seth Bailey scored 14 and Ryan Slone added 13. Brian Paige flipped in 10 points. Shane Fletner added eight.

Garrett Christian is now 25-4 on the season. Paige made the All-Tournament team.

"We're real pleased with how they played," said Garrett Coach Jerry Manns.

Garrett Christian will participate in a state tournament near the end of this month. Garrett Christian is fielding its first boys' basketball team.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## South Floyd 80, Piarist 27

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — South Floyd scored another all-important 57th District victory on Monday night.

Senior guard Megan Ousley had a double-double of 26 points and 10 assists to lead South Floyd to an 80-27 win over Piarist. South Floyd outscored Piarist in every quarter. The Lady Raiders began the game by outscoring Piarist 30-4 in the first period. South Floyd led 47-6 at

halftime and 64-16 at the end of the third period.

Ashley Johnson scored 19 points for South Floyd and Tab Trammel flipped in 11. Brandy Anderson scored nine for the Lady Raiders and Tab Tackett chipped in seven. Carla Hall had four points and Courtney Blocker hit for three. Amanda Johnson rounded out the South Floyd scoring with a free-throw.



Griffith

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**Signing**

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Kentucky has hosted a Homecoming game every year since 1946 and has a 43-15 record in those 58 contests.

Last season, Kentucky defeated Ohio, 35-14, on Homecoming. Shane Boyd accounted for 169 yards and four touchdowns as he rushed for 85 yards and two scores, passed for 54 yards and a touchdown, and scored on a 30-yard pass reception. Boyd became the first player in school history to throw for a touchdown, run for a touchdown, and catch a pass for a touchdown in the same game.

**Ties**

"I am a big supporter of the All 'A' Classic," said Spurlock. "It provides a great opportunity for many."

Spurlock came to Hazard from Trimble County where he served as head coach for one season. The Trimble County job was his first as a head coach.

In Somerset's Briar Jumpers are back in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Shawn Thacker, a former assistant coach at Prestonsburg High, guides Somerset as its head coach.

Brackets for both the boys' and girls' All "A" Classic state tournaments appear inside today's edi-

tion. Pairings follow below.

**Boys All "A" Classic state pairings**

At McBrayer Arena, Richmond

**Thursday, Feb. 5**

Todd County Central vs. Hazard, 9 a.m.

Caverna vs. Carlisle County, 10:30 a.m.

Shelby Valley vs. Shawnee, 12 p.m.

Barbourville vs. Walton-Verona, 1:30 p.m.

Bishop Brossart vs. Somerset, 5 p.m.

University Heights vs. Whitesville Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

Newport Central Catholic vs. Louisville Christian, 8 p.m.

Elliott County vs. Lexington Christian, 9:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 6**

Quarterfinal No. 1, 5 p.m.

Quarterfinal No. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Quarterfinal No. 3, 8 p.m.

Quarterfinal No. 4, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 7**

Semifinal No. 1, 3 p.m.

Semifinal No. 2, 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 8**

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Trammel had a double-double with 10 rebounds to go along with her 11 points.

South Floyd hit eight three-pointers.

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Championship game, 3 p.m.

**Girls All "A" Classic state pairings**

At McBrayer Arena, Richmond

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**

Whitesville Trinity vs. Louisville Holy Cross, 9 a.m.

Louisville Christian vs. Caverna, 10:30 a.m.

Owen County vs. Betsy

Layne, 12 p.m.

Clinton County vs. Webster County, 1:30 p.m.

Murray vs. Cumberland, 5 p.m.

Whitesburg vs. West Carter, 6:30 p.m.

Danville vs. Covington Holy Cross, 8 p.m.

Lexington Christian vs. Paris, 9:30 p.m.

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**Crown**

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Seth Kiser had 15 points for Shelby Valley (12-3) and Patrick Tackett tossed in 10.

The Wildcats fended off a late South Floyd run that was fueled by a gritty second unit of Raiders.

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb made some substitutions in the second half to try to get his squad going. The South Floyd boys came into the game and nearly pulled off what would have been a brilliant come-from-behind win for the boys from Hi Hat.

South Floyd freshman Ethan Johnson led the comeback with five points in the fourth quarter. South Floyd, playing nearly all underclassmen during the run, made the game interesting again.

Raider senior Adam Tackett, also a standout for the South Floyd grid team, hit two free throws with 33.7 seconds left and Johnson nearly got a three-pointer to fall with less than 15 seconds left. South Floyd sophomore Ryan Johnson, a starting guard, missed the tying three-pointer as the clock ticked down.

Shelby Valley head coach Rodney Rowe thought his team was fortunate to escape Floyd County with the championship win. The Wildcats nearly let the game slip away in the final minutes of the last quarter.

"We had a chance to put them away and when Henry went to his second unit we quit," Rowe said. "I told our kids that the group he (Henry Webb) put into the game probably wasn't as good as the first group, but they would play hard."

"They started getting every loose ball, they started doing stuff. We missed free throws, we didn't play to protect the basketball. We tried to give it to them. I sure thought that shot was going in there at the end. He had a good look at it."

Shelby Valley junior Kris Bentley, a transfer from Prestonsburg, finished with nine points. Kelsey Friend and reserve Mitch Riddle both scored seven. Eric Bartley scored five points and Jordan Kiser had four. South Floyd power forward Burnett

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Little was the only Raider in double figures. The first-year varsity player scored 20 points.

Ryan Johnson and Steven Stanley had seven each.

Shelby Valley is the two-time defending 15th Region Champion and now has its first 15th Region All "A" Classic crown.

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**Boys' Top 20 Rankings**

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2. Mason County
3. Seneca
4. Scott County
5. Warren Central
6. Pleasure Ridge Park
7. Fern Creek
8. Covington Catholic
9. Wayne County
10. DeSales
11. Jeffersontown
12. Elizabethtown
13. Hopkinsville
14. Boone County
15. Apollo
16. Newport Central Catholic
17. Owensboro Catholic
18. Henderson County
19. Lafayette
20. Daviess County

**Girls' Top 20 Rankings**

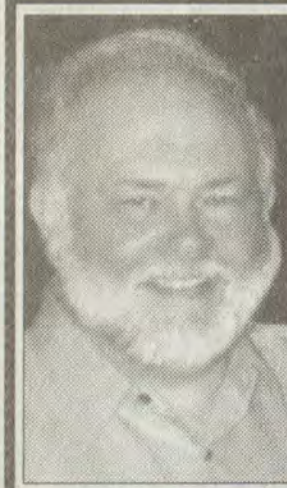
1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Rockcastle County
4. Henderson County
5. Christian County
6. Scott County
7. Mercy
8. Mercer County
9. East Carter
10. Perry County Central
11. Newport Central Catholic
12. Elizabethtown
13. Assumption
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**Martin**

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**Leads**

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and Prestonsburg took care of business in the opening minutes as he outcome was never in doubt. Prestonsburg led 38-8 at the half and 56-13 after three quarters of play. Molly Burchett finished in double figures for the Lady Blackcats as the junior guard tossed in 12 points on the night.

Senior forward Heather White continued her strong play this season with 10 points in the win and freshman Amber Whitaker came off the bench for Jack Pack to add

10 points for the winners. Prestonsburg is about to enter a critical part of the schedule with three district games on tap in the next two weeks. Prestonsburg will travel to Hi-Hat to take on the South Floyd Lady Raiders on Friday in a pivotal game for both teams. The defense from Prestonsburg caused Letcher problems throughout the night and several young players would see significant minutes for the Lady Blackcats.

**KHSAA NOTEBOOK**

**Regional swim meets this weekend**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON — Postseason swimming information has been posted on the Association website at [www.khsaa.org/swimming](http://www.khsaa.org/swimming). One area team that'll be in competition is the Johnson Central High Aqua Eagles. Following are sites for the Regional Meets. Please contact the host site manager for a schedule of events. At this time, regional meets are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 6-7. The window of dates for regional swim meets is Feb. 6-14.

■ Region 1 — at Bowling Green High School; Michelle Long, Manager

■ Region 2 — at Mary T. Meagher Pool, Louisville; Marty O'Toole, Manager

■ Region 3 — at Falling Springs Arts & Recreation Center, Versailles; Susan Carey, Manager

■ Region 4 — at Scott High School, Covington; Jerry Mohr, Manager

■ Region 5 — at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond; Tim Cahill, Manager

The 2004 State Swim Meet is scheduled for Feb. 27-28 at the University of Kentucky Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington.

**POSTSEASON WRESTLING**

Following are postseason sites for wrestling. Wrestling regional tournaments are slated for Feb. 20-21. Contact the host site for a schedule of events.

■ Region 1 — at Fort Campbell

■ Region 2 — at Central Hardin

■ Region 3 — at Fairdale

■ Region 4 — at Trinity (Louisville)

■ Region 5 — at Jeffersontown

■ Region 6 — at Campbell County

■ Region 7 — at Bryan Station

■ Region 8 — at Wayne County

The 2004 State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort.

**BOYS' & GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS DRAW**

The draw for the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments is scheduled for this Friday, Feb. 6 at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. The draw will be aired live by KYT as a part of its Afternoon news program beginning at 12:30 p.m. (ET). WKYT-TV will provide a live satellite feed of the draws for outlets across the state.

Satellite information is now available. Contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA for uplink information.

■ Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Ticket sales will continue through the KHSAA until Feb. 26. After that time, tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Cumberland upends Lady Bears, remains unbeaten**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — No. 9 Cumberland College ran its unbeaten streak to 21 with a 57-40 win over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Patriots, 3-0 in the Mid-South Conference, won despite shooting only 33.8 percent from the floor for the game. But Cumberland forced 25 Lady Bear turnovers to more than make up for its shooting woes.

Pikeville fell to 11-14, 0-3 in the league with its fourth straight setback. The Lady Bears were only 10-of-44 (22.7 percent) from the floor.

Freshman Jennifer Nagy came off the bench to lead the Lady Pats with 16 markers. She hit 8-of-10 from the floor and

pulled down six rebounds. Senior Danika Cox finished with 12.

Cumberland got 10 rebounds, including five off the offensive glass, from senior Catherine Gandy as it won the rebounding battle 45-40.

Pikeville was paced by junior Amelia Cody, who flipped in 19 and was the only Lady Bear in double figures in the scoring column.

The Lady Bears got nine rebounds from freshman Heather Dillon and eight from junior Selena Williams.

Cumberland College will return to action on Thursday night, visiting Campbellsville University at 5:45.

Pikeville will visit Lambuth University on Thursday at 5:45 p.m. CST.



# South Floyd beats Betsy Layne, again

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

manned Betsy Layne Bobcat team.

Betsy Layne was playing the entire second half without one of their leaders in Preston Simon.

The junior guard went down early in the second quarter with what appeared to be a severe knee injury and would not return. South Floyd took control in the opening quarter behind the play of the two big men in Steven Stanley and Burnett Little as the two combined for 12 first quarter points and 8

rebounds as well in the first eight-minutes.

Henry Webb's team would take a 15-10 first quarter lead and hold that lead after two quarters by a slim margin of 28-26.

Stanley tossed in 13 of his 17 points in the first half of play. Betsy Layne quickly took control in the third quarter as senior point guard Jordan Kidd stepped up for Brent Rose and provided some much needed scoring for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne would take a 40-39 lead after three quarters of play as the Bobcats looked to be taking all the momentum. Adam Tackett would step to the front in the fourth quarter and the senior scored six crucial points in the quarter for South Floyd.

Betsy Layne would get as close as two in the final minute, but some clutch free throw shooting would help the Raiders have enough left in the tank to hold on for the win by a final of 59-55.

With the win, South Floyd advanced to the finals of the tournament to take on two-time defending 15th region champion Shelby Valley. Burnett Little would lead South Floyd in scoring on this night with 17 points and Steven Stanley finished with 16 in the win. Ryan Johnson tossed in 10 points for the winners and Adam Tackett added nine.

Senior Jack Slone pitched in four points for Henry Webb's

team and Brian Meade rounded out the scoring with three points. Jordan Kidd paced the Betsy Layne attack with 17 points and Patrick Stapleton came off the bench to replace the injured Preston Simon and tossed in nine points in the losing effort.

Brandon Hall finished with nine points for the Bobcats and Brent Newsome added eight. Brandon Kidd and Derek Case each contributed four points for Betsy Layne and Preston Simon connected on a field goal early in the first quarter.

Ryan Bryant rounded out the scoring for the Bobcats with one point.



photo by Jamie Howell

Shelby Valley held on to beat South Floyd 57-54 Saturday night, thus earning a first-ever trip to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Lady Tigers top Shelby Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Moore each flipped in 10 points apiece. Senior guard Desiree Haney added eight.

Beth Hall led Shelby Valley (4-10) with a game-high 15 points.

Paintsville is now 9-10 on the season. The Lady Tigers have a game scheduled Thursday night on the road against Pikeville and head coach Cindy Halbert, who is in her first season at the helm of the Lady Panther girls' basketball program.

PAINTSVILLE — Paintsville outscored Shelby Valley 16-3 in the first period and 13-8 in the second period to build a huge 29-11 halftime lead. Host Paintsville outscored Shelby Valley in the first three periods before posting a 55-37 win.

Chelsee Jarrell paced Paintsville with 12 points. Lawrence County transfer Kendra Carroll and Savannah

photos by Jamie Howell

South Floyd, 15th Region All "A" Classic runner-up



Shelby Valley has its first-ever 15th Region All "A" Classic trophy.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# East Carter 60, Pike Central 58

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Just two points separated the Pike County Central girls and the East Carter girls Monday night.

East Carter's Kim Stapleton put back a missed shot with 1.7 seconds remaining to help the Lady Raiders escape with a thrilling 60-58 win at The Hawks Nest.

"Our girls wanted to prove a point tonight," Central coach Tammy Tussey said. "I don't think they (East Carter) respected us. We played them much closer than most people thought."

Pike Central also played some defense.

"Defensively, this may be as good as we've played," Tussey said. "It's tough when you come up short in a game like this. We

feel like we played well enough to win."

It was Central's second loss in three games at home by a margin of two points. Belfry beat Central last week, 71-69.

"We've grown up," Tussey said. "We have a young basketball team that is getting better every time we go out and play."

Ninth-grade standout Haley Ratliff led the Lady Hawks with a game-high 24 points. Her threepoint play with 3:34 to play tie the game at 52 and her threepointer with 26.6 seconds left tied the game again at 58 all.

Ratliff attempted to throw up a shot from halfcourt as time expired on the clock but it came up short.

Paige Lowe added 10 points for Central and Kim Coleman and Elizabeth Birchfield tossed in eight each.

Townee Tackett came off the East Carter bench and finished with a team-high 16 points. Stapleton, one of the state's top players, finished with 14 points for East Carter. Ashley Baldwin and Molly Jackson added 12 each.

Pike Central will take on Shelby Valley tonight

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Lady Eagles drop a thriller

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA — The Alice Lloyd women's basketball team has been playing entertaining basketball as of late. Last Tuesday night at Berea College was no exception. The ALC ladies lost a heartbreaker by the score of 111-107 in overtime.

Delores Jenkins played her best game of the season which for her is saying a lot. She put up 40 points to go along with an incredible 16 rebounds. The game versus Berea marked the third time this season that Jenkins has put at least 40 on the board. Sweet-shooting Belicia Mullins had another solid game with 22 points. She knocked down three treys.

Erica Webb had a solid game with 15 points and six rebounds. Perry County Central grad Bertha Sebastian, who is new to the active roster this semester, played her best game as a collegiate athlete. She scored 13 points, nine of which came from behind the arc. She also contributed five rebounds.

"This was the most entertaining game I have ever coached," said ALC Coach Tim

Rice. "It was a fast paced game. We tried to outscore them. It makes the eighth or ninth time Berea has scored 100 or more points in a game this season. We played well. We are improving."

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# Henson to leave Yankees, Feb. 12

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Drew Henson is giving up his baseball glove and putting his shoulder pads back on.

Henson's agent, Casey Close, told the New York Yankees that the third baseman is quitting after three mediocre seasons as a fulltime minor leaguer, a baseball official said

Monday on the condition he not be identified.

Henson will forfeit the \$12 million he's owed from the contract he agreed to with the Yankees in 2001, the official said.

The NFL's Houston Texans, who hold the quarterback's rights, announced Monday that Henson would work out with the team on Feb. 12 in a showcase for the other 31 NFL fran-

chises.

The Texans drafted Henson with a sixth-round pick last April and already have a young, developing quarterback in David Carr.

"It's going to be open to every team in the NFL," Texans general manager Charley Casserly said. "Then, after that, we will find out what teams are interested and negotiate a trade."

Casserly said a trade could be made no earlier than March 4 and no later than April 24, when the NFL draft starts.

Henson and the Yankees must still reach a termination agreement, the baseball official said. Henson would then be put on waivers, a process similar to the one in which Seattle removed reliever Kazuhiro Sasaki from the Mariners' roster last week, allowing him to return to the Japanese major leagues.

"It's quite possible Drew Henson will pursue a career in the NFL, and if that is the case, and after we work through all the issues, only then will we have something to announce from our end," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

New York originally drafted the University of Michigan quarterback in 1998, then traded him to Cincinnati two years later. In March 2001, the Yankees reacquired Henson from the Reds for outfielders Michael Coleman and Willy Mo Pena, and Henson agreed not to return to Michigan for what would have been his senior season.

At the time the Yankees got him back, manager Joe Torre called Henson "a potential

superstar."

But even after Aaron Boone's knee injury earlier this month, New York didn't consider Henson to be a potential replacement.

Henson, who turns 24 later

(See HENSON, page five)

## Ties

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### Friday, Feb. 6

Quarterfinal No. 1, 9 a.m.  
Quarterfinal No. 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Quarterfinal No. 3, 12 p.m.  
Quarterfinal No. 4, 1:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 7

Semifinal No. 1, 10 a.m.  
Semifinal No. 2, 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 8  
Championship game, 1 p.m.

## BASEBALL

# Baseball historians trying to determine whether William Edward White was first black

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball historians are trying to determine whether William Edward White was the first black player in the major leagues.

White played one game for the Providence Greys of the National League on June 21, 1879, and the Society for American Baseball Research is researching his history.

The Wall Street Journal reported on the White case Friday.

Until now, it was generally accepted that the first two black players were catcher Moses Fleetwood Walker and his brother, Welday, an outfielder. Both played for the Toledo Blue Stockings of the American Association, then a major league, in 1884. After that, no black player appeared until Jackie Robinson with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

White attended Brown University, was born in 1860 and was the son of A.J. White of Milner, Ga., according to school records.

Peter Morris, a SABR researcher, got in contact with Civil War historian Bruce Allardice, according to the Journal, and Allardice found the only A.J. White in Miler in 1880 was Andrew J. White and that the 1880 census said his household included a 35-year-old mulatto woman, Hannah White.

Mark Arslan, a geneologist of the White family, told Allardice that the 1980 census reported A.J. White owned 70 slaves. Allardice and Arslan found that the 1870 census showed Hannah White was living with her mother and three children, including a 9-year-old mulatto boy, William White.

Morris found that A.J. White's will, in a courthouse in Zebulon, stated he left the balance of his estate to "William Edward White, Anna Nora White and Sarah Adelaide White, the children of my servant Hannah."

Jim Gates, library director of the Hall of Fame, has been aware of SABR's research on the project.

"We don't have a lot on

William Edward White," he said. "Several SABR people had been through and indicated this was one of the people they were searching on, so we gave them all we had. Hopefully, they will continue to find more information."

by TERESA M. WALKER  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Cage hit a 3-pointer with 2:18 left that gave Vanderbilt the lead for good, and the Commodores held on to upset fifth-ranked Kentucky 66-60 Saturday.

Kentucky (14-3, 4-2) had its 10-game road winning streak in the Southeastern Conference snapped. The last time the Wildcats lost away from Rupp Arena in the SEC was Feb. 27, 2002 — in Memorial Gym to Vanderbilt.

The Wildcats have dominated this series, winning four straight and 22 of the previous 23.

But Vanderbilt (14-4, 3-4) needed this victory desperately after having lost four of its previous five, a skid that dropped the Commodores out of the Top 25 earlier this week. They started fast, hitting their first eight shots and 6-of-6 from 3-point range.

Kentucky, which has won more games in this gym than any other opponent, used a 20-3 run to lead by as many as 10 in the second half.

But in a game filled with runs, the Commodores had the last.

They trailed 58-52 with 4:29 remaining and finished with a 14-2 spurt that included Cage's 3-pointer to put Vanderbilt up

61-60.

Kentucky had its chances to tie or take the lead back in the final two minutes, but Chuck Hayes fouled Scott Hundley with 1:40 left trying to rebound a missed shot by Erik Daniels. Cliff Hawkins lost a ball out of bounds, and then Russell Lakey stole the ball from Hawkins along the sideline with 17.7 seconds left.

Matt Freije finished with 20 points, and Dawid Przybyszewski added 13 off the bench for Vanderbilt. The Commodores never missed junior guard Corey Smith, who was suspended for this game because of a fight Wednesday night against South Carolina.

Gerald Fitch and Daniels each had 14 to lead Kentucky, and Keleena Azubuike added 12.

Kentucky outrebounded Vanderbilt 41-34, but the Commodores wound up outshooting Kentucky 41 percent (20-of-48) to 37 percent (25-of-67) despite hitting just 12 of their final 40 shots after their perfect start.

Daniels gave Kentucky a chance to blow the game wide open. He scored the final bucket of the first half and scored six of the first eight in the second half for the run that gave the Wildcats their biggest lead at 53-43.

Vanderbilt wouldn't let them pull away.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Vanderbilt 66, No. 5 Kentucky 60

Lakey drove to the basket for a layup at 12:41 to start a 9-0 spurt, and Kentucky couldn't respond. The Wildcats went scoreless for five minutes before Chuck Hayes' bucket at

8:01 for a 55-52 edge.

Vanderbilt led 40-35 at half-time after a streaky first half that featured a 19-2 spurt by the Commodores and a 16-2 run by the Wildcats.



Shelby Valley junior Kelsey Friend (33) worked against a Pikeville defender.

# Shelby Valley sprints past Pikeville

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN — Prestonsburg endured a loss in the past year that has turned into Shelby

Valley's gain. Sharpshooting guard Kris Bentley transferred to the Pike County school last year and the Wildcats have excelled with the addition of the former Blackcat.

Friday evening in the semi-final round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, it was Bentley who led the way for Rodney Rowe's Valley team in a 56-37 win. Bentley finished with 15 points to help push the Wildcats to the tournament's championship game.

Shelby Valley led Pikeville 12-9 after one quarter of play and 22-15 at the half before a 15-11 third quarter spurt put the Wildcats up by 11 after three quarters of play.

Patrick Tackett tossed in 11 points for Shelby Valley in the win and Kelsey Friend added 10. Seth Kiser pitched in nine points for the Wildcats and Eric Bartley came off the bench to finish with six.

Pikeville only had three players dent the scoring column on the night, led by Jesse Parrish with 19 points. Robert Shurtleff tossed in 13 points for the Panthers and Chad Walls rounded out the scoring for Pikeville with five points. Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 19-11 in the final quarter to come away with the 56-37 win and a date with South Floyd in the 15th Region All "A" Finals. Scoring was as follows. Shelby Valley — Bentley 15, Tackett 11, Friend 10, Kiser 9, Bartley 6, M. Bartley 3, Riddle 2. Pikeville — Parrish 19, Shurtleff 13, Walls 5.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

# MCA 68, S. Floyd 43

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Mountain Christian Academy pulled out a 25-point win over South Floyd Middle Monday night, beating the Raiders 68-43. In the win, MCA had four different players score 10 or more points. Landon Slone led the Falcons with a game-high 21 points. Jeremy Pack scored 19 points for MCA

and Clinton Turner added 14.

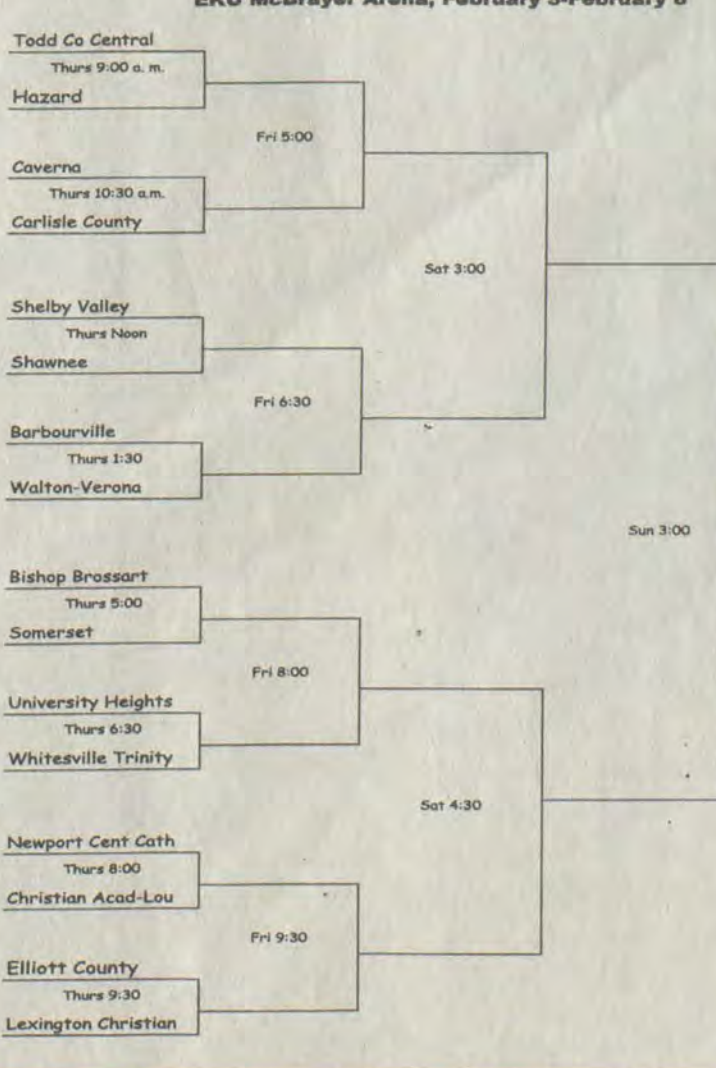
Taylor Clark had 10 points. Justin Isaac led South Floyd with 20 points. Wes Akers scored 11 and R. Bentley flipped in seven. Deven Adams and Kody Howell finished with five and two points, respectively.

Byron Hall rounded out the scoring for MCA with four points.

### Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic 2004 Girls State Tournament EKU McBrayer Arena, February 4-February 8



### Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic 2004 Boys State Tournament EKU McBrayer Arena, February 5-February 8





Game

were outscored, 16-5, and faced a 14-point deficit (29-15) at the half.

The Lady Pirates never fully recovered, outscoring the Lady Rebels 15-10 in the third quarter before Allen Central turned the tables again in the final period.

Allen Central was accurate from the field, hitting 53 percent of its attempts.

Becky Thomas led three Lady Rebels in double figures with a game-high 18 points. Jessica Isaac followed with 15, and Terri Mullins finished with 12.

Allen Central's Mara Biliter started her first varsity game.

Allen Central Coach Mark Martin saw his team build an early lead and maintain it.

"The girls came out and played well at times during the first half," said Martin. "We were aggressive on the offensive end and at the half we felt we were defending pretty well."

Belfry trailed by just nine points in the third quarter, but could get no closer.

"We knew Belfry would come out and make a strong

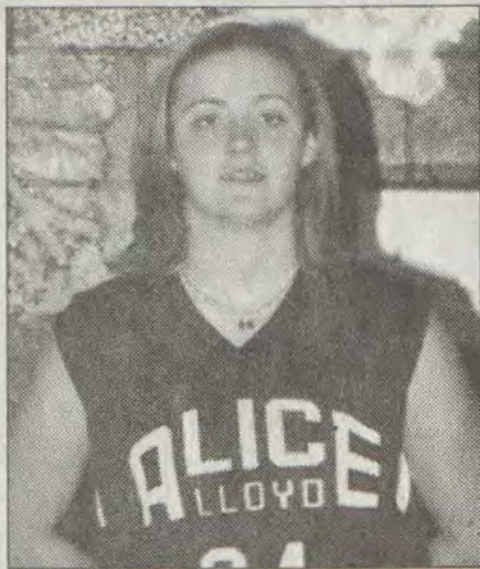
effort to get back in the game at one point during the second half," added Martin.

"Our guards had a solid performance. Terri (Mullins) played well and Mara Biliter had a good game considering it was her first start."

Thomas had seven of her 18

points in the final period. The win gave Allen Central a victory over one of the 15th Region's top girls' basketball teams.

"Belfry has been one of the more consistent teams in the area. Our seniors really showed a lot of leadership and it was simply just a big win for us."



**PLAYER PROFILE** — **Natasha Stratton, a freshman, is in her first season with the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team. She helped lead Betsy Layne to the 15th Region championship last March. Stratton also played in a couple of Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state tournaments.**

## Eaton Sales to disperse horses from Vance estate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McDonald.

LEXINGTON — Eaton Sales has been consigned to disperse the thoroughbred holdings of the estate of Jeanne Vance, which include horses sired by 1999 Belmont Stakes winner Lemon Drop Kid and 2000 Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus, among others.

A total of 11 horses, comprised of two-year-olds in training and horses of racing age, will be initially offered at Keeneland's Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale on April 13.

Vance and her husband, Milton J. Vance, campaigned numerous graded stakes winners. The April dispersal also includes horses sired by Deputy Minister, Storm Cat, Danzig, A.P. Indy and Kingmambo.

The Vances "were known for buying top yearlings and many of those purchased over the past three years will be offered as racing prospects at the April sale, fit and ready to run," said Eaton Sales partner Reiley

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott and Kevin Hartigan of Cashel Stud are working with the horses prior to auction.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## St. Joes fends off Nova

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLANOVA, Pa. — The perimeter trio of Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Pat Carroll combined for 60 points and Saint Joseph's beat Villanova 74-67 Monday night to extend its school-record winning streak to 19 games.

The Hawks (19-0) and No. 2 Stanford (18-0) remain the only unbeaten teams in Division I.

Nelson had 23 points and West scored 21, the sixth time this season they both reached the 20-

point mark in the same game. Carroll, who was 4-for-4 on 3s, had 16. West matched his career high with 11 rebounds and had six assists.

Freshman Mike Nardi had 16 points for Villanova (12-8), while Allan Ray had 13 and Andreas Bloch and Will Sheridan each had 10. Curtis Sumpter had nine points and six rebounds for Villanova but was just 1-for-14 from the field.

No. 5 Connecticut 84, No. 18 Syracuse 56

HARTFORD, Conn. —

Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks and Connecticut cruised to a win over Syracuse.

Okafor had his 14th double-double of the season, and 43rd of his career. Ben Gordon finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Huskies (18-3, 6-1 Big East), winners of eight of their last 12 meetings with the Orangemen.

Hakim Warrick led Syracuse (14-4, 4-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He had 16 points in the first half, but was held without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the second half.

No. 20 Kansas 65, Missouri 56

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Wayne Simien had 18 points, including two free throws with 42 seconds left, and Kansas held on for a victory over rival Missouri.

Kansas (14-4, 6-1 Big 12) led by only one point at halftime and was never able to pull away until the final minutes in the spirited 97-year-old rivalry.

Aaron Miles had 11 points and eight assists for Kansas. J.R. Giddens also had 11 for the Jayhawks, who took a half-game lead over No. 11 Texas and No. 13 Oklahoma State in the Big 12 race.

Arthur Johnson had 15 points and Rickey Paulding added 14 for Missouri (9-9, 4-4). The Tigers were just 3-for-18 from 3-point range.

## Henson

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this month, hit .234 with 14 homers, 40 doubles and 78 RBIs for Triple-A Columbus last season, striking out 122 times and making 28 errors at third base. He went 1-for-8 during a September callup with New York.

Henson's \$17 million, six-year deal with the Yankees called for a \$1 million signing bonus, salaries of \$1 million in each of the first two seasons and \$2 million in 2003.

He's scheduled to make \$2.2 million in 2004, \$3.8 million in 2005 and \$6 million in 2006.

Close did not return tele-

phone calls seeking comment.

Notes: C Joe Girardi has agreed to a minor league contract with the Yankees. If he doesn't make the team and retires, he has an invitation to work for the YES Network. ... Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will throw out the ceremonial first pitches before the Yankees play Tampa Bay in the season opener on March 30 at the Tokyo Dome.

Associated Press Writer Mark Babineck in Houston contributed to this report.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Ortega helps Centre men beat Oglethorpe 86-81

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Centre College put five players in double figures, shot 48.2 percent from the field and withstood a late rally by host Oglethorpe University to record an 86-81 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference victory Sunday.

"We jumped on top early and led by 18 points in the second half," said Centre coach Greg Mason. "We played excellent basketball for the first 35 minutes. The last five minutes, we struggled to defend and take care of the ball and let the game get closer than we should have."

"But we did get a huge win on the road. We got a big defensive stop at the end, got a

rebound we needed and then hit free throws to win the game."

Rob King and Coy Zerhusen both had 15 points to lead the Colonels (15-4, 7-2 SCAC). Zerhusen was 6-for-11 from the field and also had 11 rebounds, three assists and two steals. King was 6-for-10 from the field in his 16 minutes of play.

A Centre College player with Floyd County ties made his way back, nicely.

Prestonsburg native John Ortega, a guard for Centre College, also had 14 points on five-for-eight shooting and three assists in 23 minutes of play despite being bothered by an injured thumb.

"He just fought through the injury and really played well," Mason said.

## Top teams in Kentucky high school basketball

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

### BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lex. Catholic	(7)	17-3	87	1
2. Mason Co.	(2)	17-2	82	2
3. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	15-5	65	3
4. Lou. Seneca	-	20-3	51	4
5. Wayne Co.	-	17-2	42	5
6. Scott Co.	-	16-3	30	9
7. Lou. Fern Creek	-	16-4	24	6
8. Clay Co.	-	17-2	19	7
9. Cov. Catholic	-	13-2	16	-
10. Warren Central	-	12-7	14	10

Others receiving votes: Lou. DeSales 9, Owensboro Catholic 7, Barbourville 6, Caverna 6, Elizabethtown 6, Henderson Co. 6, Apollo 4, Ashland Blazer 3, Taylor Co. 3, Boyd Co. 2, Hazard 2, Boone Co. 2, Hopkinsville 1, Lou. Jeffersontown 1, Morgan Co. 1.

### GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(9)	20-1	90	1
2. Christian Co.	-	19-3	70	4
3. Henderson Co.	-	17-3	65	2
4. Lex. Catholic	-	14-6	60	5
5. Rockcastle Co.	-	17-2	54	3
6. Elizabethtown	-	16-3	31	10
7. Jackson Co.	-	14-3	20	6
(tie)8. Daviess Co.	-	19-2	15	-
8. East Carter	-	18-3	15	8
(tie)10. Lou. Mercy	-	13-6	14	7
10. Newport Central Catholic	-	14-5	14	10

Others receiving votes: Scott Co. 12, Cov. Holy Cross 5, Central Hardin 4, Perry Co. Central 4, Ashland Blazer 3, Lex. Henry Clay 3, Mercer Co. 3, Owen Co. 3, Bullitt East 2, Lou. Christian Academy 2, Russell 2, Barren Co. 1, Boone Co. 1, Boyd Co. 1, Marshall Co. 1.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Right: South Floyd fans will again likely call for three-point shots when their team returns to action Friday night against rival Prestonsburg. Below: Betsy Layne junior Kristal Daniels (back) and Tabetha Witt (front) provide post play for the 15th Region All "A" Classic Champion.



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd head coach Henry Webb is pictured following the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game.



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### Boys' basketball poll

1. Lexington Catholic	(17-3)
2. Mason County	(17-2)
3. Pleasure Ridge Park	(15-5)
4. Seneca	(20-3)
5. Fern Creek	(16-4)
6. Wayne County	(17-2)
7. Elizabethtown	(15-4)
8. DeSales	(15-4)
9. Scott County	(17-3)
10. Owensboro Catholic	(16-2)
11. Warren Central	(12-7)
12. Daviess County	(17-4)
13. Clay County	(17-2)
14. Hopkinsville	(15-6)
15. Covington Catholic	(13-3)
16. Henderson County	(14-3)
17. Barbourville	(19-1)
18. Boone County	(18-2)
19. Jeffersontown	(14-5)
20. Caverna	(19-1)
21. Apollo	(13-7)
22. Shelby Valley	(14-3)
23. Perry County Central	(13-4)
24. Hazard	(16-4)
25. Bullitt East	(14-5)

### Girls' basketball poll

1. Sacred Heart	(20-1)
2. Henderson County	(18-3)
3. Christian County	(19-3)
4. Rockcastle County	(18-2)
5. Lexington Catholic	(14-6)
6. Elizabethtown	(16-3)
7. Jackson County	(15-4)
8. Covington Holy Cross	(19-3)
9. East Carter	(19-3)
10. Daviess County	(20-2)
11. Scott County	(14-4)
12. Mercer	(13-6)
13. Marshall County	(16-2)
14. Newport Central Catholic	(14-5)
15. Muhlenberg North	(15-4)
16. Louisville Christian	(16-4)
17. Henry Clay	(14-4)
18. Bullitt East	(18-1)
19. Central Hardin	(16-4)
20. Butler	(13-5)
21. Perry County Central	(15-2)
22. South Laurel	(15-3)
23. Ashland Blazer	(13-5)
24. Owen County	(17-2)
25. Mercer County	(15-7)

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### POISON OAK

## Honor rolls and candy bars

The other day Mike Preston (Preston Funeral Home) was showing me a yellowed, brittle copy of a 1955 edition of The Paintsville Herald that someone had found and passed along to him. He wanted me to see that particular paper, because it contained an honor roll list from Meade Memorial High School, and—lo, and behold—I was on it.



Clyde Pack

A few days later, I received an e-mail from daughter-in-law, Marcy (a copy editor for the Orlando Sentinel) regarding an Associated Press story

about honor rolls. It seemed that Nashville, Tennessee, schools have stopped posting honor rolls (apparently on advice from school lawyers), because doing so might be a source of embarrassment for those kids whose grades were too low to make it. Some schools in the district have even cut out academic pep rallies, and may even decide to cancel spelling bees and the like, because the underachievers might get their feelings hurt.

Of course, it all has to do with the fear of being sued over privacy laws and such, which some think forbids releasing academic information—good or bad—with-

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Shameful Stunt

Last year around this same time the subject of this column was the Super Bowl half-time extravaganza. The shock factor for last year's event (for me anyway) was the attire, or lack thereof if you will, of the performing artists during the half-time show.

This year, with the line-up of such artists as Kid Rock and P. Diddy I have to admit I was just a tad bit on edge as to what they may have in store. And yet, they performed quite well - without any shock tactics attached. Way to go, Boys!

But who would've ever thought Janet - Ms. Jackson, that is - and Justin Timberlake would be the two to SHOCK US ALL!

Statements of apologies have since been issued by both for the incident stating that "a last minute stunt went awry".

That's putting it mildly! I don't think there is a single soul that sat watching that half-time show, that didn't look to the person next to them and say, "Did I just see what I thought I saw?"

You have to give those camera men at CBS credit where credit is due. They got those cameras off that scene in a "split" second.

(See KORNER, page eight)

## A TRIBUTE TO VAN LEAR COAL MINES



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Just as in days past, local neighborhood youth still while away lazy afternoons at Icky's, a vintage reproduction of the 1950's soda shop originally housed in the coal office building. Shown here enjoying a friendly board game are, clockwise, Rocky Scragg, Bryan Blair, Timothy Wells, and Blake Necessary.

## The Coal Miner's Museum

by Kathy J. Prater  
 FEATURES EDITOR

Coal mines, coal camps and miner's returning home covered in heavy, black dust are a common sight to most Eastern Kentuckians. Many have memories of the tales retold around the supper table by grandfathers, fathers, uncles, brothers and cousins of a long day's work away in the mines. And, even, for some, those tales have even been told by a few female members of the family.

Whatever the family history, folks at the Coal Miner's Museum, located at Van Lear, in Johnson County, are working hard to preserve it. Tina S. Webb, who serves dual positions as both secretary to the Van Lear Historical Society as well as serving as director of the museum, says that the museum is "still a work in progress," but that

membership and interest is growing steadily each year.

"We're almost always open and we stay busy all during the year," she said. Webb says that visitors come from "all over, not just from this country, but from other parts of the world, as well." The international visitors, however, had best be on the lookout for a little "hillbilly humor," as Webb likes to say as she tells stories of pulling a few legs or two when it comes to joking about life in the mountains in days gone past. "We always tell them the truth before they leave, though," she said with a grin.

Visitors to the Coal Miner's Museum begin their tour in "Icky's Snack Shop" where they find themselves surrounded by such relics from the past as a 1950's juke box

(See MUSEUM, page nine)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Once a familiar sight in Eastern Kentucky, these images now seem ghosts of a time long past. (Mural by Tina Butcher Penix.)



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
 The top floor of the museum houses a scale reproduction of the Van Lear community, complete with a real working freight train, during its heyday when coal production was booming.

### CRITTER CORNER

## Hello, kitties!

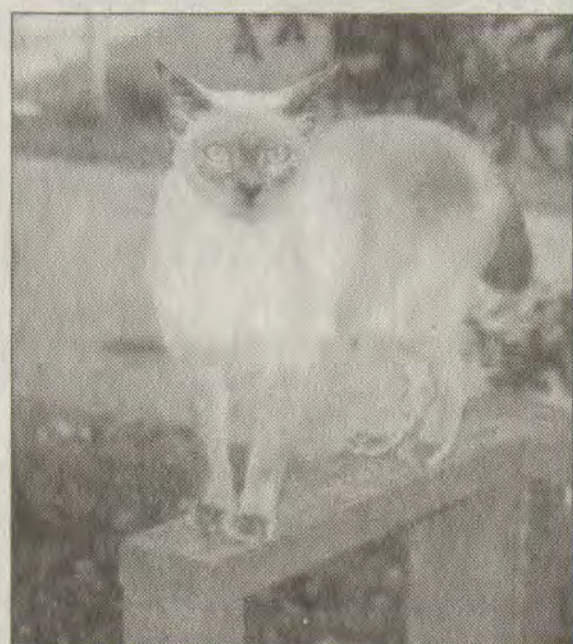
By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

After being "catless" for several years, we officially added two feline members to our family this week. I grew up a Cat Person, and have had cats as far back as I can remember; however my cat ownership has been limited recently to a group of rescues that live at the clinic.

Actually, my husband exiled my last house cat to the clinic. This was

due to an unfortunate set of events that were set in motion when I left home for several days to attend an out-of-state veterinary continuing education conference. I won't go into all the details, but our cat, Rhubarb, took leave of his senses while I was gone. Let's just say the incidents involved, among other things, Pat's favorite chair and the toaster oven.

(See CRITTER, page eight)



"Grem." Grem is a 14 year old Siamese that belongs to Alison Akers Lafferty. Alison shares that Grem "has been a very loyal and loving companion over the years." According to his owner, Grem loves to play in paper bags and eat Long John Silver's fish. Alison says that Grem also has a taste for green olives! Grem also enjoys playing with his brother, Gizzy, who is nine years old. Alison says that Grem is "just like a member of the family...we hope we can have him for another 14 years to come."



## School Calendar

### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.\*\*

■ 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

\*\*NOTICE\*\* School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

\*\*Lost coats have been

turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.\*\*

■ 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

■ 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

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

### DUFF ELEMENTARY

\*\*School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ 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

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.\*\*

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

■ Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to

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# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 9, 1994, and Feb. 11, 1994)

The Floyd County Solid Waste Commission has been disbanded by court order, a custodian has been appointed to oversee the agency, and its records have been seized by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson. In a flurry of activity that began Monday morning, the solid waste agency saw its status change in the span of twenty-four hours from a widely criticized public entity, to the target of a full-scale investigation...In a marathon meeting which took care of agendas for January and February, Floyd County School Board members burned the midnight oil Monday. Board members divided their time between open-discussion and a closed session, each lasting approximately three hours. Closed door talks included pending litigation, property acquisition, and apparently a continued evaluation of superintendent Steve Towler...A federal lawsuit between nine firefighters and the city of Prestonsburg has been settled, and money had been borrowed to resolve the matter, but, Mayor Jerry Fannin said Monday, the books apparently aren't yet closed on the issue...More often than not when state and federal governments join forces to address a problem, they do little more than muddy the waters. On Monday, though, muddy water is what brought them together. Meeting at May Lodge Monday, a diverse group of officials initiated discussions that could lead to a clear understanding of why Dewey Lake is unclear...Floyd and Johnson counties decided at about the same time, in the late 1980s, to initiate planning that would lead to the development of emergency 911 telephone systems for their residents. With a few notable exceptions, the similarities stopped there. Johnson County went on line with basic 911 service in August, 1993. Floyd County's project continues to labor along slowly, with some fundamental issues—like who will handle dispatching responsibilities—still undecided. And, there could be some technical difficulties further complicating the 911 picture in Floyd County. Despite the costs and complexities associated with the development of 911 emergency service, there is one element of the program that makes it all worthwhile. It saves lives...State auditors could be in Floyd County today, Friday, to begin an extensive review of the financial records of the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission. Bob Meyer was appointed custodian of the solid waste department and the solid waste commission was disbanded, Tuesday, by Floyd Circuit Judge John Caudill...On February 22, interviews will be held for seven applicants seeking to fill the vacant seat on the Floyd County School Board, and the empty seat is expected to be filled in early March...The nomina-

tion of a Wayland native to serve as U.S. Marshall of the state's Eastern District was expected to receive full Senate approval, Thursday. The Senate Judiciary committee cleared the nomination of Joe Russell Mullins, 56, to the post Wednesday night...There died: Ollie Robinson Jr., 57, of Martin, Friday, February 4, in Martin; Darling Newsome, 69, of Melvin, Monday, February 7, at his residence; Charles Robert (Bobby) Potter, 34, of Shiloh, Ohio, Saturday, at his home; Dennis J. Stephens, 69, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, formerly of Water Gap, Sunday, January 30; Frank McGuire Sr., 75, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, February 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Aggie J. Jarrells, 76, of Gibsonburg, Ohio, Thursday, February 3, at St. Charles Hospital, Oregon; Jeremy Tyler Evans, 4-month-old son of Ronald D. and Deborah Newsome Evans of Patterson, North Carolina, Wednesday, February 2, at the Children's Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina; Betty A. Salyer, 66, of Hi Hat, Saturday, February 5, at her residence; Kendall Chaffins, 76, of Garrett, Sunday, February 6, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Nancy "Nannie" Hamilton, 83, of Martin, Friday, February 4, at the residence of her sister in Martin; Delia Calhoun, 87, of Hindman, Saturday, February 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charlene Lisa McKinney DeBord, 21, of Ivel, Wednesday, February 2, on U.S. 23 North at Betsy Layne, following an automobile accident; Gladys J. Frasure, 66, of Hueysville, Tuesday, February 8, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Edna Mae Blackburn, 65, of Allen, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Leona Wilson, 87, of Crestview, Florida, February 1; Ernestine Stanley, 58, of Allen, Monday, February 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sara Margaret Calder, 76, February 3, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.

## Twenty Years Ago

(February 15, 1984)

One of two half brothers facing trial in Fayette Circuit Court for complicity in the murder, last June, of a McDowell School teacher, entered a plea of guilty, and agreed to testify against his brother...A Cow Creek man, Paul David Derossett, 37, was accused of attempted murder, and criminal mischief after he allegedly fired on coal truck driver Palmer Crider, 31, of Endicott, during an early morning chase from Emma to Martin...Prestonsburg City Council argued the role of the fire department and the responsibility of fire protection outside the city limits...A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a former Drift man, Gary Lee Castle, convicted

of robbery and assault six years ago. The warrant was signed after court officials learned that, through an apparent oversight, the man never served his sentence...There died: Carl Stephenson, 83, of Prestonsburg, January 20, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lula Mae Goble, 73, of Auxier, Saturday, February 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bessie L. Bays, 43, of Ivel, February 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Tom Carroll, 71, of Honaker, Friday, at U.K. Medical Center; Rhoda Tackett Jones, 66, of Bypro, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Betty Miller, 69, of Ligon, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andrew (Buddy) Ratliff, 45, of Harold, February 7, en route to Highlands Regional Medical Center; Amy Dawn Allen, four-month-old daughter of John and Mary Shepherd Allen, last Wednesday, en route to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years

(February 13, 1974)

Dynamiting of the Harris Brothers Construction Company on South Lake Drive, here, during the early morning hours, Monday, caused damage to the firm, and neighboring businesses and residences which may run as high as \$50,000, it was said later...The Floyd Fiscal Court moved again, last week, toward the issuance of franchises to television cable systems in the county, and, as in the first such attempt last August, a legal battle looms...The gasoline shortage and restricted shortage of foodstuffs which clouded the pictured a week ago, brightened, with the weather, this week...One of the three private clubs in the county, which were closed last December, and later reopened by special agreement, will again be shut down, this week, after a raid, Saturday night, resulted in the issuance of three warrants...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Porter, of Prestonsburg, a son, John Martin Porter II, February 2, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Glendal Tackett, 38, of Weeksby, last Tuesday, at Pikeville; Mrs. Mary Ann Vance, 82, of Teaberry, Saturday, at Martin; Mrs. Jacqueline Tackett, 36, of Drift, January 30, at McDowell; Mrs. Fannie Robinson, 80, of Martin, Saturday, at Martin; Mrs. Della A. Owens, 88, last Wednesday, at her home at Hindman; Malon Johnson, 82, last Wednesday, at his home at Melvin; Mrs. Margaret Frasure, 85, Saturday, at her home at East McDowell; Ishmael Hall, 56, January 29, at home at Topmost; William (Bill) Symon, 50, formerly of this county, February 5, at his home in Dempolis, Alabama; Clifford G. Slone, 45, of Buckingham, Saturday, at McDowell.

## Forty Years Ago

(February 20, 1964)

Circuit Judge Hollie Conley will empanel a special grand jury, next Wednesday morning, to investigate the Floyd County bootlegging situation from all angles...Construction of the Tourist Information Center here, at the junction of the Mountain Parkway with U.S. 23, will be started as soon as possible said architect George Lee Shannon...Congressman Carl D. Perkins notified Mayor George P. Archer, Tuesday afternoon, that the Housing and Home Finance Agency had approved two federal grants to cover three-fourths of the cost of Prestonsburg's two urban renewal projects...Burl Spurlock, Prestonsburg banker, has been named head of the annual Floyd County Red Cross fund drive, it was announced this week...Mayor John H. Roberts, of Martin, said, this week, that the contract for the low-rent public housing project located at the "Y" at Martin has been approved, and that work should begin soon...First step toward actual construction of the Floyd County Library building, here, was taken Friday by Meade and Kendrick, Prestonsburg contractors...The Floyd County Committee of 500, organized here several months ago to combat bootlegging, paid a reward, Saturday, to Samuel Reed of Wayland, for swearing out a search warrant resulting in the confiscation of intoxicants allegedly held for purpose of sale...Mrs. May Ford Hyden received an award from James E. Goble, superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church here, after she had concluded her 26th year of perfect attendance...There died: Mrs. Lydia Roberts, 29, of Amba, Feb. 8, at Pikeville; Mrs. Jennie Bailey, 72, of Hueysville, Saturday, at her home; Eli Johnson, 92, of Weeksby, last Wednesday, at the home of a son at Weeksby; Delbert Webb, 48, of Wayland, last Thursday, at Martin.

## Fifty Years Ago

(February 18, 1954)

The U.S. Public Health Service has given final approval of the old Prestonsburg General Hospital building, at West Prestonsburg, as the center from which it will do an area-wide survey of intestinal-borne diseases...Floyd County apparently is getting into strawberry production, it was said, Monday, after 20 farmers agreed to grow 11 acres of berries...County Judge Henry Stumbo, this week, named County Superintendent V. O. Turner, Lon C. Hill and the Rev. Orville Pearson, to a permanent Floyd County Library Development Board to direct the operation of a Bookmobile in the county...Fred R. Cottrell this week,

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administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

**PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

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.

**SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER**

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, or

Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

**STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

Feb. 17 - Floyd County Health Dept., Dental Program, K-3.  
Feb. 19 - VIP meeting, Stress Management, 10:30 a.m., in Resource Center.  
Feb. 19 - Dollars & Sense Store, 5th grade, Martin Comm. Center.  
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**

"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 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.  
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.

Floyd County Conservation District 2003 Conservation Contest Winners

The Floyd County Conservation District has announced the winners of its 2003 Conservation Contest, "Kentucky's Wildlife...Rediscovering its Value." Nearly 1,700 Floyd County students participated by submitting either artwork or writings geared toward persuading the general public to practice good wildlife conservation practices. Each school and county winner, and their families, will be invited to the Floyd County Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet, to be held in March. Following is a list of area winners:

**Kindergarten Winners**

James A. Duff Elementary - 1st, Faith Mitchell; 2nd, Monica Duff; 3rd, Sarah Grindrod.  
May Valley Elementary - 1st, Annelise Small; 2nd, Seth Ramsey; 3rd, Logan Owens.

Prestonsburg Elementary - 1st, Dustin Blair; 2nd, Hannah Hunt; 3rd, Dakota Collins.

John M. Stumbo Elementary - 1st, Shania Burchett.

Wesley Christian School - 1st, Olivia Davis; 2nd, Chloe Ward; 3rd, Grace Bailey

**School Art Winners**

Allen Elementary - 1st, Damon Gayheart.

Clark Elementary - 1st, Garrett Hammonds; 2nd, Christopher Bentley; 3rd, Kaylena Stevenson.

James A. Duff Elementary - 1st, Breanna Huff; 2nd, Brett Carroll; 3rd, Sara Morgan Sexton.

May Valley Elementary - 1st, Adam Bormes; 2nd, Logan Cline; 3rd, Adam Castle.

Mountain Christian Academy - 1st, Robert Chase Perkey; 2nd, Rachael Celeste Hayes; 3rd, William Samuel Hayes.

W.D. Osborne Elementary - 1st, Jonathan Ramsey; 2nd, Trevor Stovall; 3rd, Veronica Stanley.

Prestonsburg Elementary - 1st, Leanna Goble; 2nd, Hannah Hitchcock; 3rd,

Kaitlyn Minix.  
John M. Stumbo Elementary - 1st, Cody Akers; 2nd, Austin Rogers; 3rd, Brady Slone.  
Wesley Christian School - 1st, Hunter Brown; 2nd, John Chandler Dillon; 3rd, J.D. Adams.

**School Writing Winners**

James D. Adams Middle - 1st, Justin Trout; 2nd, Elizabeth Nelson; 3rd, Michelle Ellis.

Allen Central High School - 1st, Amy Wallen; 2nd, Brandi Meade; 3rd, Jessica Lynn Isaac.

Allen Central Middle - 1st, Lindsay Webb; 2nd, Michaela Tussey; 3rd, Elizabeth Howard.

Betsy Layne Elementary - 1st, Greg Neeley; 2nd, Casey D. Parsons; 3rd, Joanna Burchett.

May Valley Elementary - 1st, Morgan Wright; 2nd, Sarah McKinney; 3rd, Alex Hartgrove.

Piarist School - 1st, Lakita Lykins; 2nd, Ashley Gunnell.

Prestonsburg Elementary - 1st, Hannah Hackworth.

Prestonsburg High School - 1st, Sam Chaffin; 2nd, Lauren Ward; 3rd, Jonathon Collins.

South Floyd Middle - 1st, Faith Little; 2nd, Ethan J. Mullins; 3rd, Katie Crum.

Wesley Christian School - 1st, Leandra Padgett; 2nd, Zak Key.

**County Kindergarten Winners**

1st - Olivia Davis, Wesley Christian School; 2nd - Dustin Blair, Prestonsburg Elementary; 3rd - Annelise Small, May Valley Elementary.

County Art Winners: 1st - Hunter Brown, Wesley Christian School; 2nd - Adam Bormes, May Valley Elementary; 3rd - Cody Akers, Stumbo Elementary School.

**County Writing Winners:**

1st - Leandra Padgett, Wesley Christian School; 2nd - Greg Neeley, Betsy Layne Elementary; 3rd - Lakita Lykins, Piarist School.

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purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Webb, the stock and fixtures of the I. Richmond Company here...Smith F. Bradley, of Prestonsburg, will appear tonight (Thursday) on the television show, "This Is Your Life," the central figure of which will be his sister, famed Army nurse Lt. Col. Ruby Bradley...There died: Mrs. Martha Jane Clarke, 87, Sunday, at the home of a daughter on the Auxier road; Mrs. Betty McGuire Ward, 29, formerly of this county, Friday, in Roanoke, Virginia; Patrick Hayes, 82, native of Langley, February 7, at Wheelersburg, Ohio.

**Sixty Years Ago**

(February 17, 1944)

Town Hall, chairman of the county's fourth War Loan drive, announced, this week, that Floyd County had surprised its \$725,000 War Bond quota by \$25,000...Leonard Norris, 14, one of eight passengers in a car which was hit, Sunday, by a train at Midas, was fatally injured. The other seven escaped with minor hurts...C. R. Halstead, of Martin, opened a shoe shop, today, (Thursday), near the bus station...Andrew J. Workman, 39, motorman in a Wayland mine was killed, last Thursday, night when dragged more than 600 feet beneath the wheels of his motor...Curtis Lee Sizemore, 23, son of Russell Sizemore, of Prestonsburg, was reported killed in the southwest Pacific theatre of war...Mrs. California Harris Branham, last Kentucky woman whose grandfather was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, died February 10, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 94. She was a native of this county...Married: Sgt. William R. Callihan, of Prestonsburg, and Lt. Shirley Benton, Army nurse, at

Enid Station Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma, December 25...There died: John Barney, 77, former Floyd coal operator, Saturday, at an Erie, Pennsylvania, hospital; Britton Tackett, 58, West Garrett miner, found dead, Monday, and believed frozen to death; E. L. (Tuey) Cline, 60, Saturday, at his home on Johns Creek; Mrs. Emma J. King, 49, last Thursday, at Garrett.

**Seventy Years Ago**

(February 16, 1934)

Frank DeRossett, 40, was killed, and Clyde Goble, 35, suffered a broken leg, when they were struck by an auto at Brandy Keg, Saturday. Occupants of the auto, Coet Conley, 35, and Pete Chaffin, 40, were injured...Terms of some schools have been cut by the Floyd County Board of Education, because of a lack of funds. The Board voted to seek a \$10,000 loan from the Public Works Administration to finance construction of an addition to the Betsy Layne school building...Rewards totalling \$600 have been posted by Jailer B. L. Sturgill, for the arrest of Harrison Frazier and Lonnie Robinson, who escaped from the county jail, Sunday morning...The new law firm of Bond & Bond—Oscar P. Bond and his brother, J.D. Bond—has opened its office in the Odd Fellows building here...Wesley Prichard, 13, of Garrett, is the new Floyd County schoolboy spelling champion. Madge Boyd, 12, of Prestonsburg, was runner-up...There died: S. W. McGuire, 83, prominent Johns Creek landowner, at his home Wednesday; Troy Prater, 35, last week at his home on Brush Creek, near Hippo; Mrs. Elvira Salyers, 87, Saturday, at Lackey, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Arnett, Friday, at Cliff.

Korner

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Still, the damage was done, and 89 million people were witness to last Monday's most discussed topic of conversation, to say the least.

Honestly, I must admit, after the Brittany & Madonna fiasco - with the cameras turning to Justin during that incident in order to get his reaction - the thought that first entered my mind was - there was no way ol' Justin was gonna let his ex outdo him in the "shock factor" category.

I also think Michael Powell, the Federal Communications Commission chief, said it best when he said, "that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass, and deplorable stunt."

How sad for those guys who played their hearts out in

one of the best Super Bowl games in the history of the game to have to play second fiddle to the half-time "peep show."

I'm tellin' ya, they're gonna have to start rating Super Bowl half-times "X" if something isn't done to prevent these artists from future use of such tactics!

In an on-line report by writers David Bauder, Christy Lemire and Jonathan D. Salant, the following was written: "The FCC has come under fire from lawmakers and outside groups who say the agency hasn't done enough to shield the public from indecent programming. The Bush administration has endorsed a bill raising the \$27,500 maximum fine to \$275,000."

Critter

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(Once you have smelled cat urine heated to 350° Fahrenheit, you don't soon forget it.)

Anyway, we had been discussing cats again for awhile, and decided to bring a couple of the clinic gang home. Obviously, any cat that lives with us has to be dog-friendly and not particularly nervous. We wanted a pair, so they would have some same-species company. Two of the cats seemed to be the perfect candidates.

Mallory is a spayed tortoiseshell female that I nabbed in Wal-Mart parking lot one night. She didn't claw my face off after being pounced on, scuffed, and hustled into a strange vehicle after being lured in with a spoonful of cat food I had flung under a parked car. She's obviously pretty mellow. Scooter is a white neutered male who is missing a front leg due to an altercation with a car fan. He is the more outgoing (bordering on downright obnoxious), of the two. Neither of them ever got chummy with the other cats, yet they always seemed to maintain a peaceful relationship with one another.

So, armed with a new litter box and a bag of their favorite crunchies, we took them home, wondering how the introductions to the dogs would go.

Gunner, the Doberman, would be no problem. The cats had seen him almost every day at the clinic, and it wasn't unusual to see one of them winding around his long legs.

Mollie, the Collie-Shepherd mix, has no problems with anyone or anything, as long as they recognize her as Alpha Dog and Big Momma. She Who Must Be Respected. Translation: don't try to eat out of her bowl and you'll be just fine.

Whitney, the Chow cross, seems to be in such a perpetual bad mood that no one pays any attention to her whatsoever. The cats would get used to her with time. She is all growls and very little action, except when it comes to Destiny the Dalmatian, her sworn enemy. Desi, of course, could drive a wooden man crazy with her hyperactivity, which just goes with her breed. She does fine with cats and we knew she would settle down once she got over the novelty of having them in the house.

We weren't worried about Punkin, our Cocker Spaniel mix, either, since she had previous experience with cats when she lived with Pat's late mother.

Then there's Lacie. It occurred to us that she came to live with us after the Rhubarb

Episode, and neither of us could remember if she had ever met a cat. Lacie came to us abused and half-starved, but over time she blossomed into something resembling a cross between a Beagle and the Goodyear Blimp. She is the one who still chews, gets into trash, opens doors that are supposed to stay shut, and has turned Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder into a fine art. If she decides she wants to do something, she will do whatever it takes—barking, digging, climbing, etc, to accomplish it. If she decided that chasing cats looked like fun...

Anyhow, we loaded up the cats last night and took them home. The kitchen is separated from the rest of the house by a permanent low gate (Oh, the things we do in the name of pet-proofing), so this was the logical place for introductions.

Predictably, Gunner ignored them, Whitney found them beneath her dignity, and Punkin thought they were mildly interesting for a while. Destiny bounced and barked until I decided a Benadryl capsule was in everyone's best interest. Mollie made a couple of attempts to stand on her hind legs to look over the gate, realized she was too fat to manage it comfortably, and wandered off to eat.

Oak

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out permission. The Nashville schools are attempting to send out permission slips so parents can give the okay for the schools to tell the world that little Johnnie has a B average.

I've no idea how I managed to live with the embarrassment from all those other times an honor roll was published without my name being on it during my four years at Meade. Then again, it could be that all those times I wasn't on it just might have made me want to work a little harder so that the next time I would be. Guess that's just an old-fashion idea that went out the window, along with the idea that the teachers were in charge of the school.

Have times changed, or what? \*\*\*

Another item making the news these days that reminds me of those times, 50 years ago, when I was a high school student, is House Bill 148.

It's a bill that would prohibit selling candy and pop and stuff during the school day, and

In my opinion, that's just pocket change for the likes of Jackson or Timberlake either one.

Hmm, in other measures, what if they had to pick up every little piece of confetti thrown after the game by hand - just the two of them - for their little "stunt gone awry"?

Childish, you say? Well, let the punishment fit the crime!

Adolescent behavior deserves adolescent punishment, and when the amount of money made is in the category such as the two of these celebrities make, hitting them hard enough in the wallet would be one hard effort to accomplish.

Lord, help the minds of our entertainment industry!

Lacie, lost as usual in her own world, seemed to have no idea what the excitement was about for the longest time. I cringed when she finally spotted them. Over the gate she went, with all the grace of a ballet-dancing hippo, and the cats scattered—just far enough to avoid ground zero.

The moment of truth had arrived; the Beagle had landed. They eyeballed one another while I held my breath. Suddenly, Scooter made his move—by flinging himself on the floor and making biscuits in the air with his one front leg. Mallory, on the other hand, came charging at the dog, and crashed into her with a massive head butt that actually caused Lacie to collapse onto her ample backside. So much for that.

This morning both cats were happily mingling with their new friends as if they had known them all their lives. Lacie had returned to her current project of finding a way to open the bedroom door. Everything was going so smoothly that it was scary. I haven't been home for several hours, and I'm a little afraid of what may have gone on while I was away. At least I am consoled by the thought that I never replaced the toaster oven...



Museum

still playing more than a few old Elvis tunes as well as other era hits. Icky's gets its unique name from former owner, Richard "Icky" Wetzel, who ran the shop in the basement of the Consolidation Coal Company's Miller's Creek Division Headquarters during the 1940's, '50's and 60's. The shop was a popular hangout for community youth during Icky's days, and now, with the restoration of the coal office building, is continuing to be a popular one for today's area youth.

The small city of Van Lear, Kentucky was constructed by the Consolidation Coal Company (now known as "Consol") in the early 1900's. It was named in honor of wealthy Maryland businessman, Van Lear Black, who was integrally connected with the coal company. Miners who came to Eastern Kentucky were a cosmopolitan mix of Irish, Italian, Slavic and other European descents. These

miners, along with native Eastern Kentuckians, mined coal deposits around the clock from five underground mines. Van Lear, during its days of "boom years" grew to a population of over 4,000, compared to today's population of about 1,601. Webb is a native of Van Lear.

A tour of the museum will present numerous photographs of local families, many shown in miner's uniforms, others presented in military dress. Old carbide lamps, hard hats, three-tiered lunch buckets, breast augers and numerous other mining souvenirs, as well as a scale reproduction of the Van Lear community and a beautifully haunting mural hand-painted by Tina Butcher Penix adorn the various hallways and rooms of the museum. Also available is a room set aside expressly filled with educational materials that are used in conjunction with teacher-student visits.

In addition to coal mining

artifacts, the museum also houses areas devoted to local and native musicians, some famous, such as Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle and Hermalee, and others who, though not as well-known, are immensely talented all the same. "We intend for this area to be filled by any band, singer or musician who has a history in Van Lear," Webb said. "This will be their own special place."

Also set aside with a special place of their own is an area filled with sports memorabilia such as player and cheerleader uniforms, trophies, and even a scoreboard that has been handed down and used in more than one local community school. "We're getting more and more of this kind of stuff all the time," Webb said, "and we're tickled to death when it comes in. Right now, we're working on getting a lot of the old photographs framed."

Visitors to the museum will also learn a little about the history of the origin of coal

miner's unions as well as the opportunity to see the very examining table on which Loretta Lynn lay as she learned she was pregnant with her very first child.

The Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum is currently being operated primarily from Historical Society membership fees and funds generated from the Annual Van Lear Town Celebration event, held during the first full weekend in August each year. This year, the town celebration will be held August 6-7.

Membership in the Van Lear Historical Society, Inc., is a mere \$10/person.

Tours of the museum are \$4/person.

For more information on Icky's Snack Shop or the Coal Miner's Museum, or to schedule a tour, contact the Van Lear Historical Society, Inc., at P.O. Box 336, Van Lear, KY 41265, or telephone: (606) 789-8540, or email: coalcamp@geocities.com.



These cheerleader uniforms from a now closed Van Lear community school were just recently donated to the museum. Museum director, Tina S. Webb, says that she is happy to accept historical donations at any time.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

PHS graduates named to Transy Dean's List

Three area students at Transylvania University have been named to the Dean's List for the 2003 fall term. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during the term.

Prestonsburg High School graduates Amanda Arnett, Andrew Burchett, and James

Turner have all been named to the Dean's List.

Arnett, a sophomore, is the daughter of Charles and Nan Arnett, of Prestonsburg.

Burchett, a freshman, is the son of Blake and Rebecca Burchett, of Prestonsburg.

Turner, a junior English major, is the son of Arnold and Elizabeth Turner, of Allen.

Transylvania University, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the liberal arts colleges in the country.

Births

It's a Girl!

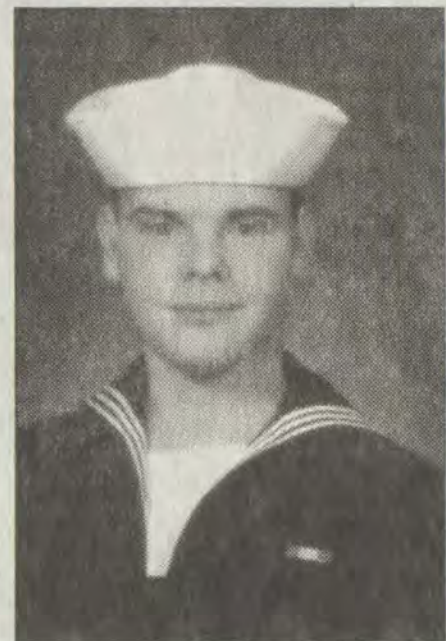
Sophie Amyiah Swiger was born on January 5, 2004, to proud parents Amanda and Jeremiah Swiger, of Eastern. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. Sophie is the first grandchild for both Tivis and Fayetta Caudill, of Wheelwright, and James and Patsy Swiger, of Eastern. She is the seventh great-grandchild of Minnie Caudill, of Ligon. Sophie's entire family is overjoyed with her arrival!



Announcements

Completes Naval Training

Airman Apprentice Brandon C. Leslie, USN, completed his basic training assignment on December 22, 2003, in Great Lakes, Illinois. He has recently enjoyed a visit at home in Floyd County but will be leaving for a tour of duty on February 5. He will be stationed at Mayport, Florida. He is assigned to the Aircraft Carrier John F. Kennedy. He is the son of Ralph and Tonya Leslie, of Emma.



Weddings

Stevens-Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. James and Delores Stevens, of Toler Creek, at Harold, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Michelle, to Joseph Patrick Mullins, the son of Pat Mullins, of Pikeville, and the late Sam Mullins. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 2003 graduate of the National College of Business and Technology. She holds an associate's degree in computer applications technology as well as a diploma in the medical secretarial field. She is employed at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Joseph attended Pike County Central High School and is also employed at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The wedding will take place at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold. A reception at the church will follow. The newlyweds will reside at Toler.



Ask the CIS

**Q** How can I tell if cancer information on the Internet is trustworthy?  
**A** The growing popularity of computers has made it easier and faster to find cancer information on the Internet. Some Internet information is reliable and trustworthy. However, other information may be false or misleading. You should talk to your doctor about any cancer information you find on Web sites.

Meanwhile, the following questions from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) may help you tell if health information on the Internet is likely to be trustworthy.

Who owns the site? A site's Web address will tell you what type of organization owns it. For example, addresses ending in "gov" are federal government agencies; "edu" means an educational institution; "org" is used by non-profit organizations; and "com" is used by commercial organizations.

For more information about a site's owner, look for a link called "About this site."

Where does the information come from? Health-related sites should give the names and medical qualifications of the people who prepared and/or reviewed the materials. It also should list references (such as articles in medical journals) for medical facts and statistics.

Is the information opinions or facts? Opinions and advice should be clearly separate from scientific facts based on research results.

How current is the information? It is particularly important that medical information be up to date. Information should include the date it was published to the site and the date it was last reviewed for scientific accuracy.

For more information, call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER and ask for a free copy of "How To Evaluate Health Information on the Internet: Questions and Answers."

DIABUDDIES CORNER

Info of the Week:

Diabetes can cause eye problems and may lead to blindness. People with diabetes do have a higher risk of blindness than people without diabetes.

Recipe of the

week:  
 (Recipe obtained from www.equal.com)

Peanut Butter Granola Bites

- (2 dozen)
- 2 cups cornflakes
- 1 cup quick oats, uncooked
- 2/3 cup seedless raisins
- ? cup chunky peanut butter
- ? cup egg substitute or 4 egg whites
- 1 cup Equal® Spoonful\*
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

\*May substitute 24 packets of Equal® sweetener

Combine cornflakes, oats and raisins in a large bowl. Combine peanut butter and egg substitute in a medium bowl. Stir in Equal®, honey, vanilla and cinnamon until well blended. Spoon over cereal mixture. Toss gently to combine. Let stand for 5 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls. Place on lightly sprayed baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly golden and set. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

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**For Rent 2 Bed Room.** Trailer located on Johnson Floyd Co. Line. No Hud. no Pets, call 886-3151 after 5 pm.

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**FOR RENT: MODERN SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT** Approximately 900 square ft. Furnished kitchen. Will also consider renting apartment for office space. Located 1 mile south of Martin on Rt. 122 across from the Floyd County Technology Center at Garth. \$500 per mo. plus utilities. Call 285-3625 or 285-9112.

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

**NOTICES**

**805-Announcements**

**College Degree Quickly! Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate** by correspondence based upon prior education, life experience and short study course. Not Accredited by an Agency Recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. ( See free information catalog) Call 24 hours. Cambridge State University 1(800)-964-8316 !!

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**HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY.** We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551.

**Found a small male Begal mix** in Prater Creek area call 874 3827

**Classified**

**Ads Work**  
Call 886-8506

**Registered Nurse On-call position,** Earn money while you are at home, shopping or dining out. Carry a pager and return calls. Visits made if necessary by the protocol of Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Several scenarios available. Call 606-789-841 or come in and make out an application at 1520 Ky. Highway, 1428 Hager Hill, Ky, 41222 (psa)

**What is the one thing that we as people can give to another? OURSELVES!** Be a volunteer for Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Volunteer classes will be given if enough sign up Call 606-789-3841 or come and visit with Dr. Cook for more information (psa).

**812 - Free**

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME!** Puppies, mixed miniature collies. 6 weeks old Call 285-5003 after 3 p.m.

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

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**FREE FILL DIRT** right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

**815 - Lost & Found**

**Lost Dog Red Doberman male** 1 year old lost in Short Branch area of Abbott 500.00 Reward for safe return. No Questions asked call 885-1696 or 422-4788

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**900-Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041, Amendment 4 In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to a permit for coal processing facility and refuse disposal operation located 1.9 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The amendment will add 85.51 acres for a total of 156.66 acres within the amended boundary. The facility is approximately 1.4 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles Northeast of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'25". The longitude is 82°43'30". The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S.

quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation and the Keathley heirs.

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

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

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 836-5284, which was last issued on 1/30/95. The applicants covers an area of approximately 734.34 acres, located 0.5 mile southwest of Orkney in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from Moore Branch Road's junction with KY 122, and located 0.1 mile northwest of Moore Branch of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$9,200.00. Approximately 66 percent of the original bond amount of \$13,900.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 6/13/93. 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 3/12/04.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 3/15/04, 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 3/12/04.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-816**

**PENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF**

**VS. ELLA M. COMPTON DEFENDANT**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$67,005.41, 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 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 174 First Street, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Ella M. Compton from The Associates, Inc., by deed dated November 24, 1999, of record in Deed Book 441, Page 448, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning in the center line of a drain and the C & O Railroad right of way thence running with the drain S 66 degrees 00'36" W 36.564' to an iron pin, thence N 52 degrees 20'25" W 362', to an iron pin in the center of the drain, thence with the drain 550 45'18" W 75.549'; S 50 degrees 19'57" W 73.363' to an iron pipe, thence continuing with said drain S 44 degrees 11'03" W 13.993', S 42 degrees 39'39" W 39.197'; S 53 degrees 46'44" W 56.628'; S 27 degrees 26'13" 15.637' to big branch; S 8 degrees 36'04" E 32.768'; S 29 degrees 46'03" E 27.108' to the C & O Railroad right of way; thence running with the C & O right of way in a curve with radius of 1948 976' and a chord with the bearing of S 89 degrees 29'56" E a distance of 552.37' 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 delinquent Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, 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, and City of Prestonsburg, 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 the Office of the Floyd County Clerk shall only be obligated to pay court costs.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jeremy M Rettig Lerner, Sampson Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-281

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**  
**DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-2003-01**  
**MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY A NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN WHOLESALE LENDER AND BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS 2003 CO-PLAINTIFFS VS.**

**MARY LO BRANHAM UNKNOWN DEFENDANT OCCUPANT UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, WHO ARE HEIRS OR DEVISEES LEGATEES JOHN BRANAM & THEIR SPOUSES AND UNKNOWN PERSON WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSIF MARY J BRANAM DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**  
**DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-646**  
**BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. KENLEY STURGILL; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$33,533.92, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the 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 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. the following described real estate, located at 35 Main Street, Branham Hollow, Wheelwright in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot No 5 Shown on a plat the City of Wheelwright prepared by Richard E. Martin a recorded in Map FN0. 348A

the Plaintiff, and the Office of the Floyd County Clerk shall only be obligated to pay court costs.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**  
**DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-646**  
**BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. KENLEY STURGILL; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$12,126.47, 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 12th day of February, 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 Lot Number 1,2,3, and 4 of the W.H. Weddington Subdivision, located at Emma, Floyd County, Kentucky.

"Beginning at a point on the North East corner of said subdivision at a point adjacent to the County Road, thence in a South Easterly direction N 29 degrees 30' 02" W for a distance of 134.81 feet to a stake, corner to Flo Weddington-Cooley; thence in a distance of 117.49 feet to a stake, corner to said County Road; thence North East, along the County Road, S 46 degree 36' 49" W for a distance of 136.71 feet to the point of beginning."

This tract encompasses approximately 0.3951 acres, and is further identified as being a portion of the same property conveyed as "Tract No. 1" of Deed Book 412, page 578, as recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Being the same property conveyed to Kenley Sturgill from Jimmy D. Flannery, by deed dated July 28, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 437, Page 582, Floyd County 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 sixty (60) 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 delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate 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.

Maddox, PSC P.O. Box 1530 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 606/437-7800

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 03-28-DLB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF V. HAROLD GLEN THORNSBERRY DEFENDENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on August 4, 2003, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable David L. Bunning, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an order condemning and forfeiting the following property:

CURRENCY: \$1,050.00 in United States currency; and \$884.00 in United States currency; VEHICLE: 1994 Toyota 4 Runner. VIN JT3VN39W8R80652 14

**REAL PROPERTY:**

1. A tract or parcel of land laying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright and being lot #One hundred Sixteen (116) including the appurtenance thereunto belonging and located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by Mountain Investment, Inc., map or plat on file number 348, Records of Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Glen Thornsberry and Shirley Thornsberry by deed dated March 25, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 27, in the Floyd County Clerk's office. Also being the same property referenced by Floyd County P.V.A. as map number 071-00-00-001.06 which includes house and lot number 116/metal building.

2. Being Lot 402 four hundred & two, including the building and the appurtenances thereunto being located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by Plat or map in file number 348, Records of Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The Deed of conveyance is subject to the restrictions, covenants and assessments contained in the Deed from Lillie Ward et al. to the parties of the first part. Being the same land conveyed to Glen Thornsberry by deed dated May 4, 2001, and recorded in Deed Book 458, Page 604, in the Floyd County Clerk's office.

3. The surface rights of 8.1060 acres of land located on the Right Fork of Otter Creek in the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and conveyed to Glen Thornsberry by Quit Claim Deed dated April 29, 2002, and recorded in Book

D473, Page 117, in the Floyd County Clerk's office.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), if you have a legal interest in this property, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

THE PETITION must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853(n)(2), NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION.

ANY HEARING on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your own behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PETITION TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY SHALL BE LOST AND FORFEITED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES THEN SHALL HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND MAY WARRANT GOOD TITLE TO ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE.

All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Pikeville Docket, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Suite 203, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1100.

You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507.

Dated 1-22-04.



**FOR SALE BY SEALED BID**

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission has the following surplus vehicles for sale:

- Item 1) 1989 Dodge Ram 3/4 Ton 4x4 Pickup
- Item 2) 1995 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton 4x2 Truck with Utility Bed (some body damage)
- Item 3) 1993 Chevrolet Astro Van

Sealed bids will be received by the Commission for each of these surplus vehicles. These items may be inspected by calling Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent, or Turner Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, at (606) 886-6871, for an appointment. Bids will be received at the Commission's office, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, until 3:00 p.m. (local time), on February 16, 2004, and then at such office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline, will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality, or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes addressed to "Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent," bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Sealed Bid-Surplus Equipment."

Each item listed will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid.

Turner E. Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2004, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2004.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Virginia Manuel, mailing address, 88 Barnett Hts. Martin, Ky. 41649, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Retail Beer License, no later than February 8, 2004. The business to be licensed will be located at U.S. 23, Banner, Kentucky 41603, doing business as Sissy's Grocery and Carryout. The

owner(s) are as follows: Owner, Virginia Manuel, of 88 Barnett Hts., Martin, Ky. 41649. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic, may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail A-2, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

This is to notify the unknown spouse, if any, of the late Mary B. Childers, formerly of 917 Main Street, Bypro, Kentucky, of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed against him on January 27, 2004, in Floyd Circuit Court. Said lawsuit is styled U.S. Bank, N.A. f/k/a/ Firststar Bank, N.A., v. Unknown Spouse of Mary B. Childers and Unknown Heirs of Mary B. Childers, and has been assigned Civil Action No. 04-CI-00062. The basis of the suit is a foreclosure action filed against each of the named defendants by U.S. Bank, N.A. The Complaint alleges that the late Mary B. Childers has defaulted on her obligations to pay per the terms of a promissory note, and therefore U.S. Bank is seeking to foreclose on the property located 917 Main Street, Bypro, KY 41612, which is the subject of this lawsuit, and damages in the amount of the entire unpaid balance due under the promissory note. The unknown spouse of Mary B. Childers, if any, shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Complaint to file an Answer with the Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk, if he desires to assert any interest that he may claim in the property. If the Defendant does not appear in the pending lawsuit or otherwise present a defense to the claims asserted against him, then a judgement may be entered against him.

Clyde Combs, Jr., Esq. Warning Order Attorney P.O. Box 1746 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Logan Corporation, P.O. Box 126, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a steel storage building (12'x100') on their property. The property is located in Floyd County, on US 321 North, approximately 1 mile from Prestonsburg, Ky., adjacent to the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

FRASURE CREEK MINING LIABILITY COMPANY 836-0295 ISSUED031202

FRASURE CREEK MINING LIABILITY COMPANY 836-0301 ISSUED031203

FRASURE CREEK MINING LIABILITY COMPANY 836-5441 ISSUED031216

CZAR COAL CORPORATION 858-0165 ISSUED031201

CZAR COAL CORPORATION 880-0124 ISSUED031210

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

LINKS, INC., has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation, through the HOME and AHFP programs, to perform construction of 2 new homes for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income, adjusted to household size, and 1 rehabilitation/reconstruction on a home that is occupied by the owner, and whose household income is at or below 80% of the area median income in Floyd County. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, LINKS announces it will be purchasing construction materials to build these homes. Additionally, LINKS will contract the following activities: framing, electrical, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, drywall, roofing, and approved septic systems. In addition to standard residential building materials, LINKS will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. The low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., (LINKS) will be accepting separate sealed bids until 12 noon EDT, February 17, 2004, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

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, East Kentucky, Inc., 116 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, for Statement of Qualifications. 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 4 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.

**STOP!**

You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

- 1 **WHAT.** Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- 2 **WHEN.** Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- 3 **WHERE.** Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- 4 **WHY.** Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

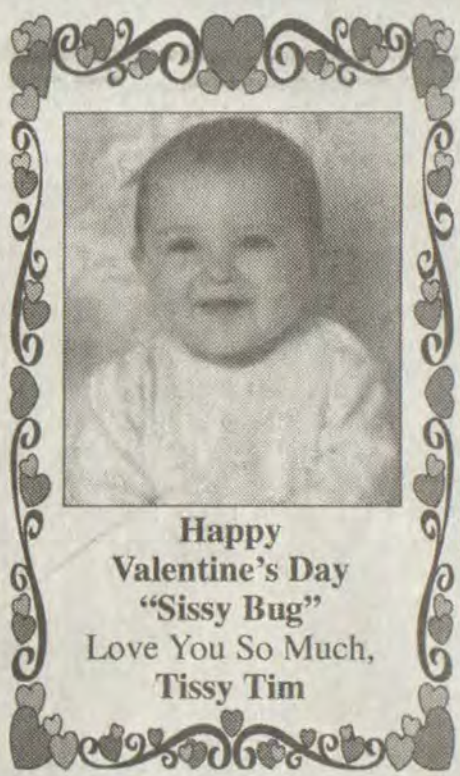


Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad. Call 886-8506

The Floyd County Times

*My Special Valentine*

Valentine's Day is almost here. Show your "Special Valentine" how much you love them. Your spouse, significant other, child, grandchild, niece or nephew. Your special loved one will be placed in a heart-bordered frame. Include the name of your loved one, who it is from, and your address.



Happy Valentine's Day "Sissy Bug" Love You So Much, Tissy Tim

Your special display of affection will appear in our Friday, Feb. 13th Edition of The Floyd County Times. (no more than two children per photo, please) Deadline for entries: Midday, Feb. 9, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. \$12.95 per frame.

Bring or mail photo, names and payment to: "My Special Valentine" c/o The Floyd County Times P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Include your email address and we'll be glad to email you a copy of your photo)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK ONE: Daughter( ) Son( ) Granddaughter( ) Grandson( )  
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 Write our own message, five words or less, or choose one of ours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We Love You!( ) Happy Valentine's Day!( )  
 Our precious Valentine!( ) My Special Valentine!( )

