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Execution date set

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher set the execution date Thursday for a man convicted of murdering and sexually abusing a 62-year-old laundry attendant in Hazard in 1989.

Fletcher signed a death warrant setting March 15 as Donald Herb Johnson's execution date. The move triggers deadlines for filing appeals.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo asked the governor to set the execution date last month.

Susan Balliet, one of Johnson's attorneys, said he's entitled to "several more appeals" before a real execution date could be set. Fletcher was "premature" in setting the execution date and would end up costing the state more money because of that, Balliet said.

Johnson is mentally ill and "certainly should not be executed," she said.

Assistant Attorney General David Smith, who prosecuted the case and handled Johnson's initial appeal, said he expected the process to "drag on" because of multiple appeals.

Still, Johnson said he agreed with the decision.

"We're pleased that the governor is taking the position that he is going to enforce Kentucky's death penalty laws," Smith said.

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Today



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High: 30 • Low: 13

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Drug trial ends with guilty pleas

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — After four official days of trial, testimony from eight government witnesses, one unsuccessful attempt to resolve the case before continuing trial proceedings and numerous presentations of evidence, brothers Vernon and David

Slone, and fellow Left Beaver resident Rodney Thornsberry pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court Thursday morning.

As court was set to pick back up again Thursday morning, a recess was called shortly before 9 a.m. Prosecutors were advised that recess would end at about 11 a.m.

During the break, the three men and

their attorneys met with U.S. District Attorney Roger West and reached plea agreements in the case, reconvening at about a quarter after 11 a.m. to enter those pleas.

Michael Slone, brother to Vernon and David Slone, pleaded guilty Tuesday, the second day of trial, to selling cocaine to an undercover informant on Feb. 21. Michael

Slone saw count one of the indictment against him — conspiracy to distribute cocaine — dismissed as part of his agreement to plead guilty.

Rodney Thornsberry's brother, Harold Thornsberry, who was arrested in March along with the others, pleaded guilty to

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photo by Mary Music

These Floyd County teachers entertained themselves in the "Construction Zone" at the East Kentucky Science Center yesterday. The station is part of "The World We Create," the first exhibit at the center. The 2,500 square foot exhibit is a traveling exhibit from the Louisville Science Center that will be on display until April. Providing skills in engineering, technology and applied science, it includes three avenues of exploration for area children: the "Construction Zone," where a crane is used to build a tower of blocks; the "Transit Hub," which includes a tilting tabletop maze and an aerodynamic fluid machine; and "Tech Works," featuring an automotive assembly line and building stations complete with motorized parts and power stations; among many other exciting hands-on adventures. The center will begin school group tours on Feb. 17. It will be open to the public on March 27.

Shooting suspect could be released

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — District Judge James R. Allen will preside over a hearing today to release a murder suspect who has been incarcerated for two months without being indicted by a grand jury.

Jerry Patton, attorney for murder suspect Velma Miller, 43, accused in the shooting death of her boyfriend, Ronnie Cumutte, filed a motion to release Miller from custody Monday.

Miller, who was incarcerated on Dec. 5 after she turned herself in to authorities, has spent more than 60 days in jail with no action taken by the grand jury, a fact which conflicts with a state law governing the rights of suspected criminals.

Miller can still be indicted on the charge against her, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, but that won't happen until the Kentucky

State Police forensic labs complete necessary tests on evidence in the case.

"There has been a difficulty in getting all the stuff we needed done before now because of a need for lab results and forensics to be done," said Turner. "Everyone is aware of the KSP backlog. There's no way it can be completed in time for the grand jury ... There's nothing we can do, it's going to take a while."

Turner said he sent a letter to the KSP lab urging them to complete necessary forensic tests for the case, but with a backlog of evidence to be evaluated, the task is "impossible" to get done in time for the grand jury to take action anytime soon with the allegation against Miller.

"They are doing the best they can do with the best that they have to work with," said Turner. "In my opinion, the state put them in a position where they can't do what they need to

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Drug problem won't end without community support, crowd told

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — May Valley Elementary School was packed Tuesday night with people concerned about drug abuse in Floyd County.

Tim Mills, field representative with UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and

Education), hosted a town meeting at the school, where nearly 70 area residents turned out to get the latest news on what the community can do to combat the ever-looming drug problem in Floyd County.

"The dope dealers better beware," said Martin resident Larry Thornsberry. "We're tired of the dope dealing and the prob-

lems associated with it. People are robbing and stealing things to support their habit. They're destroying our future."

UNITE, an initiative sponsored by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, serves 29 counties in southern and Eastern Kentucky and focuses on creating a regional drug task force, organizing local citizen coalition groups, expanding

drug treatment programs and providing education about drug abuse.

Mills, speaking from his experience in running a similar program in his hometown in Bell County, urged the crowd Monday to "unite" their efforts to clean up drugs in the county.

"It will never change unless you stand up as a citizen, as a

community, and say 'I have had enough,'" he said during a slideshow presentation.

Mills said a drug abuse prevention program in his hometown brought 740 years in sentences for drug-related cases that the group followed in the court system, he said.

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Prosecutor's office receives new tool for drug cases

by JAMIE L. VANCE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County prosecutors now have a new tool to assist in presenting court cases with audio tapes as key evidence.

On Jan. 16, the Floyd County Fiscal Court provided Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner's office with a check to purchase a customized audio system. The system was delivered from Saul Mineroff Electronics Inc. in New York to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Feb. 3.

The infrared system, totaling \$10,392 in costs, includes a transportable courtroom system to play tapes, 24 headphone sets with protective carrying cases, as well as two speakers with stands and carrying cases.

"It's well worth the money," Turner said, adding that the fiscal court was key in getting the equipment. "Judge Thompson was very gracious to donate the money."

Turner hopes to use drug forfeiture assets to repay the county for its help, and

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Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner explained the features on audio equipment the county recently purchased. The system is used to enhance the quality of audio tapes used as evidence in trials.

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Odds & Ends

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Three livestock exhibitors at last year's Ohio State Fair have been disqualified for allegedly outfitting their Holstein cows with hairpieces.

State Fair inspectors said the three glued or painted hair from another part of the animal or from another animal to create straighter backs on the cows and enhance their appearance in the show ring.

Kreg Krebs and his brother Kenneth of Fredericksburg, and Scott Long of Clayton, Mich., could be required to forfeit all winnings, said Department of

Agriculture spokeswoman Melanie Wilt. The winnings had been withheld by fair officials.

Wilt said state inspectors at the fair discovered the fake hair when the cows were leaving the show ring on Aug. 10.

The men have 30 days to request a hearing in which they could present their cases to an independent hearing officer.

■ **HEBRON, Neb.** — Residents are hoping a few good rooks, knights and bishops will help rebuild several small communities ravaged by flooding and a tornado last summer.

A Feb. 15 fund-raiser will turn the gymnasium in Hebron into a living chess board.

"Things are cleaned up, but they're cleaned up and gone," said Randy Smith, committee chairman for the Thayer County Relief Drive. "There's nothing left to replace it."

Donors can sponsor a chess piece, played live by a community volunteer, or they can sponsor a board square. A full square sponsorship is \$500, but donors can sponsor a half or a fourth of a square. Sponsorship of chess pieces range from \$500 for a king to \$100 for a pawn.

If that's a bit too steep for some wanting to help, any amount will be accepted.

"We don't turn anything down," Smith said.

The Red Cross has left and families are beginning to put their houses back together, but that doesn't mean the communities don't need any more help, said Smith, who also owns Smitty's Bakery in Hebron.

■ **SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — A man who drove an old car into a pond in a failed attempt to jump over it — Evel Knievel-style — has been sentenced to 270 days in jail.

Wayland Justin Williams, 24, pleaded guilty Tuesday to property destruction, dispensing an offensive matter in a pond and abandoning a motor vehicle on state land.

Circuit Judge John Sampson fined him \$690 for driving through a fence. Williams must also pay \$200 to a rancher who holds a state permit to graze livestock on the land.

According to court documents, Williams polluted the bass pond with oil and gasoline when he drove the old Buick into it.

The Sheridan County sheriff's report notes: "Wayland claimed he had tried to jump the pond with the green Buick, and

that he would have made it had he built a ramp."

Sheriff Dave Hofmeier was pleased with the sentence.

"It's also nice to see a severe punishment for damaging our state lands. This will be a message to the rest of the public, and hopefully we can get better care of our state lands," he said.

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — You might not be able to blame that fast-food restaurant for your own super size, at least not in Utah.

A proposed Senate bill would shield Utah restaurants from lawsuits filed by people who claim the restaurant's food made them fat.

"It's becoming a national

trend and there's a potential it could occur here in Utah," said sponsor Sen. Howard Stephenson.

Utah Restaurant Association president Melva Sine said her organization helped to draft the bill, which has yet to surface in this year's legislative session.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority (BSRIDA) in conjunction with the Paintsville Utilities Commission and the Martin County Water District is requesting qualification statements from engineering firms wishing to assist in preliminary engineering, design and inspection of the water and wastewater infrastructure project for the Honey Branch Regional Business/Industrial Park.

It is expressly stated that payment for the foregoing services will be contingent upon project funding. Potential sources of funding for the project may include, but are not limited to, the Economic Development Administration and the Cabinet for Economic Development.

Respondents should send a minimum of ten (10) RFQ statements in packages marked "Honey Branch Infrastructure Project." The deadline for receipt of submissions is Friday, February 27, 2004, no later than 4:30 p.m. Submissions should be made to Amy Barnes, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Representatives of the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority (BSRIDA) and representatives of the Paintsville Utilities Commission and the Martin County Water District will review submissions. Submissions will be ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in this RFQ package. The Authority, Commission and District reserves the right to schedule interviews with any or all respondents or to reject any or all proposals.

Attention of respondents to this RFQ is called to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 and the Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, all of which may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. The Authority, the City of Paintsville and Martin County are Equal Opportunity Employers.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2004. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

■ On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

On this date:

■ In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

■ In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

■ In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

■ In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was declared in effect.

■ In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

■ In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

■ In 1993, tennis Hall-of-Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

■ In 1998, President Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Ten years ago:

A day after a mortar shell killed 68 people in a Sarajevo marketplace, President Clinton called on the United Nations to determine who was to blame. Actor Joseph Cotten died in Los Angeles at age 88.

Five years ago:

The public finally got to see and hear Monica Lewinsky as

excerpts of the former White House intern's videotaped testimony were shown at President Clinton's impeachment trial. President Clinton requested legislation to require background checks on buyers at gun shows.

One year ago:

Edging closer to war, President Bush declared "the game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged skeptical allies to join in disarming Iraq. ABC's "20/20" aired a British documentary on Michael Jackson in which the King of Pop revealed he sometimes let children sleep in his bed.

Today's Birthdays: Former President Ronald Reagan is 93. Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 87. Actor Patrick Macnee is 82. Actor Rip Torn is 73. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 73. Actor Mike Farrell is 65. NBC News

anchorman Tom Brokaw is 64. Singer Fabian is 61. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 61. Actor Michael Tucker is 60. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 55. Singer Natalie Cole is 54. Actor Jon Walmsley is 48. Actress Kathy Najimy is 47. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 47. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 47. Actor Barry Miller is 46. Actress Megan Gallagher is 44. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 42. Country singer Richie McDonald (Lonestar) is 42. Singer Rick Astley is 38. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 35. Actor Brandon Hammond is 20.

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Guilty

possession with intent to distribute cocaine in August, and was sentenced to five years in prison this past November.

Vernon Slone, 47, of Jacks Creek, pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiring to distribute cocaine, possessing firearms while involved in drug transactions and forfeiture charges involving properties in Floyd, Menifee and Lawrence counties, as well as several vehicles and just over \$48,000 in cash.

The 47-year-old was named in eight of the 12 counts that made up the original indictment and was the only defendant to enter a guilty plea on the conspiracy charges brought against the defendants in the case.

Vernon Slone admitted Thursday to selling between seven and 11 pounds of cocaine between January 1997 and March 2003, sales that included, according to witness testimony, a Paintsville physician.

Government witness and local business owner Homer Johnson, 49, of Jacks Creek, testified Wednesday that Vernon Slone sold various amounts of cocaine to Johnson six or seven times during the month of February. Johnson said during questioning that he

would then take the cocaine to a Paintsville physician who would, in turn, provide him with up to 100 Lorcet tablets during each transaction. Johnson testified that the doctor provided him with the money to make the buys and that, during one transaction, offered him an AR-15 rifle.

As a result of his plea, Vernon Slone could receive up to 40 years in prison. However, citing the Jacks Creek resident's cooperation with the government, West recommended to the court a 12-year-sentence in court Thursday.

David Slone, 45, also of Jacks Creek, pleaded guilty to selling cocaine during a controlled buy to an undercover informant on March 24. He also agreed to forfeit \$3,175 in cash that was found on him at the time of his arrest and which he admitted during his plea Thursday was money that either had been or was intended to be used to facilitate cocaine trafficking.

Because David Slone was convicted of a drug trafficking charge in federal court in 1992, his possible 30 years in prison on the charges could be enhanced to a possible 40-year sentence.

Additionally, U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning said if any further federal convictions arose from his office's look into a criminal history for a pre-sentence report on David Slone, the penalty could increase to a prison sentence in excess of 200 years, according to federal sentencing guidelines which call for status enhancements for career offenders.

David Slone was released from federal prison in July 2001 following his 1992 federal drug trafficking conviction and was under supervised release at the time of his arrest, another fact pointed out by

Bunning during court Thursday as something that would be considered at the time of sentencing.

Rodney Thornsberry, 49, of Lower Burton, pleaded guilty to the separate counts of selling cocaine to an undercover informant in connection to transactions taking place on March 13, 18 and 24. These transactions were caught on both audio and video tape filmed by both land and air surveillance by investigating KSP officers Sgt. Steve Spurlock and Shawn Little, both of whom testified late Wednesday afternoon.

The tapes, which showed

Thornsberry accepting payments of thousands of dollars in exchange for bags of cocaine and visiting Vernon Slone's house during transactions, were presented as evidence during trial.

Submitted along with the tapes were several containers, plastic bags and coolers, including one five-gallon cooler seized during searches in March, found to contain cocaine, cocaine residue or substances used to mix, or cut, cocaine, according to testimony Wednesday from Kentucky State Police forensic chemists Tom Morrow and Larry Boggs Jr.

Thornsberry admitted during his plea to selling between 100 and 200 grams of cocaine and could be sentenced to a maximum 20 years in prison, as well as penalties in forfeiture proceedings.

Thornsberry told the court that the cocaine he sold to an undercover informant on March 13 and 18 had been received from Vernon Slone and that the amount he had sold to the same informant again on March 24 had been received from David Slone.

All four men are scheduled to appear for final sentencing May 3 in U.S. District Court in Ashland.

UNITE

Representatives of that group, including Mills himself, were frequently "in the judge's face" during court proceedings to make sure that drug offense prosecution was being carried out properly, he said, noting that the drug problem in the county won't stop unless people here are determined enough to do the same.

UNITE will work to provide three regular task forces that will employ 29 undercover street agents in the Big Sandy Valley, the Cumberland Valley and the Kentucky River Valley, where eight agents are already in place. UNITE is currently searching for a task force manager in the Big Sandy area, said Mills, and it is expected to be operational by April. UNITE will reimburse local agencies for these officers, he said.

"We're attacking the drug problem where it affects you most, on the street level, and you will reap the benefits," said Mills, who told the crowd that Kentucky, once known as the state bringing in the most drugs, is now the major supplier of narcotics in other states like Michigan and Florida.

"We've raised our first generation of kids with their parents being drug dealers — that's our problem," he continued.

In an effort to lend a hand to prosecuting drug cases, a concern brought out by a citizen in the crowd Monday, UNITE, through U.S. Attorney Greg Van Tatenhove, will provide a "roving prosecuting team" to assist prosecutors on drug cases. It will also provide funding to hire forensic lab technicians to analyze evidence in UNITE cases in

the KSP labs, which are currently overwhelmed with backlogged drug cases.

Several of the people present at the meeting Tuesday were formerly associated with the Citizens Against Drugs anti-drug program initiated in Floyd County that dissipated before completing its goals. Additionally, members who turned out for a Champions Against Drugs meeting in Pikeville Monday night to hear UNITE's proposals came back for a second dose Tuesday at May Valley. Mills urged the groups to combine their efforts to attack the drug abuse problem in the area by creating a coalition, complete with committees, to focus services on neighborhood watches, court watches, youth activities, education, medical advising and family support. The collaborative effort is the key, said Mills, noting that letters of invitations were sent to every public official in Floyd County.

Mills also called for the assistance of the religious community to help provide family support and mentoring programs, as well as assisting in treatment programs.

Mills says the community must get tough on anti-drug policies.

"If you play sports, you're drug-tested," he said. "If you drive a car, you're drug-tested. If you're a teacher, you're drug-tested. That's what we think. Drug testing is not to punish people. It's to identify that people have a problem and get them the help. Until we are able to identify it, we'll have a serious problem. If you have to embarrass folks to make them come on board, then I'm for embarrassing them."

The UNITE plan also consists of a treatment program that will include referring substance abusers to facilities that offer short-term, intermediate and long-term care, a fact that one area citizen pointed out may present problems due to current waiting lists. That issue will be on the table for coalition committee members, said Mills.

Another aspect of the UNITE initiative includes the establish-

ment of a drug tip hotline — (866) 424-4382 — that is now operational. Individuals call the line anonymously, he said, or leave their name so that a UNITE agent can follow up with them regarding what happened with the tip they provided to officials. The program's treatment hotline — (866) 908-6483 — is also operational.

A community coalitions training session will be held at the Mountain Arts Center on Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to help interested individuals set up a coalition in Floyd County. Those interested must pre-register through UNITE in order to attend the session.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson, who brought every officer in the Martin police department, were the only elected Floyd County officials at the meeting Tuesday. Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he intends to fully support the initiative, but was unaware that the meeting was taking place Tuesday. The same is true for several other Floyd County officials, he said, who claimed they had not received notice of the event.

Odds

"We would hate for restaurants to spend time, money and effort on something that's going to be tossed out anyway," Sine said.

Nationally, no plaintiff has ever succeeded in obesity-related claims against restaurants. Last year, a federal judge in New York dismissed two class-action lawsuits blaming McDonald's for making people fat.

Audio

in a way let the equipment help pay for itself.

The new system is expected to be used in about 15 drug trafficking trials between now and June as well as a couple of non-drug related cases.

Turner said that though the quality of audio tapes used as evidence is generally poor when listened to through a handheld recorder, the custom made collection of components in the system will adjust the frequency to eliminate or decrease the amount of background noise or static heard by listeners. By making it easier to hear the evidence, he hopes to have more convictions.

Until now, this type of equipment was only used if it could be obtained from Kentucky State Police.

"I'm not aware of any other commonwealth's attorney in this part of Kentucky with this equipment," Turner said. "This puts us closer to peak performance."

With Floyd County having the equipment readily available, Turner feels it will be helpful in preparing and assisting in several cases, including some with videotapes.

"If there is good video, but bad audio, we can run the audio through the speakers," Turner said, adding that the could make a difference in whether or not some cases ever go to trial.

The equipment is scheduled to get its first test Wednesday in a drug trafficking case.

"We're real excited," Turner said.

Delays

do in a timely fashion. It's not their fault ... I don't know who's right or who's wrong and I don't really care. The problem is that they don't have enough people and are not given enough attention there and that is a huge problem ... It's not just because they don't have enough people. It's that they are operating with one hand tied behind their back, essentially, and the increase of drug cases doesn't help the matter much."

Though he says it could take several months, Turner said the delay in getting the needed information will not hinder prosecution in the case.

Representatives with the KSP headquarters and the central forensic office in Frankfort said they could not comment on the specifics of Miller's case. However, they say that everything that can be done is being done to address such issues.

"They are feverishly working on backlogged cases down there

and they will get done what they need to get done as soon as possible," said Sgt. Phil Crumpton with State Police Headquarters. "It's a matter of having too much to do and not enough time to do it."

Captain Tom Porter, with the KSP Forensic lab in Frankfort, said Tuesday that evidence in Miller's case is possibly being examined at KSP labs in London, Ashland and in the Central Office forensic lab in Frankfort. The number of backlogged cases in London and Ashland has been reduced, he said, but it is still a problem.

Apart from an influx of drug case evidence sent to the labs for testing, Crumpton said another problem exists in the fact that the state doesn't have enough lab technicians. It takes six months to a year to train technicians, he said.

Miller's hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. today in district court.

AEP asks for suit to be dismissed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The son of a man who was electrocuted by a naked wire while replacing a roof in Wayland nearly 18 years ago may not get his day in court, after a motion was filed seeking the dismissal of a case he's brought against American Electric Power.

The lawsuit, filed last month by James M. Thornsberry, the youngest son of Barry Thornsberry Sr., who was electrocuted while roofing a home in September 1987, asked for punitive damages from the Kentucky Power Company, the parent company of AEP, because, he claims, the company's "gross negligence" caused his father's death.

Barry Thornsberry Sr., 29, was killed while replacing a roof with his cousin, Ted, at the former home of Buford Slone at Steele's Creek in Wayland. The incident occurred while Thornsberry was moving a ladder to re-roof the home, the suit says.

According to the suit, a "dangerously located" 7,000-volt uninsulated wire was "improperly hung" approximately eight

feet from the two-story home.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill will preside over a hearing today to consider the motion to dismiss, filed by attorney Randall Scott May, who represents Kentucky Power and AEP.

May says in the motion that a \$40,000 claim brought against the company by Rita Thornsberry, wife of the deceased, was settled in June 1989.

As a result of that settlement, Rita Thornsberry, acting as administratrix of her husband's estate, accepted the \$40,000 settlement and signed a release that prevents her or any of her husband's heirs from bringing additional claims against the company.

In that regard, May says in the motion, James M. Thornsberry, as the son and heir of Barry Thornsberry, cannot continue with the suit.

According to Thornsberry's attorney, Nathan Collins, the naked wire still hangs over a home belonging to Kim and Roger Jones, who live approximately 500 feet from Slone's former residence, where the electrocution took place in 1987.

The hearing will be held this morning at 9 a.m.

Abuse case to be heard in court today

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Harold man charged with 13 counts of criminal abuse seeking release of a hefty cash bond will find his answer during motion hour today in circuit court.

Ansel L. Hall, 30, of Harold, charged with 13 counts of criminal abuse of a child under 12 and one count of wanton endangerment, is expected to appear in court with his attorney, Stephen Owens, who submitted a motion Jan. 16 to amend his partially-secured \$50,000 bond to a surety bond. Owens asks in the motion that the money be released in the previously set cash bond.

Hall was indicted in December 2002 for allegedly assaulting his 12-year-old adopted son between July 2001 and Jan 2002. The indictment alleges that Hall tortured his son by using a horse whip to strike the child on the legs, calf, back, stomach, hip and both arms, for causing trauma to the child's chest with a cattle prod, and for striking the boy's legs and hip with a wooden paddle.

He was arrested along with his wife, Georgia L. Hall, who currently faces 16 counts of first-degree criminal abuse.

Hall, who was previously scheduled to go to trial in December, is scheduled to face a jury of his peers on June 5.

According to his file, Caudill signed an order overruling a reduction in his bond on Dec. 20, 2002. That bond, originally set at \$100,000 partially secured, was amended to the current bond set against Hall.

The commonwealth has filed a notice of intent to introduce evidence of other crimes in the case.

Included on the docket along with Hall are three other individuals charged with abuse-related offenses.

Motion hours are also slated to be heard in cases against Leonard Martin, charged with three counts of sexual abuse and one count of first-degree sodomy of a female; and John Henderson, charged with two counts of first-degree sodomy of a boy. The court will also hold a show cause hearing for Johnny Craft, charged with 11 counts of sex abuse and one count of sodomy of a female.

Because of the sexual nature of the alleged crimes, all of the cases have been sealed. No information is available to the public as to the nature of the alleged crimes, or identifying information about the alleged perpetrators.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority (BSRIDA) is requesting qualifications statements from engineering firms wishing to assist and advise the Authority throughout the design and construction of a facility for a prospective tenant. The selected firm will be responsible for the following:

1. advising and making recommendations to the Authority throughout the design and construction of a facility for a prospective tenant;
2. report to the Authority;
3. reviewing invoices, change orders and providing inspection and oversight; and
4. attending project meetings as the Authority's representative and serving as the Authority's presence on the project site throughout the construction phase.

The selected firm will not be providing design services, but serving only in an advisory capacity. It is expressly stated that payment for the foregoing services will be contingent upon project funding. Potential sources of funding for the project may include, but are not limited to the Cabinet for Economic Development.

Respondents should send a minimum of ten (10) RFQ statements in packages marked "Money Branch Advisor." The deadline for receipt of submissions is Friday, February 27, 2004, no later than 4:30 p.m. Submissions should be made to Amy Barnes, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority (BSRIDA). Submissions will be ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in this RFQ package. The Authority reserves the right to schedule interviews with any or all respondents or to reject any or all proposals.

Attention of respondents to this RFQ is called to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 and the Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, all of which may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. The Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News, on Janet Jackson's Super Bowl halftime performance:

So, we were watching the boob tube Sunday with a goodly fraction of the world when the device really lived up to its name. Celebrities understand that exposure is what helps them become — and remain — celebrities. Janet Jackson provided an object lesson, among other things, of that understanding.

It's not easy to upstage the Super Bowl — the event that has made itself into the largest unofficial American holiday of the year — but Jackson, with a helping hand from Justin Timberlake, did it. ...

Jackson and Timberlake said it wasn't supposed to happen quite the way it did. Timberlake called it a "wardrobe malfunction." We sense a new slang phrase aborning.

Ironically, we'd lend more credence to the idea that the exposure was accidental had there been more of it. Jackson, however, was wearing a piece of body jewelry roughly the size of a Chihuahua on her featured part, a fair indication that she might have meant to show it off. ...

If there's a lesson to be learned, it's one that should have been known for a long time: On live TV, anything can happen. During one brief segment of the most-watched show of the year, almost everything did.

Chicago Tribune, on the budget disaster:

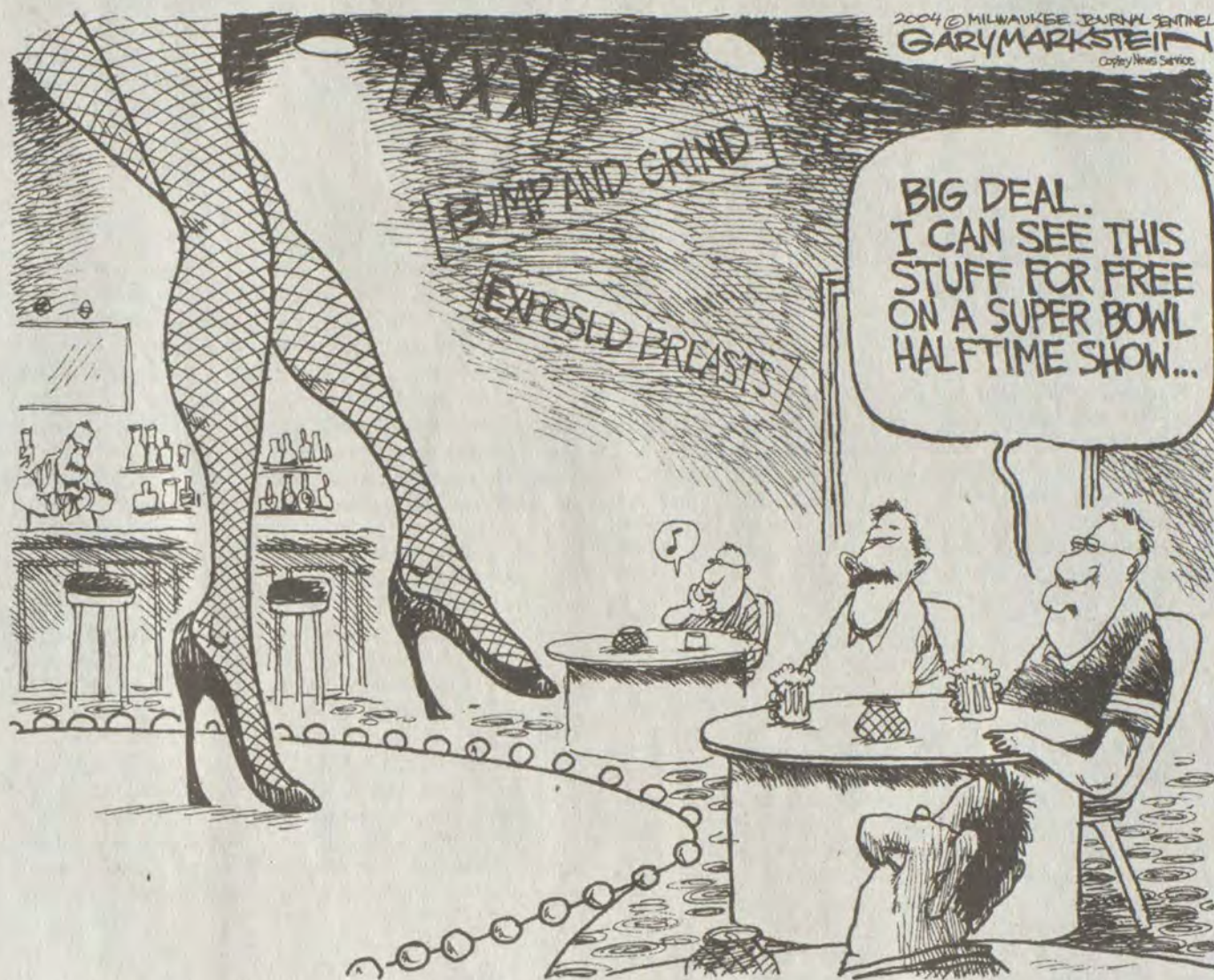
In the early morning hours of a Saturday in late November, House Republican leaders effectively stopped the clock and stalked the aisles, twisting arms of recalcitrant conservatives in order to win a historic Medicare prescription drug benefit. ...

On Thursday, administration officials put out the word that President Bush's new budget would tacitly acknowledge what most lawmakers knew before they passed the bill: That \$395 billion figure was fiction.

The new budget, to be released Monday, is expected to project a 10-year cost of the new drug benefit at \$534 billion, more than a third higher than the Congressional Budget Office estimate just two months ago.

Had the higher figure been widely publicized, the Republicans would have had a much harder time passing the bill. But don't believe any lawmakers' cries of outrage or deception. They willingly suspended skepticism about that

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Guest View

Education concerns about budget plan are on target

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

The question of exactly how Gov. Ernie Fletcher plans to deal with the state's budget difficulties was answered last week as he unveiled his administration's first budget proposal.

The governor deserves credit for many of the goals outlined in the budget address he delivered before a joint session of the General Assembly. For example, he proposes boosting efficiency in state government through better use of technology. In fact, he is already planning on replacing a 20-year-old computer system used in the state's Medicaid program.

While improving government efficiency is a noteworthy goal, so is protecting the state's educational advances. And in this area, those of us who

believe education should be our top priority have some real concerns about the governor's spending plan.

We all know that teachers in Kentucky aren't getting paid what they deserve. Our teacher salaries lag behind most other states. Though we've given teachers raises in recent years, those raises haven't kept pace with what teachers in most other states are getting. Unfortunately, this trend would continue under the governor's budget plan.

His proposal calls for giving teachers a 1.5 percent raise in the next fiscal year. Even worse is that next year's teacher raises wouldn't be paid for by the state. The budget proposal would force school districts to come up with the money out of their reserve funds. In essence, this is simply an unfunded mandate that schools would be forced to comply with.

Although the manner in which teacher raises would be dealt with next year under the budget proposal seems inadequate, I am pleased that the budget proposal would provide three percent raises for teachers and state employees in the second year of the biennium. This

money would come from state funds.

It is disturbing, however, that teachers will have to bear more of their own health care costs under the budget proposal. This could well result in a net pay loss to our teachers.

Another big area of concern for education advocates is that the budget proposal would flat-fund base school funding next year. Various costs would rise, yet the resources we direct to our schools wouldn't. This will simply take money out of our classrooms and represent a step back for our schools.

I was also disappointed that the budget plan didn't restore enough funding to our universities and colleges to make up for the budget cuts they endured earlier this year. In recent years, colleges and universities across the state have dramatically raised tuition. By not properly funding higher education, the state is essentially shifting the burden to parents and students in the form of higher tuition. The governor's spending proposal doesn't give any reassurance that more tuition increases will be avoided.

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Guest View

For Ronald Reagan's 93rd birthday

by DR. PAUL KENGOR

Today, Ronald Reagan turns 93. He unknowingly continues to extend his streak as the longest-living president — an accomplishment that has brought little personal celebration. It has been a Pyrrhic victory. This is expected to be his last birthday.

If Reagan could comprehend his current state, he might ponder two questions: why and where? He might consider why he must endure Alzheimer's disease, and where will be the next stage in his journey once his amazingly strong body — now his worst enemy — stops breathing. I believe I can provide some insight into how Reagan might answer those questions. I've spent the last few

years carefully studying precisely these matters from Reagan's perspective.

The two most important people in Ronald Reagan's life were women. Nancy's role, of course, is well known. Less appreciated was the influence of his mother, Nelle. Nelle instilled in her boy the ideals that shaped him. It was pious Nelle who tirelessly inculcated her son with a set of unshakable and unappreciated (by the public) religious values that sustained him throughout his life.

Nelle taught her son that God has a plan that always works for the best — and he never doubted that. Reagan, remember, was the eternal optimist. And his optimism was a blessing for which he was grateful to God. He called it a "God-given optimism." In his late 30s, he wrote an article that he concluded with a two-verse quote from a poem: "God's in His Heaven, All's right with the world."

Reagan contemplated death many times — how it might come and how to graciously accept it. He hated to fly. Every time he got in a plane he prayed. "Do you pray that the plane won't crash?" his daughter Patti logically

asked him. "No," he answered. "I pray that whatever God's will is, I'll be able to accept it with grace, and have faith in His wisdom. We're always in God's hands. Sometimes it's hard to accept that, so I pray that He'll help me just to trust in His will." He instructed his daughter: "[W]hen we die is God's business" — as is how we die.

He was spared that sort of violent death. It turns out he never needed to fear an airplane crash nor the bullet that lodged inches from his heart in 1981. Rather than praying for grace as a plane plunged to the earth, he went out unaware of his method of dying and unaware of his very self. Still, Reagan believed that God's choice of how we leave this world is the best choice.

Reagan wrote a November 1982 letter to a friend whose wife had just died. "It isn't given to us to understand the why of such things," said the president. "We can only trust in God's infinite mercy and in His purpose that we go on to a better life where there is no pain or sorrow. Believe in that and have faith in His wisdom."

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At the Movies: 'Miracle'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Nearly everyone already knows how "Miracle" ends, even though a generation has been born since the underdog U.S. hockey team upset the dominant Soviets during the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid.

The fact that director Gavin O'Connor still manages to build palpable suspense is a testament to how entertaining the film is.

O'Connor may seem an unlikely choice for a feel-good sports movie. He previously directed, co-wrote and co-starred in 1999's "Tumbleweeds," a wonderful, small film about a mother who moves from town to town with her 12-year-old daughter after a series of bad relationships.

With that film, though, he achieved an elusive balance: He created poignant moments without making them mawkish. And, for the vast majority of the time, he does the same with "Miracle."

There's enough innate emotion and excitement in the "Miracle on Ice" story that O'Connor, working from a script by first-timer Eric Guggenheim, usually avoids



"Miracle," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for language and some rough sports action.

Running time: 133 minutes.

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amping it up.

Similarly, Kurt Russell doesn't overplay the role of Herb Brooks, the coach who hand-picked a motley assortment of hockey players from Minnesota, Massachusetts and other cold places and taught them to play the game in a totally new way.

"I'll be your coach — I won't be your friend," Brooks tells his players on day one.

He growls at them and makes them skate sprints until they puke when he thinks they've slacked against the Norwegian team. He toys with their minds in the locker room and lets them take the ice when even they think they're too hurt or tired to play.

It's a big, fiery role, but Russell finds enough nuance to avoid being a caricature. (The real Brooks, by the way, died in a car crash in August and never got to see the film.)

He and the movie are at their best, though, during the training scenes and the games themselves, which are shot and edited beautifully.

Early on, Brooks tells the players his plan for success: "Flow and creativity — that is what this team is all about, gentlemen."

That seems to have been the same approach in shooting the thrilling hockey sequences. You feel as if you're being checked into the boards, as if the puck is

flying at your face through the back of the net.

It helps enormously that the actors on the ice are actual hockey players, and not famous people pretending to play hockey. The only problem is that we get to know too few of them.

Buzz Schneider (played by his son, Billy, in a neat bit of casting) scores some of the biggest clutch goals, but we don't spend as much time with him as we do with charismatic

Jack O'Callahan (Michael Mantenuto) and team captain Mike Eruzione (Patrick O'Brien Demsey). Eddie Cahill, a regular on "Friends," gets the choice role of goalie Jim Craig, who was nearly impenetrable in front of the net.

In fairness, though, O'Connor has a lot to cram in, including historical perspective. The 1980 U.S. hockey team provided inspiration during gas shortages and the Iran hostage crisis, a time when the country was still healing from Watergate and Vietnam.

He also finds time for Brooks' personal life, such as it was, with the marvelous casting of Patricia Clarkson as the coach's wife, Patti. Clarkson could have merely played the sweet, supportive spouse, but — as has become her trademark in films including "Far From Heaven," "The Station Agent" and "Pieces of April," for which she's earned an Oscar nomination — she brings a warmth and

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cost estimate to pander to senior citizens in an election year. ...

Given the Medicare bait-and-switch and the spending spree of the last two years, it's going to be hard to believe the president's budget numbers, no matter what they are.

But he can begin to regain some credibility — and begin to set the country on a better financial footing — by showing he is now willing to make tough, politically unpopular choices that will quickly reduce the deficit. That's difficult in an election year. But anything less cannot be tolerated.

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Civil Suits Filed

State Farm Insurance Company vs. Randall Ratliff; complaint.

Greentree Servicing LLC vs. Hershell Sizemore and Ernestine Sizemore; complaint. Community Trust Bank vs. Sheila A. Rose; complaint.

Douglas Music vs. Jessica S. Lemaster; verified complaint.

Jennifer Allen vs. David M. Branham and Progressive Insurance Company; complaint. Kayla M. Sexton vs. Joshua Hicks; complaint.

Mary Ann Shepherd vs. Thomas Taylor and Grace Fraley Taylor; complaint.

Darren Lawson, doing business as Lawson Contracting vs. Mike Riggsbee, doing business as Mike Riggsbee Utilities; complaint.

Ernest Burchett vs. Sly Branch Energy Inc.; complaint.

Frankie L. George vs. Gerald M. George; petition for health care insurance.

Teresa A. Hagans vs. Dennis Crager; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Byron Waddles vs. Melissa Moore; petition for health care insurance.

Tommy McClanahan vs. Rhonda McClanahan; divorce.

Danny R. Pennington vs. Tara R. Pennington; divorce.

Henry Clifton, Jr. vs. Patricia Clifton; divorce.

Keith Douglas Webb vs. Kayla Lynn Russell; divorce.

Equity One vs. Ricky Gillespie, Floyd County, Beneficial Kentucky LLC, and Sherry Gillespie; complaint.

Gary Mays vs. Sheila Adkins; verified petition for custody.

Bonnie J. Manns vs. John W. Manns, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Lora M. Gibson vs. Scotty L. Gibson; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Charges Filed

Robert Lyle Stumbo, 21, Lexington; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, fleeing and evading the police, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, reckless driving, improper registration plates, no Kentucky registration plates, no insurance, failure to wear seat belt, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration receipt.

Donald E. Leckrone; 45, Prestonsburg; fugitive/governor's warrant.

Mary Lou Sanders, 45, Hellier; theft by deception.

Craig Johnson, 24, Teaberry; first-degree criminal trespass, second-degree forgery, theft by unlawful taking.

Maranda D. Holthouse, 20, Hueysville; theft by unlawful taking.

Nancy Brow, 33,

Prestonsburg; cultivation of more than five plants of marijuana.

Reed Stamper, 51, Prestonsburg; theft by deception.

Angela R. Woods, 34, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree aggravated assault of a child; second-degree criminal abuse.

Martha S. Begley, 46, Van Lear; theft by deception.

Michael A. Jones, 46, Langley; alcohol intoxication.

Timothy D. Bowling, 28, Washington Courthouse; fourth-degree assault.

Carl L. Jarrell, 49, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Reo Hamilton, Jr., 34, Teaberry; alcohol intoxication.

Elizabeth A. Shepherd, 26, Harold; theft by deception.

Kevin Click, 31, Banner; theft by deception.

Janie L. Shepherd, 28, Blue River; second-degree possession of a controlled substance/codeine, prescription in improper container.

Donnie G. Newsome, 29, Banner; fourth-degree assault/minor injuries.

Phyllis L. Hall, age unlisted; fourth-degree assault.

Mitchell Wayne Crager, 27; Raven, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Misty Dawn Duncan, 25, Betsy Layne; theft by deception.

Rita J. Martin, 29, Eastern; harassing communications.

Aaron Ousley, 24, Martin; first-degree criminal trespass.

Joseph L. Frausnauht, 22, Danville, Pa.; alcohol intoxication.

Joe Kirk, 37, Inez; alcohol intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container.

Carl Lee Cook, 23, Prestonsburg; shoplifting.

Lonnie H. Rowland, 22, Frankfort; alcohol intoxication.

Kayla R. Ward, 21, Martin; public intoxication.

Rodney D. Scott, 21, Garrett; public intoxication.

Ashley C. Hall, 21, Eastern; public intoxication.

Phillip M. Holbrook, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Robbie D. Shepherd; 23, Martin; possession of marijuana, two counts of first-degree advertising drug paraphernalia.

Shawn R. Picklesimer, 28, Meally; alcohol intoxication.

Reba Jude, 43, Allen; alcohol intoxication.

Shawn L. Pennington, 25, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Joseph Buzz Tharp II; 49, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault/minor injuries.

Inspections

Food City, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Violation on floors, walls and ceiling portion of inspection was not corrected, all other violations were corrected. Score: 99.

Hometown IGA, Stanville, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All violations have been corrected except thermometer placement or presence. Score: 99.

Huddle House, Stanville, fol-

low-up inspection. Violations noted: All violations have been corrected. Score: 100.

Rite-Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Restroom door not self-closing. Score: 98.

Cardinal Mart, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pizza by the slice stored at wrong temperature, walk-in refrigerator not working, refrigeration units in retail section do not have thermometers, ceiling tile in disrepair, walk-in freezer light not properly shielded. Score: Restaurant, 89; Store, 94.

Double Quick, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some hot dog and sandwich meat stored on box on the floor in walk-in, men's restroom out

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Obituaries

Susie Stambaugh

Susie Stambaugh, age 92, of Wayland, wife of the late Ervin Stambaugh, passed away, Monday, February 2, 2004, in the Baptist Home East, Louisville.

She was born September 16, 1911, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Crockett Griffith and Elizabeth Sexton Griffith. She was a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill.

Survivors include her two sons: Tom Stambaugh of Mongo, Indiana, and James Stambaugh of Howe, Indiana; five daughters: Vivian Stambaugh of Estill, Patty Pennington of Marengo, Ohio, Brenda Branham of Columbus, Ohio, Judy Williams of Centerville, Ohio, and Betty Wallen of Louisville; one brother, Raymond Griffith of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two sisters: Beulah Bayless of Owosso, Michigan, and Pauline Porter of Detroit, Michigan, 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Bob Stambaugh.

Funeral services for Susie Stambaugh were conducted Thursday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Phyllis Collins

Phyllis Collins, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 23, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born April 13, 1946, in Dayton, Ohio, she was the daughter of Nellie White Mullins Sizemore of West Milton, Ohio, and the late Bige Mullins Sr. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Bradis Mullins, of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a brother, Bige Mullins Jr., of Dayton, Ohio; and a sister, Regina Saylor of Martinsville, Ohio.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Elzie D. Mullins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 25, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Reed officiating.

Burial was in the Harris Cemetery, at Corn Fork, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp, age 100, of Allen, widow of Felix Crisp, passed away, Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at her residence.

She was born January 11, 1904, in Banner, the daughter of the late Jim Akers and Mary Akers. She was a homemaker and a member of the Regular Baptist Church, (New Salem Association).

Survivors include one son, Ray Crisp of Allen; one daughter, Eula C. Spurlock of Allen; four sisters: Toda Tackett of Banner, Emadale Boyd of Dana, Novella Compton of Betsy Layne, and Malta Howell of McDowell; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

(Paid obituary)

Kathleen Parker

Kathleen Parker, age 88, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 4, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie B. Parker and three children; an infant child, Billy Gene Parker, Joyce Parker Stephens, and Sidney A. (Sap) Parker.

She is survived by two daughters: Betty Parker of Lexington, Kentucky, and Peggy Hereford (David) of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; one daughter-in-law, Polly Parker, and seven grandchildren: Elizabeth Burchett of Prestonsburg, Melissa Staggs and Robert Staggs of Pikeville, Cliff Latta III of Wilmore, Kentucky, Stephen A. Parker of Richmond, Kentucky, Laura H. Goble of Lexington, and David Hereford II of Atlanta, Georgia.

Preceding her in death were two other grandsons: James Parker Latta and Robert Andrew Latta. She is also survived by a step-grandson, Mark Stephens of Prestonsburg; eight great-grandchildren and a beloved dog, Lucy.

Kathleen was born October 9, 1915, in Lawrence County, daughter of the late Arley and Matie Robinette Adkins. Two brothers, Cecil Adkins and Randall Adkins, predeceased Kathleen.

Surviving are one brother, Lawrence Adkins of McDowell; and two sisters: Maxine Conley of Allen and Pauline Haskamp of Brookville, Indiana, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Additionally, she will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and friend, who offered unconditional hospitality and support throughout the years.

Pallbearers will be David Hereford II, Cliff Latta III, Robert Staggs, Stephen A. Parker, Dr. Rondall Goble, Mark Stephens, Kenny Conley and Charles Yancey Ferguson.

Honorary pallbearers are Robert R. Allen, Cliff Latta, Jack Hyden, Woodrow Burchett Jr., and Doug Hyden. Services are under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Friday, February 6, from 4 p.m., until 9 p.m.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the chapel, with burial following at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Parker family. (Paid obituary)

Cora Edna Osborne

Cora Edna Osborne, age 75, of Harold, passed away, on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born March 20, 1927, at Harold, the daughter of the late Lee Roy and Ella Mae Dempsey Cecil.

She was a homemaker, and a charter member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Osborne, and two brothers: Otis and Ballard Cecil.

She is survived by two sons: Kenneth Ray and wife, Betty Osborne of Winchester, and Larry Joe and wife, Rita Osborne, of Hueysville; two daughters: Kaye and husband, Nick Pugh, of Harold, and Linda and husband, Jack Ward, of Ashland; two brothers: Ed Cecil of Mt. Sterling, and Homer Cecil of Harold; two sisters: Bertha Ratliff of Harold, and Lora Williams of Banner; 10 grandchildren: Kenneth Ray Osborne Jr., Kevin Ray Osborne, Kyle Richard Osborne, Cristal Peters, Joey Ward, Renee Prater, Tonya Scroggins, Brian Pugh, Kyra Michele Osborne and Kortney Rae Osborne; 18 great-grandchildren: Brandon Wengert, Chassity Wengert, Zack Osborne, Ali Osborne, Joseph Osborne, Brittany Osborne, Kori Peters, Lindsey Peters, Jessica Peters, Morgan Elyse Ward, Kayela Spurlock, Tanner Roope, Austin Charles, Cody Charles, Blake Charles, Blake Scroggins, Zack Scroggins and Morgan Blake Pugh.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 7, at 11 a.m., in the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold, with Belmont Johnson officiating.


Burial will follow in the Ferguson Cemetery, at Harold, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

To sign the register for the family, go online at: www.hallfuneralservice.com

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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

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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.

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immediately following Sunday service.

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Church located S. Mayo Trail, Pikeville. Call 437-0292 for more information.

House committee OKs bill to limit pop sales in school

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislation to require schools to offer fewer soft drinks and more "healthy beverage" alternatives was approved Thursday by a House committee.

Sponsors said it would help attack juvenile obesity and tooth decay. A separate bill to limit sugar- and fat-laden snacks sold in school vending machines was passed by the Kentucky House two weeks ago and is pending in the Senate.

Rep. Tim Feeley, lead sponsor of the beverage bill, said the rise of juvenile obesity and dia-

betes make it essential that kids be given comparatively healthy drink and snack options.

"We need to set examples in our schools of healthy choices," Feeley, R-Crestwood, told the Health and Welfare Committee.

The bill would ban pop sales in elementary schools during the

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Reagan

His son, Michael, is one of a small circle permitted to visit him in these final days. "I sit with him, grab his hand, and silently pray," says Michael, whose unresponsive dad no longer squeezes his hand in return. "I pray that God takes him and relieves him of his situation. God does what He believes is best. My dad always believed that."

Ronald Reagan's last days are very similar to his mother's. Nelle ebbed away from what the Reagan family termed "senility" — what we today would likely diagnose as Alzheimer's. Nelle and her boy not only shared the same faith but the same fate.

Nelle's son explained that her passing was for the best, particularly because of her mental state — an attitude he

bequeathed to his own son. "I know where my dad is going," said Michael. "When he dies, I'll have no reason to be sad. I'll be saddened that he'll be leaving this place. But I'm overjoyed over where he's going. I guarantee he would be overjoyed — thrilled."

Death might be viewed as simply that final "twist" or "fork" in the road Reagan incessantly spoke of, by which, Nelle taught him, things seemed bad but were just a precursor to brighter skies. If that bad thing hadn't happened, Reagan always insisted, neither would that good thing later.

Though Alzheimer's is a tragic final stage, Reagan would surely view it as a transition to something better — to a rainbow waiting around the bend.

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No matter what Ronald Reagan was robbed of by that evil called Alzheimer's, the disease can't take that away from him.

Paul Kengor is professor of political science at Grove City College and a visiting fellow with the Hoover Institution. His latest book is "God and Ronald Reagan."

Miracle

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a quirky wit that make the role complete.

"Miracle" may sound like a glorified made-for-TV movie. And it may sound corny. But it's hard not to get caught up during Al Michaels' now-famous call — "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" — and the deafening chants of "USA! USA!"

"Miracle," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for language and some rough sports action. Running time: 133 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Education

The governor's proposal includes \$695 million in new capital projects — none in southeast Kentucky — at a time when we've just invested \$4.1 million in getting the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman ready to open, then closed the facility for lack of operating funds.

Besides education, tax modernization is another topic that I was eager to hear the governor discuss. It was a bit disappointing that the governor's speech included only a passing reference to tax modernization. If tax reform is going to take place

before the end of the session, the governor will need to take a stronger role in pushing for it.

Tax reform proposals have been studied for years. We have the knowledge and research we need to modernize our tax code. However, we need leadership from the governor's office so that the public and lawmakers from both parties can fully get behind a revenue-neutral tax reform that will better prepare our state for the modern world and enable us to provide essential services our citizens expect.

Lawmakers have a lot of work to do now that the budget

plan has been turned over to us. We'll be working long hours in the weeks to come making changes to the plan so that it reflects the will of the people we represent. If you have comments or want to share your opinions on the budget or any other issue under consideration in Frankfort, I hope you'll take the time to contact me on the General Assembly's toll free message line at (800) 372-7181.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner represents Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.

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Bush administration supports more dollars for abandoned mines

by MARC LEVY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — In a balancing act, the Bush administration is pushing for federal legislation that would boost funding to clean up dangerous and abandoned coal mines in Appalachia using money mostly drawn from mining operations in western states such as Wyoming.

To promote the legislation, U.S. Interior Secretary Gale Norton appeared Wednesday with Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, and framed the proposal as a way to shift the funds, financed by fees on the coal industry, to the states where the lion's share of abandoned mines remain.

"We've got a real delicate balance nationwide," Norton said in an interview, noting the administration has tried to develop a formula to please all the states.

The bill would reauthorize an existing program that assesses a fee on present coal production and distributes that money based on a formula that favors

states and tribal lands where coal production is higher. But the reauthorization would change the formula to favor states, such as Pennsylvania, based on coal production before 1977, the year a federal law was passed requiring mining companies to clean up after themselves.

The bill, federal officials said, would seek to update the formula to reflect a dramatic change since 1977, in which much of the nation's coal mining has shifted to the western states, where orphaned mines are relatively few.

For example, Pennsylvania has about 4,600 abandoned mines that are considered dangerous or environmentally harmful — about 4 1/2 times as many as the top three coal states, Wyoming, West Virginia and Kentucky, according to the federal Office of Surface Mining.

Cleaning up those sites in Pennsylvania would cost \$1 billion, officials said.

"Pennsylvania has many proud legacies from its industrial past, but we have many bur-

dens, as well," Rendell said at a new conference in which he said that resolving the problem is essential to the state's economic recovery.

Norton said the legislation would protect lives, and noted that there have been many instances where motorists or pedestrians have gone to their deaths over the steep, sandstone cliffs left by the surface mining operations across Pennsylvania.

"I was struck by how many people live within the midst of abandoned coal mines," Norton said after a helicopter trip over some sites in Schuylkill County, where the hills and valleys are torn by long, jagged pits and steep cliffs.

Norton also stopped to look up close at a huge, flooded mining pit that nudged against the town of Shenandoah.

The bill would increase the program's annual spending on abandoned mines by \$53 million — from about \$142 million to \$195 million — using a backlog of fees already paid by the coal industry, but not authorized for spending by Congress.

Pennsylvania's share of the money would rise from \$24 million to \$35 million next year. It eventually could grow to \$65 million in 20 years or so, said

Jeff Jarrett, the director of the Federal Office of Surface Mining.

As a result, Pennsylvania's most dangerous mines would be cleaned up in 22 years, instead of 60. Other states, such as Wyoming, that are practically done cleaning up their worst abandoned mines would see federal funding drop off in a decade or less.

The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, and in the Senate on Tuesday. Though the proposal will benefit Pennsylvania, U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter said he doesn't believe politics played any part in the White House decision to increase funding for the nation's fifth-largest electoral prize — a state President Bush desperately wants to win in November's election.

"I don't think the president is trying to buy any votes with this program," said Specter, R-Pa. Pennsylvania's funding share would be "commensurate with the problem."

To get western states to support the legislation, Norton said, the bill would gradually reduce the fees that are assessed on the coal producers. Then states that would see declining federal funds could tack on a state coal

tax if they want to keep the revenue, Jarrett said.

The Citizen Coal Council, a network of citizens groups, questioned the administration's proposal to lower industry fees, saying it would cost \$700 million to \$800 million over the 14-year life of the reauthorization.

"Why are we cutting the revenue when the work isn't done?" Ellen Pfister, a council member from Montana, said in a statement.

Associated Press Writer Lara Jakes Jordan in Washington contributed to this report.

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school day. It would require at least 75 percent of drinks offered in middle and high schools to be "healthy," meaning water, milk and juices.

Dr. Cecil Sturgeon, past president of the Kentucky Pediatric Society, said the bill would not be the cure-all for obesity, but it would help. "We realize at the Kentucky Pediatric Society that we need a lot of help to combat this problem," Sturgeon said.

The legislation has been attempted twice before in the General Assembly but has never made it through the Senate. "We've always been defeated by what we feel are political or self-interest groups," Sturgeon said.

Opponents include soft-drink

companies but also local schools that depend on vending machine sales for revenue.

Ray Gillespie, representing the Kentucky Soft Drink Association, said the industry only gives schools what the schools want.

Richard DeAngelis, principal of Ewing Elementary School in Fleming County, said the legislation was wrongheaded. DeAngelis said he was no defender of snack and beverage sales — his own school has no vending machines for students — but was convinced that juvenile obesity was rooted in lack of physical activity.

"I don't think that attacking the vending machines is the answer. It's only the tip of the iceberg," DeAngelis said.

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of order, mop heads stored on the floor. Score: Restaurant, 96; Store, 96.

Season's Inn, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometer in stand-up, reach-in refrigerator, handle of ice machine stored in ice, dumpster and area around dumpster in need of cleaning, lids not covering overfilled dumpster. Score: 93.

Crider Grocery, Endicott, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers in some units, pet food not stored properly, some upper shelves in sale area found with dust buildup, floors in some disrepair. Score: 95.

Red Top Tobacco, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Seals in reach-in unit in some disrepair, unable to locate sanitizing test kits, restroom without a self-closing door, mop stored on floor in food preparation area. Score: Restaurant, 95; Store, 96.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Handle on chemical closet broken, ceiling above three-compartment sink showing some signs of damage. Score: 98.

Rite-Aid, Martin, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All toxic items are now stored away from pet foods. No score given.

S&V Mobile Home Park, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: All lots are not numbered, main road through entire park in need of gravel or asphalt, some lots not in size compliance, park lacks individual garbage cans. Score: 92.

Country Roads Cafe, Harold, regular inspection. Thermometers not present in all refrigeration and freezer units, clean equipment improperly stored, hand wash sink in food preparation area has no hand towels, walls in food preparation area in disrepair, light in food preparation area not properly shielded. Score: 94.

Alpike Motel, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Soap holder in one room missing, some rooms have no lights beside the beds, one room has no overhead light, chair in disrepair in one room. Score: 92.

Prestonsburg Senior Citizen's Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, cardboard boxes used to transport meals stored on the floor. Score: 97.

Wendy's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Inside ice machine in disrepair, rubber mat on the floor of food preparation area.

Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hot food holding device not at correct storage temperature, easily seen thermometers not provided for all refrigeration and freezer units, toxic item stored with food equipment. Score: Restaurant, 90; Store, 99.

Spears Mobile Home Park, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not num-

bered properly, some lots not in compliance with size regulations, not enough garbage cans. Score: 94.

Family Dollar Store, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Snack food item not stored at least six inches from floor. Score: 98.

Billy Ray's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easily seen in all refrigeration and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, dishware stored in the open and should be covered or inverted, cleaning utensils stored in food preparation area. Score: 96.

Action Express Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Candy bars stored on floor, cleaning supplies stored above food product. Score: 93.

Pizza Palace Fun Center, Auxier, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Corrections have been made. No score given.

Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Grill, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Back room storage of food on bottom shelf, front service area ice scoop stored with handle buried in ice, use of paper as a liner on some absorbent surfaces, a wooden handle utensil found with rust buildup on surface, single service items not stored inverted or covered. Score: 91.

W.D. Osborne Elementary Cafeteria, Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in freezer found with food items stored on floor, floors in disrepair. Score: 97.

W.D. Osborne Elementary, Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Restroom walls in disrepair throughout school, several restroom stalls were without tissue, water pressure not adequate in one six grade classroom building, floors throughout school in disrepair. Score: 92.

Hamilton Mobile Home Park, Price, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Lot sites not in compliance with size regulations, lots not numbered, driveways on main strip not in compliance, lots sizes not in compliance with size regulations, almost all lots have debris buildup. Score: 88.

Betsy Layne High School Cafeteria, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in refrigerator door in disrepair, walk-in refrigerator light not properly shielded, personal care items such as blood glucose monitoring kit should not be stored in the food preparation utensil washing area. Score: 93.

Betsy Layne High School, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floors in both restrooms in need of cleaning, floors in some hallways in disrepair, desks in disrepair in several classrooms. Score: 93.

Property Transfers

Hildred Iris Martin to Leonard Martin, property located near Highway 979.

Tommy Taulbee and Joyce Taulbee to Kabrina Stratton, property located, near US 23 and Mare Creek Road intersection at Shop Branch.

Mikele and Stella Frasure to Lester and Sharon Johnson, property location not listed.

Adrian Lafferty and Wanda Jean Lafferty to Ronald Frasure and Dixie Frasure, property location not listed.

Judy M. Shaw and Kerry K. Shaw to Marvin E. Music Jr., property located, Little Paint Road.

Betty K. Hall to Anthony Castle, property located, near Beaver Valley Road in Martin.

Diana Marsillett to Kennie J. Jarrell and Randi G. Jarrell, property located, Cow Creek.

Frank R. Scott and Thelsa R. Scott to Gearheart Communications Company, property located, Weeksbury.

Robert Welch and Annice L. Welch to Timothy Welch and Charlene Welch, property located, Dewey Lake View Inc., sub-

division.

Gladea Spradlin to Raymond Hyden and Corinna Hyden, property located, City of Prestonsburg.

Virgil Flannery to Darbin R. Flannery, property located on Bucks Branch.

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Michael Triplett, administrator of estate of Rona N. Triplett, to Michael Triplett, property location not listed.

Arnold Turner Jr., and Libby Turner, Joan Turner Chaffins, Anita Turner Gibson and David Gibson, and Joseph W. Turner to The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, property located, Frasure's Creek.

Claude Allen and Melissa Allen to Hattie Elliott, property located on Middle Creek.

Mary Marshall to Mary Marshall and James Kidd Jr., property location not listed.

Stephanie McDonald to Martha Ellis, property located, Kelly Drive.

Gladys McKinney to Palmer McKinney, Betty Crofter and Caudine Sagar, property located, Justice Hollow/Toler Creek.

Glenn Gibson and Karen Gibson to Fannin Enterprises, Inc., property located, New Allen.

Samuel Hollifield and Ethel Hollifield to Randall Hollifield, property location not listed.

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COMMENTARY

Akers — From player to coach

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

RICHMOND — If there's one thing I remember about Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers, it's that on the court, you didn't want to mess with her.



Bentley

I remember her from the days when she was Cassandra Keathley, a Betsy Layne graduate who was a year or two ahead of me at Alice Lloyd College. She and I were friends because she played basketball there and I worked with the men's team, did some announcing for the high school team

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Superb junior class complements senior duo

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers normally fields a starting lineup of two seniors and three juniors. The seniors starters are forwards Tabetha Witt and Whitney Lykens. Two players who are veterans to say the very least.

The Ladycat starting backcourt consists of juniors Kim Clark and Kristen Smith. Clark started last season. Smith, the team's point guard, is in her first season as a starter. Then there's the player that's in the middle of it all. Junior center Kristal Daniels starts in the middle for

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GIRLS' ALL 'A' CLASSIC

Louisville teams, Whitesburg among first-round winners

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Both Louisville teams advanced out of the first round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Wednesday. Whitesburg, the 14th Region representative, and Betsy

Layne, the 15th Region representative and one of the hottest team in Eastern Kentucky, also won and advanced.

In the first game of the day, Louisville Holy Cross finally shook Whitesville Trinity near the end of the contest, in the fourth quarter, eventually winning 57-44.

Holy Cross outscored Whitesville Trinity 17-8 in the final period to pull out the victory.

Sara Eilers led the Lady Cougars (14-10) with 21 points. The 6-2 senior scored 13 of those markers in the second half, after Holy Cross coach Charlie Just emphasized getting Eilers

the ball in his halftime speech.

"In the first half, we had (Eilers) open, we just didn't get her the ball," Just said. "We did a much better job of getting it to her in the second half."

Eilers knew once she got the ball,

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ALL-OUT EFFORT IN ALL 'A'



photos by Steve LeMaster

IN OT: Betsy Layne beats Owen County 59-49

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — A team playing in a state tournament isn't promised a next game unless it wins. Betsy Layne won Wednesday and will play another game, today, in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

Junior guard Kim Clark scored nine of her 13 points in overtime to lead 15th Region champ Betsy Layne over Owen County 59-49 in overtime Wednesday in the first round of the All "A" Classic.

The win was Betsy Layne's first All "A" Classic state tournament victory.

"We did what we had to do to get it into overtime, and then we took over," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "Defense and rebounding was what allowed us to pull it out."

Owen County led Betsy Layne 13-9 at the end of the first period before Betsy Layne battled back to tie the game at 20 just before the intermission. The two teams were deadlocked at 20 at halftime.

Betsy Layne senior forward Whitney Lykens led the first half effort for Betsy Layne. Lykens, playing in her third consecutive All "A" Classic state tournament, netted 15 of her team's 20 points in the first half. Lykens paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 26 points.

The Ladycats led 36-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Betsy Layne took a 43-40 lead in regulation when Lykens drained a three pointer with 2:35 remaining.

But Owen County, a team that came into the state tourney with just one loss on the season, had an answer when junior Kaylan Richardson nailed a three-pointer of her own, tying the game at 43 with 2:10 to play.

Betsy Layne regained the lead at 1:31 when Kristal Daniels put back a Clark miss to make it 45-43.

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ONE AND NOT DONE — Betsy Layne outlasted Owen County Wednesday in a first round game of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Betsy Layne junior Kim Clark, pictured above working against Owen County guard Allison Haydon, scored nine of her 13 points in overtime to help Betsy Layne record the win.

Left: Senior Whitney Lykens scored a game-high 26 points, recorded a game-high five steals, and pulled down eight rebounds for Betsy Layne in the win.

BETSY LAYNE VS. CLINTON COUNTY

Betsy Layne readies for another run-in with Guffey twins

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — In order to advance on in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic, Betsy Layne must beat Clinton County, the team that played the role of spoiler for the Ladycats last March in the quarterfinals of the Girls' Sweet 16 State Tournament. Clinton County finished on top in that state tourney meeting, beating Betsy

Layne 66-36. The two teams are scheduled to face-off this morning in a quarterfinals matchup. Clinton County is fueled by the Guffey girls, twins Paige and Amber.

Paige had 24 points and her twin sister Amber scored 21 to lead Clinton County over Webster County 69-48 in the first round of the tournament Wednesday afternoon. Clinton County

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Several games later, Lykens still leads Ladycats

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens has been a contributor on the high school hardwood for many years now. Playing as a varsity player in well over 100 games, Lykens has the experience of a proven leader because she is just that — a proven leader. She has been the steadiest mainstay of any 15th Region girls' basketball over the past four seasons. She caught the attention of opposing coaches as a high school freshman. Heading into this year's All "A" Classic, she was ranked as the top player in the 15th Region. The Cats' Pause Basketball Yearbook also ranked her number one in the pre-season.

Lykens was a perfect six-of-six from the free-throw line Wednesday in Betsy Layne's win over Owen County in the open-



Lykens

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UK covers 'basically every need' in recruiting, Brooks

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks expressed satisfaction with his second recruiting class on Wednesday, saying the Wildcats "covered basically every need."

Topping the list were Rafael Little, a highly recruited running back from South Carolina and two standouts from Kentucky, All-State offensive lineman Micah Jones and receiver Lonnell Dewalt.

Now Brooks must start juggling.

Kentucky announced 27 signings Wednesday, the first day of the NCAA signing period, but because of NCAA probation, Brooks has only 22 scholarships to offer. Five junior-college transfers who already have enrolled at Kentucky have-claimed five of those scholarships, which leaves 17.

Brooks said five of the incoming freshmen will either be placed at a prep school or junior college or "grayshirted."

Grayshirts are promised scholarships, but are then

asked to wait to enroll until the second semester as a full-time college student. The player's scholarship thus counts toward the following year's recruiting class.

Brooks declined to name the players who might be grayshirted, but said those who might be knew that was a possibility before they signed.

"Because of the scholarship limitations the last two years, we've tried to be as creative as we can," Brooks said.

Little, a 5-foot-11, 195-pounder from Anderson, S.C., rushed for more than 1,500 yards each of the past two seasons and scored 90 career touchdowns. Recruiting experts rated Little as one of the nation's most versatile backs.

"I think he's going to bring instant competition to the running back position this fall," Brooks said.

The 6-6, 220-pound Dewalt, who attends Warren Central High School in Bowling Green, has expressed an interest in also walking on Kentucky's basketball team. Brooks said he and basketball coach Tubby Smith agreed to allow Dewalt

to try and play both sports.

"Dewalt is a big-time player," Brooks said. "I know they have one-, two-, three-, four-, five-star guys. I don't know what he has, but he should have as many as they could possibly give. He is a playmaker."

The Wildcats will return only two scholarship quarterbacks from last season's 4-8 squad, and lost the recruiting race for Brian Brohm of Louisville Trinity High School, whom some experts rated as the nation's top quarterback.

But after Brohm orally committed to Louisville on Jan. 20, the Wildcats convinced another

quarterback, 6-3, 195-pound Joe Joe Brown of Cordele, Ga., to sign. Another freshman, Ben McGrath of Milford, Ohio — who attended Moeller High School in Cincinnati — might also play quarterback, Brooks said. McGrath was recruited as a quarterback and linebacker.

The 6-4, 317-pound Jones highlights what Brooks called a particularly strong group of offensive line prospects — a high priority for Kentucky, which must replace three starting linemen.

Jones, who led Mayfield to the Class A title as a junior, is considered one of the nation's top high school linemen. Three

other offensive linemen signed by Kentucky — Kane Hannaford, Aaron Miller and Ernie Pelayo — all stand 6-6 and weigh between 290 and 340 pounds.

Brooks also said he had never signed two better players at safety in one class than Marcus McClinton of Fort Campbell High School and Wesley Woodyard of LaGrange (Ga.) High School.

At Eastern Kentucky, coach Danny Hope signed 17 players and said the Colonels filled needs at tight end, cornerback and running back. Hope said defensive back prospects Detrick Belvin, Kody Tuupo

and Corey Young all received Division I-A scholarship offers.

Eastern Kentucky signed four running backs, including three in-state prospects: Charles Penix of Danville, who rushed for 268 yards and two touchdowns in the Admirals' Class A title-game win over Beechwood; Clint Perry of Perry County; and Mark Dunn of Harrodsburg. Perry and Dunn could also play on defense at safety and linebacker, respectively, Hope said.

"We legitimately beat some I-A programs to get some of these players," Hope said.

Teams

she was probably going to score.

"When I had only one person behind me, I knew I had the advantage," Eilers said.

Holy Cross got off to a shaky start.

The team from Louisville fell behind 11-2. Whitesville Trinity was able to force Holy Cross into six first quarter turnovers, and turned those into six points. The Lady Raiders led by that margin after one period.

"I thought we came out strong, with a good start," said Trinity coach Emily Mills. "In the second half, I thought our offense wasn't very good. The physical effort was there, but the mental effort wasn't."

Sarah McDaniel led Trinity (13-7) with 17 points.

A breakdown of other first-round games follows. Coverage of Betsy Layne's first round win over Owen County appears throughout this edition.

■ Louisville Christian 54, Caverna 41: Kristen Blake had 18 points and Ashley Fishback added 15 to lead Louisville Christian past Caverna 54-41.

Louisville Christian held Caverna to 12 of 56 (21.4 percent) shooting for the game.

"We took them out of their game," said Louisville Christian coach Don Rice. "Our girls stepped up to the plate."

Caverna held Louisville Christian guard Meredith Marsh to only three points. However, Marsh added six assists and four rebounds.

Caverna (13-8) was led by Rudy Brents, who had 17 points.

■ Clinton County 69, Webster County 48: Paige Guffey had 24 points and her twin sister Amber scored 21 to force Clinton County past Webster County, 69-48.

Clinton County (15-7) shot an outstanding 54.5 percent (24 of 44) from the field for the game, including a 12 of 19 performance (63.2 percent) in the second half.

Junior Paula Carver led Webster County (13-9) with a game-high 26 points.

Clinton County, the defending tournament champion, will face Betsy Layne in Friday's second quarterfinal, which will tip off at approximately 10:30 a.m.

■ Murray 39, Cumberland 33: Murray used an 8-1 fourth quarter beat Cumberland 39-33 and advance on in the tournament.

Murray led 27-26 at the end of the third quarter and the Lady Tigers scored the first four points of the final frame to lead by five.

But Cumberland came right back and cut the lead to one at 31-30 on a basket by Sarah Adams.

That's when Murray (14-6) started its 8-1 run that covered 4:55 of the fourth quarter.

Christina Dunn led the Lady Tigers with 15 points.

Brandi Vincent added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Cumberland (10-5) was led by Sheena Lee's 15 points.

■ Whitesburg 57, West Carter 50: Whitesburg and head coach Dickie Adams enacted some sweet revenge Wednesday afternoon.

Whitesburg closed the first

quarter on a 13-2 run and never trailed after that, beating West Carter 57-50.

The Lady Yellowjackets led by as many as 17 in the third quarter, but West Carter fought back and cut the lead to four at 51-47 with 2:29 to go.

However, Whitesburg made the plays down the stretch, including making six of its last eight free throw attempts to seal the victory.

Whitney Hogg led Whitesburg (18-3) with 18 points. Ashley Stidham had 12 for the Lady Jackets, while Camille Cook had 11.

Stephanie Hall paced West Carter (10-9) with 20 points. Brandi Rayburn had 12 for the Lady Comets.

■ Covington Holy Cross 62, Danville 46: Brittany Bass scored 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Covington Holy Cross to a 62-46 win over Danville.

Holy Cross (19-3) shot 53.3 percent (24 of 45) from the floor for the game and outrebounded Danville 38-13 and had 12 offensive rebounds that turned into 17 second-chance points for the game.

Rachel Lantry had 18 points and eight pull-downs for Holy Cross.

Monica Vonderbrink led Danville with 17 points.

■ Paris 46, Lexington

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Christian 33: Paris turned up its defensive pressure to down Lexington Christian 46-33 in the final game of the first round of the All "A" Classic.

The Lady Hounds held LCA to 29.4 percent shooting and forced the Lexington team into 23 turnovers. Lexington Christian had no players in double figures in scoring.

Taylor Christian led Paris (12-6) with 12 points. Sarah Yeiser had nine.

Leah Anderson and Emily London each scored nine points for Lexington Christian (10-9).

Twins

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played right after Betsy Layne, giving Coach Cassandra Avers and her team a chance to see the Guffey girls and teammates at work.

Clinton County (15-7) hit for 54.5 percent from the field Wednesday in beating LeMaster County.

Clinton County (15-7), the defending All "A" Classic Champion, will meet up with Betsy Layne in the quarterfinals this morning. Tip-off is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The Lady Bulldogs have just two starters back from last season's squad.

Clinton County is coached by Russell Guffey. Betsy Layne and Clinton County do not share a common opponent.

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four-steal day, adding balance to the effort of Lykens, who fired in 26 points, pulled down eight misses and had five steals. Throw in Daniels' eight points and dozen rebounds, and Betsy Layne had a solid day.

Credit should be given to Owen County's Casey Perkins, who scored 12 and pulled down 13 rebounds in the loss.

Up next for Betsy Layne is Clinton County, the Region Four champ who polished off Webster County 69-48, blowing open a close game in the final period.

If Friday's game is close late, the Lady Cats can expect to see more fire in the eyes of their coach. Challenges like the one she gave her team are nothing new but no less beautiful to hear.

If you don't have much left late in a state-tournament game, you aren't much of a player.

Akers was a player. And on Wednesday, she had a lot left late in the game.

Guess that makes her a pretty fine coach too.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Rossi Samons, Allen Central, 18 points vs. East Ridge



Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne, 26 points vs. Owen County

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Bentley

there and was generally around the gym all the time (much to the chagrin of my girlfriend at the time, a friend of Cassandra's, but it does help explain the necessity of the phrase "at the time").

The most talented player? No, Cassandra was not. But she was the toughest. She was good enough to know how to use the skills God blessed her with and parlay them into a college education, and that is probably her proudest accomplishment.

But there was a reason we called her "Tank." She was tough. She'd run over you, through you, whatever it took to get past you, because she wanted to win, and wanted it worse than you most of the time.

On Wednesday afternoon in the opening round of the Touchtone Energy All "A" Classic, she had her toughness on display, and this time, it was her players who felt her wrath.

Late in regulation, she felt her team lacked the intensity it needed.

Within seconds, she let them know about it.

"If you don't have anything left with two or three minutes to go in a state tournament game," Akers said, "then you're not very much of a player."

Amen. With the wrath of their coach facing them — and a more challenging issue than once-beaten Owen County — the Lady Bobcats returned to the court with a little more spring in their step.

Kristal Daniels rebounded a Kim Clark miss to give the Lady Bobcats a 45-43 lead with 1:31 remaining, but Casey Perkins scored inside for Owen County to tie the game with 20 seconds left.

Another Betsy Layne miss sent Lady Rebel Katie Smith streaking toward the basket for a game-winning layup, but junior guard Kristen Smith stepped in her path.

"I just ran down the floor and

Duo

put my hands up and waited for her to hit me," Kristen Smith said. "I just had to hope and pray for that call because the game was on the line."

Her prayer was answered. She drew a charge with only a tick remaining to send the teams to overtime.

In the extra frame, Yogi Berra could have correctly said it got late early for Owen County. Clark gave the Lady Cats a lead it wouldn't relinquish only 42 seconds into the four-minute period. She made it four seconds later.

Owen tried to stem the tide with a basket with 2:17 remaining, but Clark scored four more points on a basket and two free throws, and that was followed by two tosses each by Whitney Lykens and Smith, and all of a sudden a margin that had been no larger than five either way throughout regulation had reached double figures, and the deed was done.

Clark's eight in overtime ended a 13-point, seven-rebound,

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A true college number one?

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The latest AP college basketball poll has the Duke Blue Devils as the nations number one team and have been for the past three weeks. But are the Blue Devils the nations best team?

Boy, it is hard to figure who is the best this season with so many outstanding young players. If I were to take my pick as

the nations best, it would not be the Dukies. I think team for team that Connecticut would be my choice. I know they have dropped three games but when it comes crunch time (March Madness then they will be the team to beat.

I also like the make up of Louisville's team. The Cardinals, when everyone is healthy is a well coached team and no doubt one of the top five teams in the nation.

Stanford and St. Joseph are the two remaining Division I unbeaten teams and both are outstanding teams but I also like to watch Pittsburgh (20-1) play the game.

Coach Tubby Smith and UK are not deserving of a top 15 rating. Not that they are all that bad but there are many more teams that are better than the Cats. This is a team that does not have the ingredients we UK fans have become used to over the past many years. One bad recruiting season can kill a program and Coach Smith had one of the worst recruiting seasons ever at UK.

While all the other teams across America load up with good young players, the Cats are having problems attracting the McDonald All-Americans any more.

Coach Pitino's ballclub is currently the nations sixth rated team but does that make them the sixth best team in the nation? I think not. But they are a fine basketball team. I like to play the rating game, always have.

Preseasons ratings meant nothing, but they did to me.

UK at Florida - I was just 80 miles from Gainesville when Kentucky played at Florida Tuesday night. But I attended a high school basketball game instead of driving the distance. I thought the Gators would walk away with a 10 point victory and why go. I missed a good game didn't I.

One of the biggest games for UK in the next two weeks will happen this Saturday at Rupp

Arena when South Carolina, a surprise leader in the SEC, comes to town. Coach Dave Oldham has his team playing great basketball and they, like Kentucky, play well on the road.

UK has not played well at home and that is hard to figure out. I know that most of their non-conference games are played elsewhere and few played at Rupp. Maybe the Cats feel a stronger challenge when away from the arena.

Here, the girls district tournaments are underway with the boys slated to start next week. I

like March Madness and even in Florida it is exciting.

But there will never be the excitement of the 58th District and 15th Region tournaments followed by the Sweet 16 in Kentucky. I love it. Then throw in the SEC tournament and then the NCAA brackets and boy basketball does not get any better.

Yes sir, this is my time of the year. Why I am looking forward to the Cincinnati Reds getting in high gear. They are just down the road a piece from here and I still hope to get down and write

some columns about that as well as shoot a few pictures.

The Super Bowl was a great game, even though it started off rather slow. It

is a shame there had to be the embarrassment of the entertainers. I hope the

NFL will learn from the vulgarity of the halftime show.

BETSY LAYNE LADY CATS - Coach Cassandra Akers and her Betsy Layne Lady Cats got the first round of

the Girls All "A" State Tournament underway on a interesting note. It was a big overtime win for Coach Akers club against 17-1 Owen County.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Eagles blast Bluefield

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College women's team put together one of its most dominant wins in the Coach Tim Rice era on Tuesday night. The Lady Eagles destroyed Bluefield College by a final score of 86-56. Alice Lloyd senior Delores Jenkins put 30 points on the board. She also pulled down five rebounds. Erica Webb posted 18 points. Belicia Mullins scored 14 points and pulled down seven rebounds from her shooting guard position. Jessica Justice

contributed with 11 points in off the bench. She also had three steals.

Bridget Smith had six points for the Lady Eagles. Amy Jackson, Kayla Combs and Natasha Stratton each had two points. Tabatha Sprouse added a free throw.

Jaime Bennett led Bluefield with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Jacque Cantrell had 13 points and Tyoka Hollins scored 12 and jerked down 10 rebounds.

Turnovers hurt Bluefield (5-15). The visiting women's team turned the basketball over 44 times.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Memphis 62, No. 6 Louisville 58

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rodney Carney scored 19 points and keyed a second-half rally, helping Memphis upset No. 6 Louisville 62-58 Wednesday night.

The short-handed Cardinals lost their second in a row, both since coach Rick Pitino returned from a two-day medical leave. They had won 16 in a row before falling to Marquette.

Louisville (16-3, 6-2 Conference USA) played without injured starters Francisco

Garcia and Taquan Dean and reserve Nouha Diakite. Garcia, the team's leading scorer at 15.8 points per game, was out with an ankle injury.

Memphis (15-4, 6-2) overcame a nine-point deficit in the second half and won its sixth in a row. The Tigers shot only 39 percent but had four players score in double figures.

Louisville was up 52-47 with nine minutes left before Carney hit a pair of 3-pointers. He scored eight points during a 15-3 run that put the Tigers ahead 62-55 with 30 seconds left.

Larry O'Bannon led Louisville with 26 points. He had the Cardinals' only six points — on a 3-pointer and three free throws — in the final nine minutes.

Sean Banks scored 14 for Memphis, while Antonio Burks added 13 points and six assists. Anthony Rice had 10 for the

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15TH REGION

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
East Ridge	15-4
Shelby Valley	14-3
South Floyd	13-8
Sheldon Clark	11-7
Allen Central	9-8
Betsy Layne	9-9
Johnson Central	9-10
Pike County Central	9-10
Prestonsburg	8-10
Belfry	7-11
Pikeville	7-12
Phelps	4-13
Paintsville	3-11
Magoffin County	1-14
Piarist School	0-9

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Betsy Layne	15-5
Pike County Central	13-7
Belfry	13-8
Allen Central	11-11
Pikeville	10-8
South Floyd	9-10
Paintsville	9-10
Prestonsburg	9-11
Sheldon Clark	8-7
Magoffin County	8-10
East Ridge	7-10
Shelby Valley	4-10
Phelps	4-12
Johnson Central	4-13
Piarist School	2-12

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kentucky 'steals' a win at Florida

by FRED GOODALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida's youth was no match for Kentucky's experience in crunch time.

Erik Daniels scored 22 points and Cliff Hawkins had a crucial steal and scored four points in an 11-0 game-ending run that gave the ninth-ranked Wildcats a 68-65 victory over No. 21 Florida on Tuesday night.

Hawkins' poor free throw shooting kept the outcome in doubt until Florida turned the ball over with 1 second to go, but the guard's steal and layup gave the Wildcats (15-3, 5-2

Southeastern Conference) the lead for good in the final minute.

"It was a great comeback. It showed a lot of poise and character on our behalf to hang in there after losing the lead," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We have had that problem most of the year, but tonight we found a way to overcome that."

Hawkins was just 4-of-11 from the foul line, but made two of his last four to finish Kentucky's comeback from an 11-point deficit in the second half.

The victory was Kentucky's fifth straight in a series that has developed into one of the fiercest rivalries in the SEC in

recent seasons. Florida (13-6, 4-4) hasn't beaten the Wildcats since March 2001, when they claimed a share of the SEC Eastern Division championship, but none of the losses were more disappointing than this one.

The Gators led 65-57 with just under 3 minutes to go, but didn't score the rest of the way. Anthony Roberson led Florida with 19 points, but missed a layup that would have reclaimed the lead before misfiring on a tough 3-pointer that could have given the Gators the lead in the closing seconds.

"I thought our guys, in the last five minutes, played not to lose," said Florida coach Billy Donovan, who started four sophomores and a junior. "At the same time, Kentucky kept playing with the same intensity. ... Their experience, knowing how to win, was a factor."

Gerald Fitch scored 10 points and Hawkins finished with nine for Kentucky.

Matt Walsh scored 16 points for Florida, but the Gators hopes to force overtime with a desperation shot ended when he stepped out of bounds trying to get the ball to midcourt on Florida's final possession.

Florida trailed 33-29 at halftime despite shooting less than 35 percent (9-of-26) from the field. Roberson was the reason, overcoming a slow start to make two 3-pointers that helped the Gators cut into a 10-

point deficit.

Kentucky faltered down the stretch during a 66-60 loss to Vanderbilt last Saturday and looked like they were going to let another game slip away when Christian Drejer hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to finish a 22-6 run for Florida early in the second half.

Drejer is one of Florida's best passers, but his crosscourt throw proved to be the Gators' undoing. Hawkins stepped in front of the errant pass and was left with a clear path to the basket for a 66-65 lead.

"I was anticipating it and just reading his eyes the whole time. He threw it right to where I thought he would," Hawkins said. "You want to try and make them pass the ball crosscourt in that situation because it is a tough pass to make."

YOUTH BASKETBALL

South Floyd Middle escapes Allen

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ALLEN - In what has turned into an up and down season for both teams, South Floyd escaped a valiant bunch of Allen Eagles Tuesday evening by a final of 53-49 in Floyd County basketball action. Allen led 10-7 after one quarter of play and 29-16 at the half. Josh Rodebaugh led Allen with 22 points and Kenny Mullins pitched in 14.

Allen seemed well on its way to a victory but a strong fourth quarter from South Floyd turned the game around and the Raiders would come away with a close win. Wes Akers tossed in 17 points for South Floyd and Justin Isaac added 10 in the win. South Floyd got within six at 41-35 after three quarters of play and the raiders would outscore Allen 18-8 in the fourth quarter to come away with the win. Devin Adams contributed nine points in the win and Tyler Mitchell added five.

Adam Gearheart pitched in eight points for Allen in the loss.

Both teams struggled from the charity stripe as Allen went 18/36 from the line and South Floyd went eight-of-15 on the night.

In B-team action, South Floyd defeated Allen 32-26. Brandon Tackett led the Raiders with eight points and Morgan Mullins tossed in six. Matt

Tackett tossed in six points in the win and Tyler Mitchell added five.

Kenny Mullins led Allen with nine points and Joshua Head added eight in the loss.

South Floyd led 10-3 after one quarter and 20-10 at the half. Allen cut the lead down, but South Floyd, in the end, held on for the win.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bluefield 87, Alice Lloyd 80

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Bluefield led 39-36 at halftime Tuesday night and outscored the Alice Lloyd by four more points in the second half to post an 87-80 win on the road.

Five different Bluefield players scored 10 or more points. Mookie Holmes led Bluefield in scoring with a game-high 25 points. Jamaine Burcke had 16 points and Jimil Smith pushed in 15. Corey Wade scored 11 and Hodges Anthony added 10.

Bluefield outrebounded Alice Lloyd 52-30.

Jimmy Stumbo led Alice Lloyd with 22 points and 11 rebounds. He also had five blocks. Stumbo connected on six-of-nine three-point field goals.

Jeremy Daniels scored 19 points and Ryan Shannon added 18. Matt Spencer, Shannon Akers and Jason Knott all had six points apiece. Jeremy Jackson had three points.

The Eagles connected on 11-of-29 three-point field goal tries.

SIGNUPS

Little Eagles Basketball signups announced

WHEELWRIGHT - Little Eagles Basketball signups will begin on Monday, Feb. 9 and run through Feb. 27.

This program is offered to W.D. Osborne students in Kindergarten through fourth grade (K-4).

Signups will be held at the Osborne Family Resource Center (FRC). Parents may also

sign up children by calling 452-4553.

The following information is needed when signing up:

- Parent's name
- Child's name and grade
- Phone number.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the program should contact Cissy at the Osborne FRC by calling 452-4553.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne junior guard Kristen Smith dribbled and look to set up the offense against Owen County.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne reserve Candice Meade, pictured pitted against Katie Smith of Owen County, came in off the Ladycat bench and gave some valuable minutes in the win.

Shawnee ousts Shelby Valley 52-42

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — The boys' 15th Region All "A" champ is out of the state small-school title picture.

Shawnee, a team that entered the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic with a losing record, beat Shelby Valley 52-42 in the first round on Thursday in Richmond.

"Our kids came out very confident," said Shawnee Coach Howard Johnson. "With the teams we play

against in the sixth region (PRP, Fern Creek, DeSales) night in and night out, we felt good coming into this game."

The game was nip and tuck early, but with Shelby Valley leading 12-7 with 3:19 to go in the first quarter, Johnson called a timeout and got his team on the right track. Shawnee, after the timeout, went on a 13-0 run, getting out to an eight-point lead.

"We have a tendency to lose focus and turn the ball over," Johnson said. "That timeout was a wakeup call for our team."

Shelby Valley remained in the game due in large part to its defense. The Wildcats led 38-37 with 7:16 to go. However, Shawnee countered with another run, this time a 9-1 run.

"They made the plays down the stretch and we didn't," said Wildcats coach Rodney Rowe.

Bobby Summers, who leads his team in scoring on the season, scored 16 for Shawnee and Tim Roach had 11. Shawnee shot 48.8 percent (21 of 43) for the game. The Warriors committed 22 turnovers.

Patrick Tackett led Shelby Valley with 18 points. He was the only Wildcat to manage double figures. Seth Kiser had nine points and Kris Bentley flipped in three. Kelsey Friend and Jordan Kiser had two points apiece.

Senior center Boris Siakam scored 17 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead Caverna to a 63-47 win over Carlisle County in the first round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

Siakam, a 6-7 exchange student from Africa, was a presence in the middle.

"Coming in, we knew we'd have the size advantage," said Caverna Coach Paul Childress. "Our guys have been focused all week."

That focus showed early, when Caverna jumped out to a

12-2 lead, and took a 25-8 lead in the second period.

"The last few games, we've gotten off to fast starts," Childress said. "And we did it again today."

Caverna's hot-shooting caught Carlisle County off-guard.

"In the tapes we had seen, they didn't shoot that well," said Carlisle County Coach Brian O'Neill. "We knew they were tough on the inside, but didn't expect the guards to shoot so well."

Caverna was hot in the first quarter (64.7 percent from the

floor), but was outscored 10-2 in the second period.

The Colonels (20-1) recovered in the third quarter, outscoring Carlisle 26-11 and going on to the victory.

Brett Hoskins was the only Comet in double figures, scoring 17 for the 15-6 Carlisle County team.

Caverna, which also got double figure efforts from Brandon Adams (16), William Bradley (11) and Jordy Maxey (10), will face Hazard in today's quarterfinals. That game is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Blackcat C-team wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams C-Team was in action Wednesday night at Osborne. The pressing Blackcats opened up with a 10-0 lead after the first quarter and led 20-4 at halftime, cruising to a 35-19 win.

Josh Craynon and Austin McKinney led the way with 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Nick Conn pitched in

eight points.

Craynon's defense and McKinney's rebounding were even more impressive than their point totals. Brad Stanley, Anthony Hallam, and Joseph Jamerson each scored two points to round out the scoring for Adams. Several other players contributed solid defense and rebounding.

Glen Jones led Osborne in scoring with seven points, all of which came late in the fourth quarter and Doug Mathews scored six points for the Eagles. Adams improved to 7-5 on the season and 6-4 in county games.

In the preliminary game Wednesday night, Joseph Jamerson scored a team-high 10 points and dominated the boards.

Earlier in the week, Adams defeated Wesley Christian School as Josh Craynon scored seven points to lead the Blackcats. Nick Conn, Wil Allen, Josh Dingus and Scottie Morgan each scored six points. Austin McKinney, James Sturgill and Joseph Jamerson each added five points.

Kyle Gearheart, Brad Stanley, Nathaniel Fraley, Anthony Hallam and Robbie Grigsby had two points each to round out the scoring for Adams. Brian Stratton and Zach Key lead Wesley in scoring with four points each. J.D. Adams added three points for Wesley

African Siakam leads Caverna past Carlisle County

H.S. BASKETBALL

Pike Central pounds Prestonsburg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Pike County Central came into Prestonsburg one week ago and scored a sound 75-45 win over the host Blackcats.

Pike Central led 18-10 at the end of the first period and never looked back. The Hawks outscored Prestonsburg in each quarter. Pike Central led 29-21 at halftime before pulling away in the second half. The Hawks outscored Prestonsburg 15-10 in the third quarter and 31-14 in the final period.

Chase Lyons led Pike Central with a game-high 21 points. Brad Lowe scored 13 and Adam Prater pushed in 12. Eleven different Pike Central players scored in the win.

Jesse Chaffin led Prestonsburg with 13 points. Nick Jamerson scored 12. Michael Morrison had five

All "A" Classic expanding to include baseball, fast-pitch softball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The All "A" Classic is expanding.

Stan Steidel, chairperson of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic and Roy Palk, CEO of Touchstone Energy, announced the the All "A" Classic will expand to include

statewide baseball and fast-pitch softball tournaments for the first time, beginning later this year.

"Some of the schools approached us and asked if we'd consider it," Steidel said. "We went to Touchstone and they said they'd work it out and try to help us."

The baseball tournament

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

will be conducted in a regional, sectional and state format, with the state tournament being played by eight teams at Applebee's Park in Lexington on May 1 and 2.

Of the 123 Class A schools in the state, 116 have baseball teams and 85 of those are expected to participate at the regional level, narrowing to eight for the state tournament, which will follow the format of the KHSAA state tournament.

The softball tournament will also feature regional, sectional and state formats, concluding with a double-elimination state tournament on May 8 and 9 at Skyview Park in Jeffersonton.

Of the 123 Class A schools, 104 play fast-pitch softball, and 77 have committed to play in this year's event, beginning with the regionals.

"We are pleased to be a part of the expansion of this tournament," Palk said.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Allen Central outlasts East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK — Allen Central went on the road Tuesday night and beat one of the 15th Region's top teams.

The Runnin' Rebels outscored East Ridge 30-26 in the fourth quarter Tuesday night and beat the host Warriors 70-64.

East Ridge led Allen Central 12-10 at the end of the first period.

The Rebels led East Ridge 25-12 at halftime and 40-38 at the end of the third quarter.

Justin Hall scored 19 points and Rossi Samons hit for 18 to lead the Rebels to the victory. Samons hit for two three-pointers in the fourth period.

The Rebels hit 25-of-32 free-throw attempts. Allen Central made 15-of-18 attempts in the final period.

Allen Central center Tim Griffith had 10 points. Austin Francis and Ryan Hammond had eight apiece. Ryan Collins had four points on free throws in the final period. David Kilburn scored two points and Josh Martin rounded out the Rebel scoring with a fourth-quarter free-throw.

Brandon Ratliff led East Ridge with 18 points. Paul Deese scored 16 points and Robbie Spears netted 12. Aaron Branham added 11 points.



Samons

Dawgs put bite on Todd County Central, 62-45

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — The 14th Region boys' basketball All "A" Classic camp has lived to play another day.

Hazard used a 15-2 run to close the first quarter, and used its pressure defense to defeat Todd County Central 62-45 in the first round of the boys' Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic on Thursday.

"We got off to a really good start," said Hazard Coach Kevin Spurlock, a Floyd County native. "Our press has been our strength all year."

The Bulldogs, considered one of the early favorites in the tournament, forced Todd County Central into 30 turnovers and held them to 19 of 51 (37.3 percent) shooting for the game.

"I thought defensively, they forced us to do some things we

weren't comfortable with," said Rebels Coach Dennis Pardue. "We wanted to attack them with our quickness, but they wouldn't allow us to do that."

Stephen Sizemore led the Hazard points output with 15 points. Parker Carter had nine and Hank Gabbard and Lamar Williams each had eight for the Bulldogs (17-4).

Shane McIntosh was the leading scorer for Todd County Central (13-5) with 11 points. Calvin Head added 10.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

South Floyd tops Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Wes Akers scored a game-high 17 points and teammate Justin Isaac tossed in 11 to lead South Floyd to a 44-37 win over John M. Stumbo. Akers hit a trio of three-point field goals in the win. Isaac connected on one three-pointer.

Stumbo led 9-6 at the end of the first period and 24-22 at halftime before South Floyd came alive. The game was tied at 30 at the end of the quarter before the visiting Raiders came through in the end.

Ethan Mullins scored seven points for South Floyd and Tyler Mitchell flipped in six. Deven Adams chipped in three.

Adam Slone had 14 points for Stumbo. Kory Henry and Colby Hayes tossed in eight apiece. B. Hamilton scored four

points and Jeremy Osborne contributed.

South Floyd had five field-goals in the final quarter.

B-TEAM: South Floyd 43, Stumbo 28

Tyler Mitchell scored 11 points and Morgan Mullins pushed in eight to lead South Floyd's B-team to the win over Stumbo. Deven Adams scored six for South Floyd and Matt Tackett netted five. Jimmy Skeens, Jordan Moore, Kyle Howell, Chris Gibson and Josh Blevins each had a field-goal apiece for the Raiders.

D. Maldonado and C. Tackett had five points each for Stumbo. K. Hamilton added three for the Mustangs. J. Tackett, A. Martin and D. Hall added two points apiece for Stumbo.

points and Trevor Compton flipped in four.

Prestonsburg will be back in action tonight, traveling to South Floyd and Raider Arena to take on the host Raiders as part of a boys-girls double-header.

The Hawks suffered a loss Wednesday night, falling to Mt. Mission, Va. The Virginia team beat the Pike County squad 86-78.

Pike Central will host Jenkins tonight.

Lykens

ing round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

She came ready to play.

The senior finished with 26 points, six rebounds and five steals opposed to just one turnover. She also hit both of Betsy Layne's three-point field goals. Lykens got 15 of her points in the first half of the game against Owen County.

The senior who burst onto the 15th Region girls' basketball what seems like many moons ago now has the experience of playing in state tournament games. She's come a long way from an appearance in the All "A" Classic two years ago as a sophomore when she was overtaken by jitters and was found throwing up.

"There's no doubt that Whitney (Lykens) is a leader for us," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "She does many things for our team."

Akers, in a post-game interview following the win over Owen County, noted her team's fine defensive play and rebounding. Lykens had much to do with that, giving Owen County fits on more than one occasion.

For her efforts against Owen County, she was named Player of the Game.

Lykens was a key member of last season's Betsy Layne team that won the 15th Region and won a game in the Girls' Sweet 16 State Tournament. A versatile player, the Betsy Layne senior has the tools that could lead her to a productive basketball career in the college ranks.

But there's no time to think

about that now. Lykens and her teammates have a game against Clinton County this morning and a All "A" Classic title that is hanging like a dangling carrot.

If Whitney Lykens can help it, Clinton County won't advance, and Betsy Layne will.

Leads

But Owen County tied the game at 45 with 20 seconds to play when Casey Perkins scored.

When Daniels missed with 10 seconds to go, Owen County's Smith collected the rebound and raced the length of the floor and tried a layup as time expired, but Betsy Layne's Kristen Smith was there to take a charge and send it to overtime. Smith, a first-year starter, got back just in time to draw the charge. The junior, after the game, said she, "prayed." The first-year starter also had the chore of guarding Owen County's Katie Smith.

"Kristen handled the ball real well against Katie Smith," Akers acknowledged.

The overtime period found both teams deadlocked again.

And that's when Clark took over, scoring the first eight points for the Ladycats. After Betsy Layne got out to the early advantage in the extra session, Owen County had no answer. The four-minute extra period found Betsy Layne in great control.

"Kim always moves well (without the ball)," said Akers. "She played real big in the over-

time."

Owen County coach Delmas Castle thought his team was expired late, even before the OT period.

"I think we wore down a little bit, and they got hot at the right time," he said.

Junior center Kristal Daniels scored eight points and pulled down 12 rebounds for Betsy Layne. Smith scored five and senior forward Tabetha Witt added four points and six rebounds.

Candice Meade scored two points and Breann Akers got into the scoring column with a made free-throw.

Richardson paced Owen County (17-2) with 18 points. Smith added 13 points for Owen County and Perkins chipped in 12. Megan Slayback had four points.

Betsy Layne forced Owen County to commit 23 turnovers. The Ladycats recorded 16 steals. Betsy Layne was 19-of-30 from the free-throw line.

The Ladycats will play Clinton County this morning in the tournament's quarterfinals at 10:30 a.m.

Memphis

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Tigers.

Louisville used a tight zone defense to force the Tigers into outside shots. Of Memphis' 57 field goal attempts, 27 were outside the 3-point line. They hit 10 of them, contributing to their sub-40 percent shooting performance.

The Cardinals led 37-33 at halftime behind 14 points from O'Bannon, who hit six of his eight shots. Louisville shot 62 percent in the half, making all five of its 3-point tries.

Louisville led through most of the first 14 minutes, eventually taking a 24-17 lead on a steal and basket by Alhaji Mohammed.

But Memphis answered with an 11-0 run, with Rice hitting 3-pointers to open and close the streak.

P'burg Jr. hoops crowns champs

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Pee Wee League — (Championship Game) — Mavericks 13, Pistons 7: Robert Campbell led the winners with four points and Seth Marcum tossed in three as the Mavericks claimed the Pee Wee title. Alisha Owens and Grant Martin each added two points for the Mavericks. Jacob Blair rounded out the Mavericks' scoring with two free throws.

Dylan Slone led the Pistons with three points and Jordan Slone added two in the loss. Austin Bailey pitched in two points for the Pistons.

Cavaliers 12, Lakers 10: John Wesley Cooksey tossed in six points to help lead the Cavaliers past the Lakers. Jackson Reed finished with three points for the winners and the trio of Garrett Hammonds, Autumn Hall and Shawn Jervis each netted one point. Katelyn Rose led the Lakers with nine points and Mariah Ratliff rounded out the Lakers' scoring with one point.

Hawks 14, Wildcats 10: Josh Crider scorched the nets for all 14 of the winning team's points in a victory over the Wildcats. Eric Collins paced the Wildcats with 10 points.

Training League — (Championship Game): Knicks 12, Bulls 5: The Knicks finished off an unbeaten season with a 12-5 win over the Bulls. Tyler Shelton led the winners with six points and Tyler Keens added four. Madison Wright rounded out the scoring for the Knicks with two points. Chase Baldrige and Anthony Collins each contributed two points for the Bulls and Brittany McKenzie added one.

Hawks 14, Warriors 10: Kain Collins tossed in six points to help lead the Hawks to the win in the third-place game. Tate Goble and Bobby Blair each finished with four points for the Hawks. Blake Goble and Adam Crisp tossed in four points each for the Warriors and Tiffany Bentley rounded out the scoring with two points.

Sonics 22, Raptors 6: Lucas Stewart and Chris Ratliff combined for 16 points in a 22-6 win

over the Raptors. Corey Conley added five points for the Sonics and Stratton Rorrer rounded out the scoring with one point. Michael Ousley netted all six points for the Raptors. Lucas Stewart and Chris Ratliff each had eight points for the winners.

Mavericks 12, Lakers 6: Owen Caudill lifted the Mavericks over

the Lakers with eight points, while Cassie Burchett added four. Trey Stapleton led the Lakers with four points and Kaitlyn Caudill finished with two.

Junior Varsity — (Championship Game): Blackcats 26, Tarheels 23: Alexis DeRossett poured in 10 points to

lead the Blackcats to the Junior Varsity championship. Bradley Stanley tossed in five for the winners and Nicholas Conn added four. Robert Grigsby pitched in three points for the Blackcats and Halee Hicks added two. Nikki Bradley rounded out the scoring for the winners with two points. Austin McKinney and D.J.

Ousley each finished with seven points for the Tarheels. Joshua Head tossed in six points in the loss and Jamie Hall added one.

Cardinals 28, Mavericks 18: Josh Craynon poured in 11 points to help the Cardinals to the win in the third-place game in the JV division. Nathaniel Fraley added eight points in the win and Lakan

Lowe finished with four. Wil Allen rounded out the scoring for the Cardinals with three points. Erica Meade and Katy Petry pushed in five points each for the Mavericks. Caleb Petry finished with four points in the loss and Andrew Skeens netted two. Marissa Sammons added two points in the setback.



LEFT: Training League Bulls.

Note: Pee Wee team and cheerleader team photos will appear in Sunday's edition.



ABOVE: Training League Hawks.



RIGHT: Training League Knicks.



RIGHT: Training League Lakers.



LEFT: Training League Mavericks.



LEFT: Training League Raptors.



RIGHT: Training League Sonics.



Right: Training League Warriors.

BASKETBALL

Young BLES teams prevail

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Adam Howell tossed in a game-high 25 points Monday night to lead the Betsy Layne Elementary C-Team past Osborne. The Bobcats won 49-35.

Betsy Layne Coach David Gearheart is pleased with the way his younger players are performing.

"Our younger kids are playing real well," said Gearheart.

Casey Adkins scored 12 points for Betsy Layne and Andrew Bush chipped in six. Bryce Adkins netted five points for the Bobcats and Jason Case had two. Shane Case scored for Betsy Layne on a free-throw.

Tommy Hall led Osborne with 22 points. Hall hit five three-pointers. Andrew Vance netted five points. Doug Mathews and Cannon Butler chipped in four apiece.

In a fourth-and-fifth-grade D-team game, Betsy Layne beat the visiting Eagles 29-5.

Case scored a game-high eight points and Andrew Roberts flipped in six. Casey Adkins and Landon Hale scored five points apiece and Nick Conn added four. Derek Tackett scored on a free-throw.

Tyler Moore had all five points for Osborne.



LEFT: Junior Varsity Tarheels.



LEFT: Junior Varsity Blackcats.



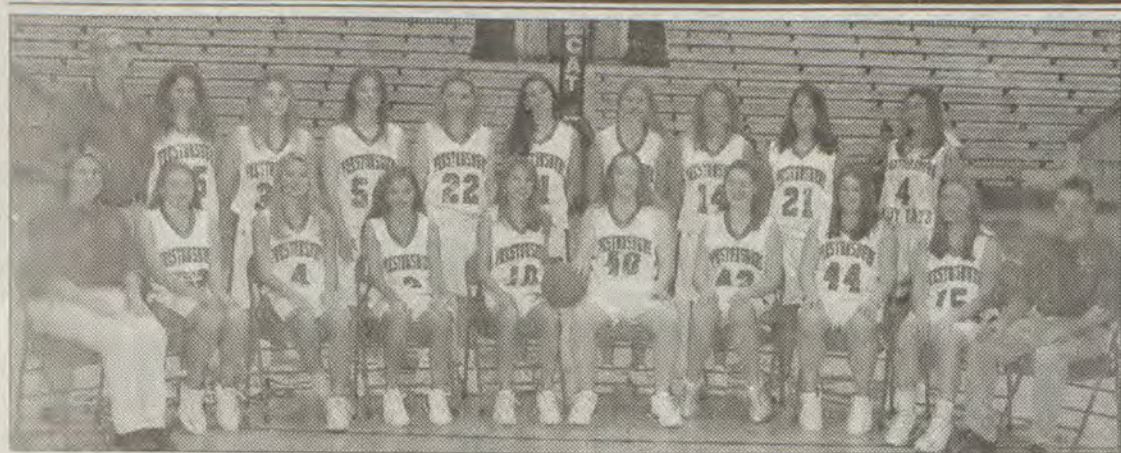
RIGHT: Junior Varsity Mavericks.



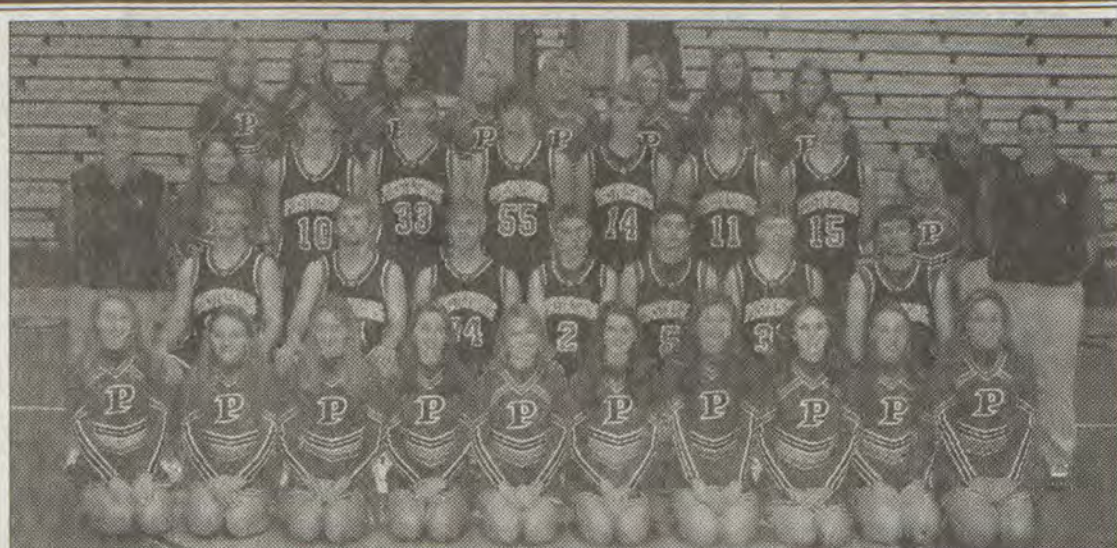
ABOVE: Junior Varsity Cardinals.

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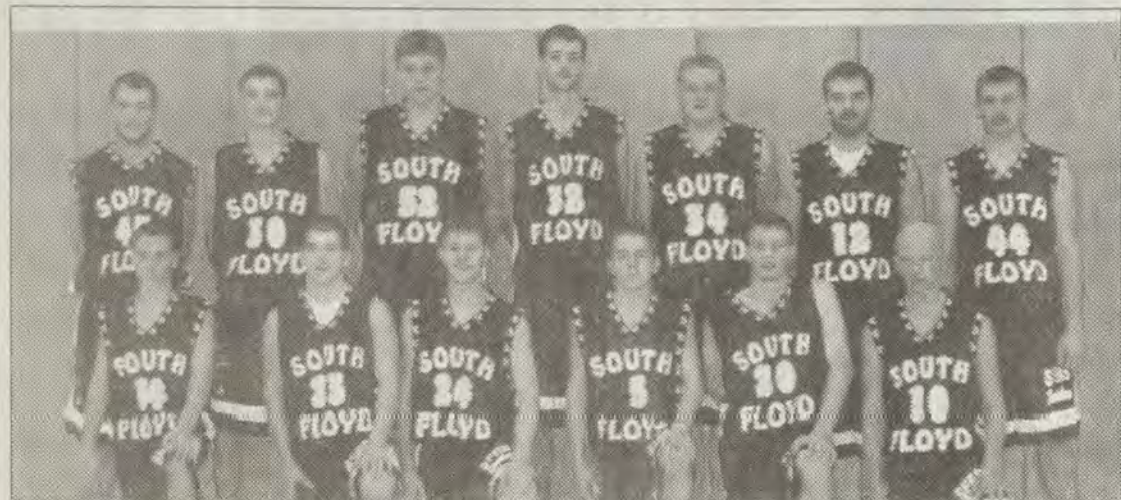
Prestonsburg vs. South Floyd



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THROUGH MY EYES

Pop 'Angels'?

I remember once, as a youngster of about middle school age, watching television with my mother. We were watching one of those variety shows that were so popular during the late sixties and early seventies, a time when mini-skirts, fish net stockings and peek-a-boo dresses were the very height of the fashion world.

"I swear," my mother soon remarked, "the way things are gettin.' it won't be too many more years 'til people just start going naked on t.v. and showing everything they've got." Now you



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

know that daughters hate to have to admit when their mothers are right but, in this case, and in light of some recent "eye-opening" television events, I don't think I

have much of a choice.

In just the past weekend of television viewing, I have seen Brittany Spears decked out in nothing more than some sort of sparkly sheer netting body stocking type thing (yep, except for all the glitter, she sure looked pretty

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POSTSCRIPT

Premature death

The recent news of the demise of the Kentucky School of Craft before its actual birth was disturbing to me.

The school, in nearby



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

Hindman, is one of many victims of the budget cutbacks ordained by the new state administration.

Curtailed spending is obviously understandable. State revenues are

inadequate to support everything the state does.

But, sadly, the craft school was one of a kind - or was to be one of a kind. It was to be a place where people with talent and interests in crafting - everything from carving to weaving - could hone their skills and learn to mar

(See POSTSCRIPT, page nine)

Enchanted memories - Enchanted Mountain Mansion



photo by
 Kathy J.
 Prater

Inez Baldrige, left, owner of the state-fy mansion, had help making her vision a reality through the decorating talents of friend, Lillian Baldrige, right.

'The spirit of 19th century elegance blended with 20th century conveniences'

by Kathy J. Prater
 Features Editor

A picture is worth a thousand words but, alas, a thousand words can never quite do justice to true beauty and refined elegance. Hence, attempting to describe the breathtaking beauty of the recently opened Enchanted Mountain Mansion, located at Hager Hill, is an imposing task, indeed.

"Most people would have to agree that to truly appreciate this home, you simply have to pay a visit and see it," said Inez Baldrige, owner of the richly opulent architectural wonder.

Baldrige, who had been aware of the home's beauty and potential for several years, recently purchased the property and, along with local contractor, Merle Music, and Lillian Baldrige, owner, Janie & Lillian's Singer Paint & Decorating, in Prestonsburg, wasted no time in getting busy on the restoration of the mansion which had been unoccupied for the past few years.

The mansion, named "Totero" by previous owners William and Melissa Higginbotham, was constructed over a two-and-one-half-year period by Ralph Picklesimer and his sons, Ed and Emory, of Paintsville. Picklesimer & Sons Construction began the work in August, 1982. According to the informative publication, "Totero...an American era recaptured," by Sara Falls George, the name Totero comes from a tribe of Indians of the Siouan linguistic family which once dwelled upon the banks of the nearby Big Sandy River.

Totero, or Enchanted Mountain Mansion as it is now referred to, sits atop nearly fourteen acres of undisturbed flora looking down through a shelter

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photo by Kathy J.
 Prater

The bed and breakfast establishment has four spacious, and relaxing, rooms in which to retire and leave worries behind. This room, decorated in floral prints and rich hues is referred to as the "ladies' room."



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Only one of the mansion's striking and beautifully unique focal points. This glazed porcelain bath bowl is found in the bride's bathroom of the honeymoon suite. The elegant fixtures add to the opulent luxury of the full bath, designed explicitly to pamper the new bride with a step-up sunken tub, whirlpool, and demure privacy.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to ponder: Love needed

A variety of things are on the calendar for the month of February, such as Ground Hog Day and lots to do about presidents. However, love, a desire for a relationship with someone special, and matters of the heart are of great concern for the general population and the media, centered around the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Cupid seems so busy helping others obtain just the right love. Maybe so much attention is paid to this

love-focused day because everyone is finally rested after the winter holidays in late December through New Year's Eve. Also, how much more ho-hums can one take watching winter snow come down, while eating vegetable soup, wiping children's muddy boots, or drinking hot chocolate, without a special someone?

Love has been previously described as possibly being an awe-inspiring mystery and a healing power, but it is also a

"down to earth" experience. Many researchers and writers were found to have their "special" opinion as to the design of a romantic relationship between two people. There have been discussions about its stages and basic characteristics contributing to success, such as happiness, being a temporary mood state, and life satisfaction, consisting of a sense of belonging and not temporary. In the meanwhile, relationships were thought to

be the places for us to experience love. An opinion was that everyone tried so hard to obtain the "right kind" of love, but it was also stressed that, while love is perfect, humans are not.

Love has been valued for so long that it, as a word, has been in the English language since before the 12th century. It all goes to show that we were not the first to think about and need love. According to

(See PONDER, page eight)



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
 Ph.D.

School Happenings

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.

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Mansion

ing circle of lush woodlands comprised mainly of wild holly, mountain laurel, magnolia, white and pink dogwoods, hawthorne and pines, to the valleys below. The mansion boasts Palladian windows which feature keystones, exterior window sills and beveled glass, along with French doors and leaded glass frames throughout. The home itself is constructed of brick and reinforced concrete, with no concrete block being used at all.

Upon entering the home, one is welcomed into a stately foyer containing a completely hand-carved sweeping staircase of gleaming solid wood, milled and molded on site. From the 14-foot diameter dome above, a 14-karat gold Strauss crystal Austrian Schonbek chandelier spills light down upon the glistening marble flooring and the room's gleaming rich, wooden accents. Entering the home is as breathtaking, if not more, as entering Kentucky's Governor's Mansion in Frankfort.

The home, a portrait in refinement and exquisite taste, contains a formal parlor, sitting room, separate dining and reception areas, a study, library, servant's quarters, breakfast room, modern kitchen, kitchenette, four bedrooms, eight baths, a powder room and two third floor studio apartments. Each wing of the home also has covered terraces and balconies from which guests may enjoy magnificent views.

Available now to guests are four lovely bedrooms referred to by the owner as "the gentlemen's room, the ladies' room, the honeymoon suite and the family room." The family room contains two queen-size beds. Each room contains its own complete bath, with the honeymoon suite containing both a bride and a groom's bath. The groom's bath, located to the left of the room contains a sauna and steam shower. The bride's bath has a step-up sunken tub with whirlpool bath. The two baths are adjoined through a rear hallway. The honeymoon

suite also has its own private balcony and fully-functioning fireplace.

Baldrige, who also owns Enchanted World Travel and a private limousine service, says she is already booking weddings for 2005. The mansion, in addition to providing the perfect backdrop for a picture-perfect wedding, is also available for formal receptions, political functions, and debutante and prom parties. The possibilities are limitless and many an "enchanted" evening is sure to take place.

For more information about Enchanted Mountain Mansion, telephone (606) 789-5547.

The mansion access road is located on Cherry Hill Lane, Hager Hill.

In addition to Picklesimer & Sons Construction, the mansion was also the work of Doyle Music, architect, of Destin, Florida; Emma Hager, designer, of Price M. Hager, Inc.; Dewey L. Bocook Jr., P.E., L.S.; and the vision of William and Melissa Higginbotham.



This limited view of the honeymoon suite doesn't even begin to do justice to the spacious nest which boasts not only its own cozy fireplace and full balcony, but separate baths for bride and groom, also. The groom's bath contains a private sauna and steam shower.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Ponder

the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, some definitions of love are: strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties, such as maternal love for a child; affection and tenderness felt by lovers; warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion; and an unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another. How would you describe or explain your meaning of love?

Our modern writers also have many opinions about the significant impact that love has on the individual's life. One perspective is that love is as critical for your mind and body as oxygen. It is also suggested that you will be physically and emotionally healthier, if you are connected to that love object. In turn, you are more at risk, as you are less connected to someone special. A second opinion is that you will be more depressed, if you have less love. It's interesting that love was considered the best antidepressant, since feeling unloved is one of the most common sources of depression. It is commonly accepted that most depressed individuals do not love themselves and they do not feel loved by others. These folks are prone to be very self-focused so that they tend to be less attractive to others and thus they contribute to having fewer opportunities to learn the skills of love.

Then there's the myth in our culture that "love just happens." Sometimes it is thought to show up from across a crowded room, when you least expect it. While there's the other belief that it will just sweep you off your feet. Thus, it is not surprising that the depressed person often sits around waiting for that magic moment. But, hey, stop and face reality! Love is not going to work that way. Like all of the other good things in life, to get love and keep love you need to go out, be active and alive, and learn a variety of spe-

cial skills. Obtaining love is not going to become a situation of instant gratification. Often what is perceived as love is simply distraction and infatuation.

A big time difficulty occurs when the popular culture's myth about love just doesn't work out. The unrealistic images of love created for entertainment is frequently the basis of why many of us are set up to be depressed after realizing that "it" was not the real thing. These myths and preconceived ideas of what "love ought to be" also disrupts us when we hit real love and proceed to become upset and disappointed because many things about the situation do not fit the cultural ideal. Instead of realizing that our ideal is inappropriate, some of us become demanding and controlling in reaction to wanting someone else to follow through with what we think is the ideal for romance.

In an effort to ward off depression, it is necessary to change one's approach to love. Get into the action with the following strategies. (1) Recognize the difference between limerance and love. Limerance is the psychological state of deep infatuation that typically feels good but rarely lasts. It is the first stage of a "mad attraction" with the hormones flowing and things feeling so right. However, limerance only lasts about six months. Although most love begins as limerance, most limerance never evolves into love. (2) Know that love is a learned skill, not something that comes from hormones or emotion, particularly.

(3) Learn good communication skills that help you develop trust and intensify connection. Good communicators are less depressed because they will feel known and understood. The core differences between two people will sur-

face, no matter how good or close you are. When they do, identify the differences and discuss them, learning to cooperate, so that they don't undermine the relationship. In working through these differences, you'll find a common place that is workable for you both. (4) Focus on the other person. Try to identify what the other person really needs for his/her well-being. (5) Help someone else. The idea is that depressed individuals tend to be so focused on themselves that they are not "outside themselves" sufficiently to be able to learn to love. By being concerned about others and learning to respond and meet their needs, your ability to do better in love will improve. (6) Develop the ability to accommodate simultaneous reality. This means that the loved one's reality is as important as yours is. You need to be aware of it as your own. The depressed individual thinks the only reality is what they think and feel. (7) Actively dispute those internal messages you tell yourself about how inadequate you are. Being sensitive to rejection is a major characteristic of depression. If you have low self-esteem, you are more likely to interpret every difficulty in a relationship as proof of how inadequate you are. Then, the quick feeling of rejection actually begins with the feelings of inadequacy being the depression speaking up. Since the internal voice is not real, talk back to it with "I'm not really being rejected. I made a mistake," or "This is something I didn't know how to do and now I'll learn."

Good luck with your new skills in finding and/or keeping the love of your life. It's great to have a special loved one at anytime of the year, but especially so for St. Valentine's Day.

Eyes

"nekkid"), not to mention an upteen number of "anonymous" gyrating "booties" (up-close and personal) - and all by merely engaging in not more than a hour or so of channel surfing.

Also seen was Jessica Simpson, all decked out in decidedly skimpy bedroom attire - garter belt and all - as well as getting a pop-eye full of Janet Jackson's popped-out breast.

And, as you know, this ain't even the half of it. If you stay up late enough, a person can see, and hear, just about any once-taboo thing you can think of these days.

For the most part, I have to admit, the majority of it doesn't really bother me. I'm pretty secure with my own sexuality and I'm not so Victorian-minded that nudity makes me seek cover or, pick up stones.

What does bother me, however, is the fact that what was once either strictly forbidden over the airwaves, or at best, reserved for late night viewing, is now taking place during prime-time television viewing. That time that is "supposed" to be set aside for family viewing time.

It's as though nothing is sacred anymore, and neither is nothing protected - that including mostly, our children. Though I do not consider myself to be a prude, and am probably more liberal-minded than most, I still believe that nudity and adult language/issues should be reserved for those over the age of 18 (and, as my own children creep closer and closer to that age, I may even be in favor of upping that ante to around age 21).

I was so proud of Nick Lachey when he replied to an overly-inquisitive reporter ask-

ing questions in regard to his honeymoon night with new wife, Jessica Simpson, that such things were none of his business. The reporter even wanted to know if that night was the first time Nick had seen Jessica nude. "I'm not gonna tell you that," Nick said, "that's none of your business. My honeymoon is none of your business."

Way to go, Nick! A person's private life does not need to be on display for nosy perverts.

But then, just a tad bit later, I was kinda thrown for a loop. You see, in a following episode of "The Newlyweds," (Nick and Jessica's reality-tv series, not Bob Eubank's old game), Jessica is caught on camera doing some pretty explicit dirty dancing moves on her new husband's leg during a very public birthday bash. Okay, so maybe it wasn't exactly "public," I'm guessing it was most likely an "invitation only" event, but hey, the cameras were there.

A little later in this same episode, just as everyone is enjoying a little strip club type act put together expressly for Nick's big night, we see Jessica pop-out of a giant birthday cake wearing a rather revealing bustier, skimpy panties, a garter belt, thigh-high hose and stiletto heels. As she seductively slithers her way toward her hunk of a hubbie, she wraps up her song by jumping into his arms and wrapping her legs around his waist.

Now, instead of "telling" a lone reporter about the honeymoon night, it seems that Nick and Jess have decided to just "show" the entire world a little of what may have went on.

I don't understand the logic.

But being one who can't tolerate hypocrisy, what really bothers me is the fact that although folks far and wide are

forever bad-mouthing Brittany Spears, Christina Aguilera, Pink, and other such pop idols for their skimpy outfits and gyrating dance routines, I have yet to hear anyone say a single word about Jessica Simpson's birthday night show.

Maybe that's because Jessica is known as being a squeaky-clean Christian role model for today's generation of young girls. I've seen interviews with Jessica and her parents in which they have all stressed the importance of abstinence and saving oneself for marriage. Jessica's dad, a minister, talked about giving his daughter a promise ring and asking her to remain a virgin until marriage. They all spoke of the importance of this promise and proudly of the fact that Jess made the promise good, remaining a virgin until saying "I do" to Mr. Lachey.

So, excuse me, but just what exactly is the message here?

Seems to me the message is: "Don't be a tramp. Save yourself for marriage - then when you act like a tramp, it'll be okay."

Very confusing. Also confusing as to why her husband, who so adamantly protected his wife's personal privacy from prying questions, didn't seem to care a hoot that an entire roomful of people, including t.v. cameramen, were getting an eyeful of her in that skimpy lingerie.

Is it any wonder that today's teens don't have a clue as to what to do?

More and more, it seems that the best thing a parent can do these days is probably one of the hardest things that a television generation of folks can be asked to do - unplug the set and talk to your kids.

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Family Medicine

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



Two types same syndrome require different treatment

Q I went to the doctor because my back hurt, and he told me that I had a short leg that was causing my back pain. I have never noticed that my legs are short. What does that have to do with my back hurting? Can this be fixed?

A There are two types of leg length discrepancy — true and functional. Both problems are sometimes called "short-leg syndrome." Your treatment depends on which type you have. Let me tell you about them.

A true leg length discrepancy is caused when one leg doesn't grow enough or one leg grows too much. When the legs are measured from one fixed body point to another fixed point, there is a difference in the measurements. The problem can be in either of the major bones of the leg.

That is, either the femur — commonly called the thigh bone, or the tibia — known as the shin bone in ordinary parlance — may be shorter than the corresponding bone on the other leg. Problems with your back can develop with a difference of as little as

a fourth of an inch. Injury to a growth plate or infection in a bone can cause this type of growth discrepancy. Usually, however, no specific cause can be identified, and you just have to chalk it up to "the way you are built," and perhaps, genetics. There is a tendency for short-leg syndrome to run in families.

On the other hand, a functional leg length discrepancy does not involve legs of unequal length; rather, this of form short-leg syndrome has an underlying biomechanical cause. While the legs — when measured from fixed points — are the same length, one leg may appear shorter when the patient is evaluated in a laying or sitting position. This is usually caused by a tilt in the pelvic bone, or a hip or sacroiliac joint.

Both types of short-leg syndrome can present as back pain. True leg

length discrepancies can be the underlying cause of scoliosis. A true leg length problem is treated with a heel lift or prosthetic device to correct the short side. If the length difference is very large, surgical intervention is sometimes needed.

A functional leg length problem is treated by fixing the underlying biomechanical problem. Osteopathic manipulative treatment can correct many problems in the pelvic, hip and sacroiliac regions, thus relieving your back pain. Osteopathic manipulative treatments can also be used to relieve pain caused by a true leg length problem while the body is adjusting to a lift that elevates the shorter leg to its correct position.

All in all, you must know the correct diagnosis before you can get the correct treatment. That's why I'd recom-

mend that you return to your doctor and ask what type of short-leg syndrome you have and what the recommended treatment would be in your case. If your doctor doesn't feel comfortable treating this condition, ask for a referral to an orthopedist or a podiatrist.

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School

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

Birthdays



Adam is two!

Adam Grant Slone celebrated his second birthday on January 8, 2004. Adam is the son of Ray and Karen Slone, of Blue River. He is the paternal grandson of Ottis and Nancy Slone, also of Blue River. His maternal grandparents are Clyde and Teresa Vanderpool, of Hippo, and Herbert and Andrea Spears, of Prestonsburg. Adam has one "Big Brother," Jordan.

Births



It's a Girl!

Madison Ann Blevins was born to proud parents Ricky and Amanda Blevins, on January 14, 2004, at Highlands Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 and 1/2 inches long. Madison's "Big Brother," Aaron, and her mom and dad are all overjoyed with her arrival.

Postscript

ket their products. It held the possibility that a person could make a living doing what he/she loved doing — something all of us would like to do.

How many of us know talented people who love to create works of art but give it up because they can't make a living doing it? I have a cousin, for instance, who makes beautiful quilts which she gives away or sells for a pittance, hardly covering the materials, let alone the hundreds of hours she puts into one.

The school was part of Hindman's plan to transform itself into an arts and crafts community, a place where artisans would come to live and learn and sell their wares, a place where visitors would come to watch craftspersons and to buy their goods, a place where tourists could see the most positive side of life in the mountains.

It's not hard to see that such a community would have a positive impact on tourism in Prestonsburg, Whitesburg, Hazard and all around the area.

Barring a miracle, it won't happen.

Of course, the Kentucky School of Craft is not the only casualty of the state's financial crisis. The Kentucky Appalachian Commission is losing its funding, as are other programs designed to improve the economy of this region.

I have an uneasy feeling as to where this is all leading.

For the last eight years, it looked as if finally this part of the state was getting the attention it deserves, moving from poor stepchild status to a full-fledged member of the Kentucky family. As governor, Paul Patton directed some of the state's focus to the east, where it had not been for decades — if

truly ever.

It's now safe to redirect the money — much of it originating here in the form of coal severance tax — back to the central part of the state where all history, culture and prosperity reside — or so they would have us believe.

It's also safe to laugh at this region's losses as I heard some central Kentucky newsmen doing on television last week.

And the beat goes on.

We have to wonder if the Kentucky School of Craft would have been spared if it had been located in Danville or Harrodsburg or Waddy, someplace closer to Lexington and Frankfort.

I've always railed against people who don't bother to vote. But I look at the election this month and I have to admit I'm wondering why I should bother. Does anyone else feel that way?

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

- Jan. 20, 2004
A son, Dennis Lee Roberts Jr., to Helena & Dennis Roberts
- Jan. 20, 2004
A son, Cotton Dillion Hall, to Renee Bentley
- Jan. 20, 2004
A daughter, Morgan McKenzie Casey, to Tracy & David Casey
- Jan. 20, 2004
A daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Hamilton, to Bobby & Nellie Hamilton
- Jan. 20, 2004
A daughter, Hannah Dawn Dixon, to Candy DeAnn & James Albert Dixon
- Jan. 20, 2004
A daughter, Karli Dean Ward, to Jackie & Ronnie Ward
- Jan. 21, 2004
A son, Douglas Gage Marsillett, to Laura Beth Hall
- Jan. 22, 2004
A son, Gregory Ray Wood, to Vernon & Samantha Wood
- Jan. 22, 2004
A son, Tommy Darrell Evans II, to Tommy & Janifer Evans

- Jan. 22, 2004
A son, James Cameron-Ty Bryant, to Stacy & Michele Bryant
- Jan. 22, 2004
A son, Adam Joseph Rosys, to Gary & Jean Rosys
- Jan. 22, 2004
A son, Ronnie Lee Bangham, to David & Lora Beth Bangham
- Jan. 23, 2004
A son, Landon Nicholas McGuire, to Tracy & Stacy McGuire
- Jan. 23, 2004
A son, Matthew Dale Dillan Compton, to Candy Compton
- Jan. 23, 2004
A daughter, Hollyn LaKole Shepherd, to Kathy Angela Allen
- Jan. 24, 2004
A son, Case Orion Adkins, to Sarah Beth & Robert Shawn Adkins
- Jan. 25, 2004
A son, Xander Rae Hall, to Sammy & Lisa Hall
- Jan. 25, 2004
A daughter, Shayla Nicole Hall, to Leon & Shayla Hall

- Jan. 26, 2004
A son, Steven Tyler Newsome, to Steven & Angela Newsome
- Jan. 26, 2004
A son, James Anthony Owens, to Elizabeth Foster
- Jan. 27, 2004
A daughter, Breana LaShai Ramey, to Kristy Dawn Ramey
- Jan. 27, 2004
A son, James Benjamin Allen, to Donald & Paula Allen
- Jan. 28, 2004
A daughter, Kadynce Chailynn Hackworth, to Melissa & Lonnie Hackworth
- Jan. 28, 2004
A son, Ethan Paul Hampton, to LeaAnna Faith Hampton
- Jan. 28, 2004
A son, Dylan Joseph Howell, to Darlene & Robert Howell
- Jan. 30, 2004
A son, Donnie Hamilton, to Donald & Lois Hamilton
- Jan. 30, 2004
A son, Phillip Bradon Wells, to Phillip & Elizabeth Wells

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.


BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
 Auxler Freewill Baptist, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
 Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
 Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
 Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
 Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
 Endcott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
 Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eapt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
 First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
 First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Gethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branhams Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

A DETECTIVE "WHODUNIT" - IN THE BIBLE?!

YES, INDEED! THE BIBLE IS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN THE WORLD'S TWO OLDEST DETECTIVE STORIES, WRITTEN SOMETIME DURING THE SECOND CENTURY B.C. THEY ARE NOW FOUND IN THE BOOK OF APOCRYPHA AND ARE SMALL MASTERPIECES OF SUSPENSE, PLOT, AND CHARACTERIZATION... EACH TEACHES A MORAL LESSON OF TRUST IN GOD.



"SUSANNA AND THE ELDERS" IS THE TALE OF A YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL WIFE WHO IS LUSTED AFTER BY TWO EVIL JUDGES, CALLED ELDERS, BECAUSE SUSANNA WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEIR OPIOUS ADVANCES THEY FALSELY ACCUSE HER OF ADULTERY WITH AN UNKNOWN MAN - AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY DEATH! FORTUNATELY, DANIEL, HE OF THE LION'S DEN FAME, SUSPECTS THE TWO ELDERS AND BY SOME GOOD DEDUCTION AND SOME VERY CLEVER QUESTIONING, TRICKS THE TWO ELDERS INTO EXPOSING THEIR OWN FALSE ACCUSATIONS OF SUSANNA. THUS, AN INNOCENT VICTIM IS SAVED FROM DEATH IN TRUE DETECTIVE STORY STYLE! HOW DANIEL DID ALL THIS IS IN THE APOCRYPHA AND IF YOUR OWN BIBLE DOESN'T HAVE IT, JUST RUN UP TO THE ATTIC AND DUST OFF GREAT-GRANDMA'S FAMILY BIBLE - ALL THE OLD-TIME BIBLES INCLUDED THE APOCRYPHA - AND IT'S MORE FUN TO READ THIS EXCITING TALE RIGHT OUT OF THE BOOK ITSELF - YOU'LL SURELY AGREE DANIEL HANDLED THE CASE JUST AS ABLY AS THE GREAT SHERLOCK HOLMES WOULD HAVE!

NEXT WEEK: THE OTHER OLDEST DETECTIVE STORY!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary; 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Altha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.
 Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
 Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Crum, Minister.
 Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.
 Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
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Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 6339, or on our website www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu. Applicants must submit a completed application, current resumé with list of references, to Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Review of applications will begin February 17, 2004.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8054, Renewal

In accordance with KAR 350.055, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and reclamation mining operation, located affecting 11.95 acre located in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from U.S. Route 23's junction with lvel Road, and located 0.25 mile of Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, and J.K. Stratton 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 Dr., 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.

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

PURSUANT TO KRS 353.630 AND KRS 353.640 An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No KL-501484, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Harold Quadrangle, of Floyd

County, State of Kentucky. Said property being more completely described in Deed Book 95, Page 94, of the public records of the County Clerks Office of Floyd County, State of Kentucky

Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property, with addresses, if known, or last known addresses.

Verbal Hamilton Meek 149 School St. Betsy Layne, KY 41605

Virgil D. Hamilton 5408 Turton LN. Port Orange, FL 32127

Bernice Hamilton Prater 115 Arnold Prater Rd. David, KY 41616

Goldie M. Hunter 44910 State Rt. 18 Wellington, OH 44090

Genive Shipley P. O. Box 866 Harold, KY 41635

Thomas Hamilton 3837 South RTE 25 Mentone, IN 46539

Ernest Hamilton 410 Market St. Piketon, OH 45661

Danny Hamilton 367 TWP Road Nova, OH 44859

Loretta Hamilton 4288 Terrace Lane SE Kentwood, MI 49512

Juanitta Frasure, Agent 451 Flat Rd. Bainbridge, OH 45612

Arizona F. Thompson 2609 Tome HWY Colora, MD 21917

Randy E. Blankenship Box 365 Starville, KY 41659

Larry Joe Blankenship 1717 Seville Boulevard, NO 6105 Clearwater, FL 34624

Inis Caudill 2915 Potter Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85027

Jewel Tomilson 54 Tipton LN Waverly, OH 45690

Carson Newman 90 Prosperity Rd Waverly, OH 45690

Sheldon Ray Newman 2568 Denver Rd. Waverly, OH 45690

Betty Branham 55 Tipton LN Waverly, OH 45690

Edna Hamilton 4500 NW Blitchton RD # 234 Ocala, FL 34482-4070

Bobby Hamilton P. O. Box 73 Conowingo, MD 21918

Roger Hamilton 11 Stoney Hill Rd. Quarryville, PA 17566

Terry Notarcola 150 New Bridge Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911

John Hamilton P. O. Box 73 Conowingo, MD 21918

Michele Hamilton 910 Calvert Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911

James Walker 11361 SE 40 AVE. Belleview, FL 34420

Dial Hamilton 3031 Diller Rd. Lima, OH 45807

Sharon K. Tullos 643 Indian Creek Rd., Lot 330 Locust Grove, GA 30248

Martha Akers

Route 2 N, Box 54 Pocatello, ID 83202

Sie Akers General Delivery Grethel, KY 41631

Darkey Hall Box 74 Grethel, KY 41631

Thelma Bloxham 330 W Chubbuck RD. #2 Chubbuck, ID 83202

Magnolia Warren 130 N State Rt. 23 Waverly, OH 45690

Butler Hamilton 513 N Washington St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Pauline Hamilton HC77 Box 1740 Beaver, KY 41604

Emitt Hamilton 957 Eureka Ave Wyandotte, MI 48192

Raymond Hamilton P. O. Box 74 lvel, KY 41642-0074

Bill Hamilton, agent General Delivery East McDowell, KY 41623

Polly Frasure C/O Pauline Compton 92 Quinby Lane Dayton, OH 45432

Lillie Hamilton Sluss P. O. Box 257 Shelbyana, KY 41562

Mina Newman 315 Newman Rd. Waverly, OH 45690-9500

Sarah Tackett, agent P. O. Box 44

Grethel, KY 41631 Nan Jones. 20709 State Rt. 854 Rush, KY 41168

Dewey Rogers HC77, Box 240 Teaberry, KY 41660

Edward Mitchell, agent General Delivery Teaberry, KY 41660

Octavia Akers Attorney-In-Fact for Michael Akers General Delivery Grethel, KY 41631

Charles S. Adams 270 Cowan Rd. Port Deposit, MD 21904

Veda Hamilton, agent P. O. Box 275 McDowell, KY41647

The unknown heirs Robert Newson

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Joey Shelton, of Auxier, KY, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for placement of fill. The property is located approximately 1/2 mile from Auxier, bridge on the right. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education (UNITE) is currently seeking applications for eight street level narcotics detectives and two supervising detectives in the Big Sandy Region. This region includes the following counties: Bath, Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Pike, and Rowan. UNITE is a comprehensive community focused initiative that was created to combat the illegal drug problem in the Fifth Congressional District of Kentucky. UNITE will have partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.


For the position: detectives will be employees of local agencies assigned to UNITE; however, applications will be considered if an officer is not currently employed by an agency (if applicant meets qualifications). Regional travel is a requirement, as well as a background investigation. Each applicant must be a certified police officer.

The detectives will work under the direction of the Cumberland Task Force Manager. Applications may be obtained at www.centertech.com/ApplicationforEmployment.doc. After completing the application, please return to:

UNITE
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Somerset, KY 42501

Applications should be returned by
Friday, February 20, 2004.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-14 KKC TRACT NOS.: 512-1 & 512-2 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF VS. NOTICE: CONDEMNATION 17.88 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATE IN FLOYD COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AND JAMES ROBERT AKERS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

TO: The following named persons and their spouses, if any, if living, whose addresses and places of residence cannot be ascertained by plaintiff, and if deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, successors, creditors and assigns, whose names and places of residence are unknown in Tract Nos. 512-1 and 512-2: James Robert Akers, Lillian Joann Barnett, Geniece Hamilton, Johnie Ray Hamilton, Marcella Ramey, Community Trust Bankcorp, Inc., d/b/a Community Trust Bank, Consolidated Health Systems, Inc., d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center, Secretary Willie Lile of the Kentucky Cabinet for workforce Development, United Fuel Gas Company, the Unknown Successors or Assigns in Interest, if any, to Warfield Natural Gas Company, Unknown Successors or Assigns in Interest, if any, to Corning Oil Company, Sheriff of Floyd County, and the Floyd County Clerk.

Government Exhibit A
TRACT DESCRIPTIONS: - Tract No. 512-1 (Fee Simple)
A certain tract of land situate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Town of Martin, on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point, having an approximate coordinate value of N 4 6 3 , 6 0 8 . 2 6 E 2,867,864.17, on the existing easterly right-of-way line of the Kentucky State Route 80 Martin Connector, Hazard to Watergap Road, Martin Waste Area, approximately 160.02 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 16+99.30, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, with the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, across the hill,
North 60° 34' East 347 feet to a point approximately 190.42 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00,
South 41° 52' East 113 feet to a point approximately 303.05 feet right of Kentucky State

Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by the City of Martin and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said City of Martin,
South 41° 52' East 176 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, approximately 480.00 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+00.00; thence, leaving the land of said City of Martin, with the easterly right-of-way line of said state route,
North 39° 06' East 64 feet to a point approximately 471.28 feet right of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 20+44.81, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Beecher Scutchfield, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the easterly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said Beecher Scutchfield, et al, up the hill,
South 26° 45' East 1,128 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-1 on the top of the ridge, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by the heirs of Dewey Osborne, the land now or formerly owned by Harold Osborne, the land of said Beecher Scutchfield, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Beecher Scutchfield, et al, the land of said Harold Osborne, down and with the ridge top,
North 80° 55' West 131.65 feet to an "X" cut in a rock,
North 81° 38' West 85.00 feet to an "X" cut in a rock,
South 63° 05' West 65 feet to a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Norman Dewey Osborne, the land of said Harold Osborne, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Harold Osborne, with the land of said Norman Dewey Osborne,
South 63° 05' West 78 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-4,
South 81° 06' West 118.80 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-5; thence, leaving the land of said Norman Dewey Osborne, severing the land of the subject owner, continuing with the ridge top,
North 78° 00' West 152.34 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-6,
North 38° 15' West 187.39 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-6A,
North 38° 20' West 281.52 to an "X" cut in a rock on top of a point, a corner common to the land of an unknown landowner and the land of the subject owner; thence, with the land of said unknown landowner, down the point,
North 76° 07' West 205.61 feet to an iron pin and cap designated as USA 512-8, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, the land of said unknown landowner, and the land of the subject owner;

thence, leaving the land of said unknown landowner and said point, with the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, down the hill,
North 03° 54' East 621 feet to the point of beginning, containing 17.22 acres, more or less. The bearings and coordinate value used herein are referenced to the Kentucky State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone. References to the highway information and stationing are on those certain highway plans on file with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, Frankfort, Kentucky.
It is the intent of the foregoing description to include a part of the same land as that described in a deed from:
a. Charles W. Dingus, Samuel P. Dingus, and James H. Dingus, to William Thomas Osborne, dated May 29, 1875, and recorded to May 29, 1875, in Deed Book "J", Page 72; and
b. T. T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, his wife, to Calvin Osborn, dated September 24, 1915, filed for record October 4, 1915, and recorded in Deed Book 42, Page 448.
Louisa Osborn, S. D. Osborn and Myrtle Osborn, W.S. Frasure and Mary Frasure, T.T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, S. P. Osborn and Susie Osborn, and P. M. Dingus and Dollie Dingus, convey their interest in the subject tract, to Calvin Osborn, dated January 24, 1913, and recorded February 15, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 189.
Calvin Osborn, aka Calvin Osborn, died intestate on or about January 21, 1935, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 585, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Lillian Osborne, and to his daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.
Lillian Osborne died intestate on or about August 11, 1982, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated August 19, 1986, and recorded August 19, 1986, in Deed Book 302, Page 583, her interest in the subject tract passed to her daughters, Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, and Emogene Osborne Hamilton.
Alice Imogene Osborne Hamilton, aka, Emogene Osborne Hamilton, died testate on or about June 24, 1990, and according to her Last Will and Testament, dated September 16, 1988, and recorded June 11, 1993, in Will Book "L", Page 348, her interest in the subject tract was devised to her sons, Johnie Ray Hamilton and Dewey Clyde Hamilton.
Dewey Clyde Hamilton died testate on or about July 24, 1996, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated September 23, 1988, and recorded August 1, 1996, in Will Book "O", Page 365, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his wife, Geniece Hamilton.
Nancy Ruth Akers, aka Nancy Ruth

Osborne Akers, died intestate on or about November 9, 1992, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated January 5, 1995, and recorded January 5, 1995, in Deed Book 383, Page 422, her interest in the subject tract passed to her husband, Eugene Akers, and to her children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett, and James Robert Akers.
Eugene Akers died testate on or about February 27, 1997, and according to his Last Will and Testament, dated July 27, 1993, and recorded March 10, 1997, in Will Book "O", Page 735, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his children, Marcella Ramey, Lillian Joann Barnett and James Robert Akers.
William Thomas Osborn, aka W. T. Osborn, died intestate on or about January 20, 1913, according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated November 26, 2002, and recorded December 4, 2002, in Deed Book 480, Page 531, his interest in the subject tract passed to his wife, Louisa Osborn, and to his children, S. D. Osborn, Mary Frasure, T. T. Osborn, S. P. Osborn, and Dollie Dingus, aka Dollie Dingus.
All of the above-mentioned instruments are of record in the Office of the County Court Clerk, Floyd County, Kentucky.
Tract No. 512-2 (Fee Simple)
A certain tract of land situate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Town of Martin, on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point, having an approximate coordinate value of N 4 6 4 , 0 8 8 . 5 8 E 2,867,942.98, in Beaver Creek, a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, downstream with the meanders of said creek,
North 58° 59' East 105 feet,
North 46° 56' East 106 feet,
North 38° 34' East 102 feet,
North 36° 22' East 80 feet,
North 11° 39' East 38 feet to a corner common to the land now or formerly owned by Earitt Hayes, et ux, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving Beaver Creek, with the land of said Earitt Hayes, et ux, up the right descending bank of said creek,
South 60° 54' East 68 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of the Kentucky State Route 80 Martin Connector, Hazard to Watergap Road, Martin Waste Area, approximately 52.13 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 25+24.97; thence, leaving the land of said Earitt Hayes, et ux, with the westerly right-of-way line of said state route, along the right descending bank of said creek, along an arc 45.58 feet to the

right, having a radius of 82.42 feet, the chord of which is,
South 29° 13' West 45 feet, approximately 57.00 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 24+78.00; thence, along an arc 309.23 feet to the right, having a radius of 2,291.10 feet, the chord of which is,
South 36° 57' West 309 feet, approximately 81.77 feet left of Kentucky State Route 80 at Martin Station 21+49.46; thence, leaving said curve, down the right descending creek bank,
South 76° 50' West 129 feet in Beaver Creek, approximately 45.00 feet left of Martin Connector Station 61+00.00,
North 50° 07' West 22 feet in Beaver Creek, approximately 45.00 feet left of Martin Connector Station 60+90.00, a corner common to the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, and the land of the subject owner; thence, leaving the westerly right-of-way line of said state route, with the land of said Ethel Osborne, et al, across Beaver Creek,
North 09° 34' East 26 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.67 acre, more or less. The bearings and coordinate value used herein are referenced to the Kentucky State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone. References to the highway information and stationing are on those certain highway plans on file with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, Frankfort, Kentucky.
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Nancy Ruth Akers, aka Nancy Ruth Osborne Akers, died

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All of the above-mentioned instruments are of record in the Office of the County Court Clerk, Floyd County, Kentucky.
In addition to those named above, there may be others who have or may claim an interest in the property taken, who are unknown to plaintiff, and such persons are made parties to the action under the designation "Unknown Owners."
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint in Condemnation has heretofore been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Pikeville, Kentucky, for the taking of Tract Nos. 512-1 and 512-2. The

taking of said land is for use in connection with the construction and establishment of the Town of Martin Nonstructural Flood Control Project in Floyd County, Kentucky, in and to the following described property in which you have, or claim to have, an interest, and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A.
The authority for the taking is under and in accordance with the act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (40 U.S.C. 258a) which was recodified by Act of Congress approved August 21, 2002 (116 Stat. 1145, 40 U.S.C. 3114), and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, and under the further authority of the acts of Congress approved April 24, 1888 (25 Stat. 94, 33 U.S.C. 591), June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 632, 33 U.S.C. 592), and March 1, 1917 (39 Stat. 950, 33 U.S.C. 701), which acts authorize the acquisition of land or easements therein for flood control projects; § 202 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1980 (94 Stat. 1331, P.L. 96-367), which act authorized implementation of flood control measures on the Levisa Fork and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River Basin and their tributaries; § 367 of the Act of Congress approved August 17, 1999 (113 Stat. 320, P.L. 106-53), which act authorized all necessary measures in Martin, Kentucky, to prevent future losses that would occur as a result of a flood equal in magnitude to a 100-year frequency event; the Act of Congress approved October 27, 2000 (114 Stat. 1441, P.L. 106-377) which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accordance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Detailed Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan

of the Huntington District Commander; and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2003, approved February 20, 2003 (Division D, Title I, P.L. 108-7), which act appropriated funds for such purposes.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking said property, you are required to serve your answer on the plaintiff's attorney at the address herein designated within twenty days after 2-20-04, the date of the last publication of this Notice. Your answer shall identify the property in which you claim to have an interest, including Tract Number, state the nature and extent of the interest claimed, and state all objections and defenses to the taking of said property. All defenses and objections not so presented are waived. Failure to answer shall constitute a consent to the taking and to the authority of the Court to hear the action.
If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve on the plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim an interest. Thereafter, you will receive a notice of all proceedings affecting said property. At the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property, and you may share in the distribution of the compensation.
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