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Drug court to hold meeting

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Drug Court announced Wednesday that a 6 p.m. public forum is to be held on March 18 at the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom.

The purpose of the meeting is to familiarize and educate the public on the purpose of having a drug court. Officials also plan to field comments from those attending.

Floyd County officials saw federal grants go to neighboring counties following training sessions, but did not receive assistance for its own program. However, Floyd District Judge Eric Hall, who will be hearing cases in the new court, says plans are still moving ahead to establish offices and fill staff openings with the funding that is available.

Those concerned about the area drug problem are encouraged to attend the March 18 forum.

For further information, contact Judge Hall at (606) 886-6670.

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Martin approves flood project's first stage

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — With efforts continuing to build a new and better city, Martin city council members voted to accept the master plan for the first phase of the city's relocation project during a meeting

Tuesday.

Representatives with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented the plan to the council last month, detailing specific details in upcoming renovations to the city.

The plan calls for the excavation and construction of 6.4 acre hillside location on the south end of town, where the new

post office, alternative school and a combined city hall and police station will be located.

Other sections of the town will be constructed during subsequent phases of the project.

Relocation of the city includes the addition of a new city entrance, complete with

a retaining wall with decorative stone, lights, and a walkway leading to an overlook for community members and tourists.

During the meeting, Corps representatives reported that the city's fire station will be temporarily relocated within the

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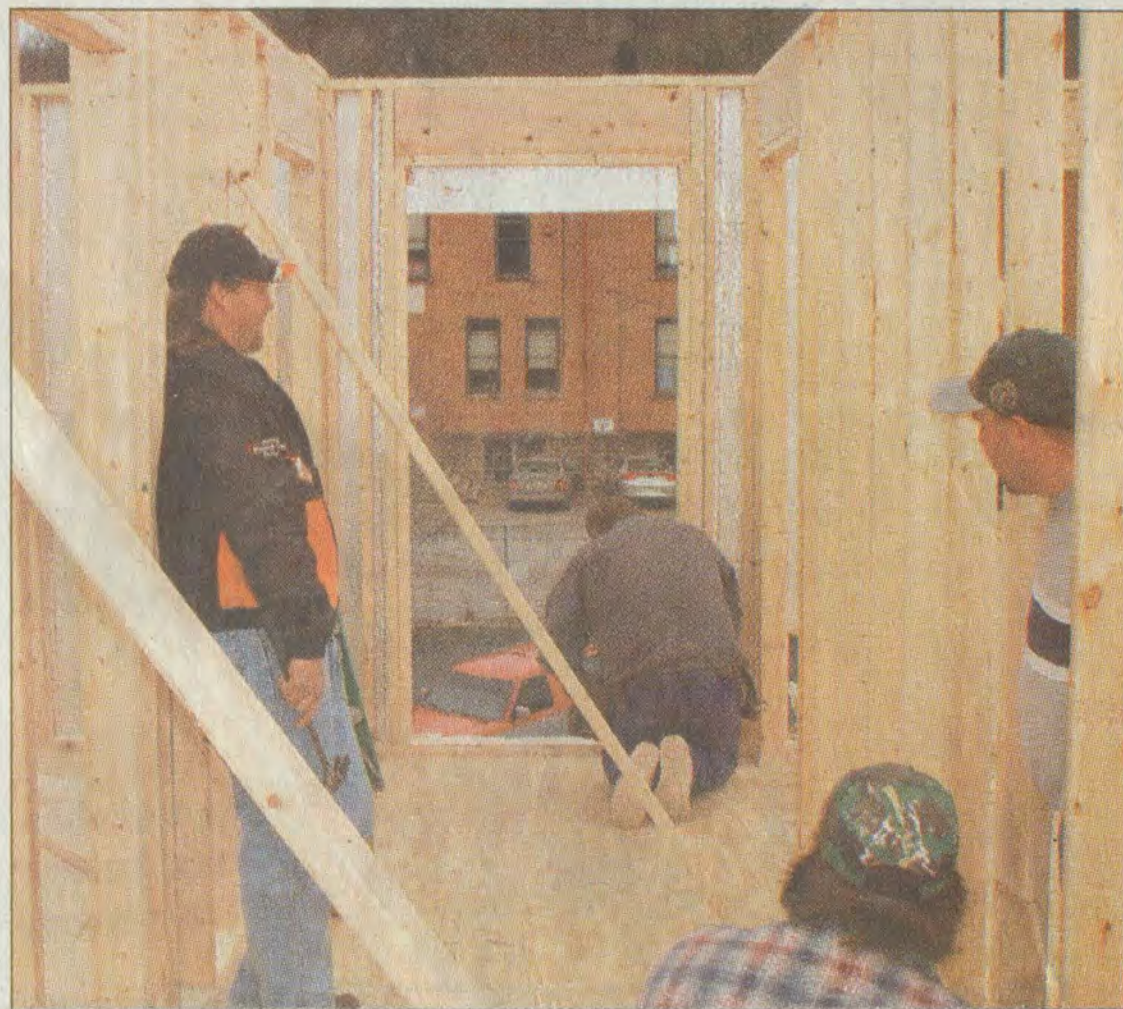


photo by Sheldon Compton

Workers with Hytech Construction Company worked yesterday at Prestonsburg City Hall on an expansion project that will see another level added to the building. The team began the project roughly a week ago and said the new level will include 13 rooms. City hall officials said the new space will be utilized by the public safety department. A completion date has not been set.

Third drug defendant pleads guilty

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Another drug defendant entered an open guilty plea just as prosecutors were preparing to go to trial Tuesday, the day before trial was to begin.

Donald Quillen, who was indicted on charges of drug trafficking in 2002 along with his father, Columbus Quillen, and siblings, Teresa Jackson and Brenda, Ernest and Burnette Little, entered an open guilty plea to one count of first-degree trafficking.

Quillen's plea brings the total number of open pleas in drug-related cases to three in the past week, a fact Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says may be attributable to the recent conviction of Jessie Compton, who was found guilty of trafficking by a jury roughly a week ago after turning down a plea offer and going to trial.

"This is just an indication of how important it is for a jury to come in and do their

job," Turner said after accepting the plea Wednesday.

The Quillen family had been originally indicted on charges of organized crime, but those charges were later amended to trafficking.

Donald Quillen pleaded guilty to taking part in a drug transaction with his father on Dec. 17, 2001. On that date, Donald Quillen and his father were visited by an undercover informant working with the Kentucky State Police who was equipped with a video-tape recorder, Turner said. The video captured footage of Columbus Quillen accepting payment for a quantity of cocaine and also revealed footage of Donald Quillen leaving to retrieve the cocaine and later bringing it to the scene, Turner said.

Columbus Quillen was found guilty and convicted in the case and is now serving a 12-year sentence at La Grange, while Donald Quillen now faces a possible 10 to 20 years in prison.

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Sex abuse case to be heard

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 47-year-old Prestonsburg man arrested in May on charges of first-degree sexual abuse will be in court today, Friday, to adhere to a competency hearing in connection to the allegations.

Dale M. Vernotezy is set to appear before Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill this morning on four counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Vernotezy was arrested by Prestonsburg police officers on May 6, following a three-day investigation that stemmed from a complaint alleging the 47-year-old

sexually abused a 9-year-old child on May 3. He was originally charged with only one count of first-degree sexual abuse.

At the time of his arrest, Prestonsburg Police Chief Stan Farler said there was a chance that the investigation, once completed,

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Dismissal to be mulled for gas bomb case

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion filed by attorneys representing the city of Prestonsburg to dismiss a lawsuit brought against the city commission after a Dwale couple claimed a sewer project caused a gaseous explosion in their home will be heard today in Floyd

Circuit Court.

Elmer Lafferty and Brenda Hall filed suit against the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission in late September, claiming that the commission's negligence in dealing with a sewer project in the Dwale area resulted in gaseous fumes spilling into their home.

In an original complaint filed the first week of October, Pikeville

attorney Glen Martin Hammond, who is representing the couple, also claimed that workers failed to maintain the sewer near Lafferty's home, which resulted in a "gas bomb" exploding at the residence.

The explosion sent gaseous flames into his home, according to Lafferty, and caused him and Hall

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Attorney seeks end to lawsuit

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge John David Caudill will preside over a hearing Friday to consider a motion for summary judgment in a 2002 civil case against a man who stole over \$200,000 from the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District.

A motion filed in circuit

court by attorney Anthony Craig Davis, representing the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District, requests that the court rule in favor of the company, which filed a civil suit against its former secretary/treasurer, Glenn Donovan Burgess, his wife, Delores Burgess, both of Harold, and their company, East Kentucky Printing.

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Republican candidate campaigns in Prestonsburg

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Barry Metcalf, a 45-year-old former state senator from Madison County, visited Prestonsburg Thursday to announce his bid for the United States Senate in the upcoming primary election.

Metcalf, a Republican who served in the state senate from 1994

until 1999 and lost a bid for U.S. Senate in 1998, said his primary issue is prescription drugs.

"My most important issue is prescription drugs," said Metcalf, who makes a living in property management and contracting. "The United States is paying higher prescription drug prices than any other nation in the world, and 65 percent of our health care is spent on prescription

medication."

Metcalf says he hopes to lower prescription medication costs by holding drug companies accountable.

Other issues Metcalf says he will focus on during his campaign are seeing that laws are enacted to protect fetuses and efforts to defend Americans' Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Locally, Metcalf has campaigned to give additional attention to Eastern Kentucky's Abandoned Land Mines fund and to see that the continued goals to provide the area with infrastructure to enhance economic development. Metcalf has proposed to continue focus on providing funding for water lines, sew-

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Odds & Ends

■ **MOORHEAD, Minn.** — Moorhead players insist they had no desire to humiliate Monticello in the quarterfinals of a high school hockey tournament. They still won 27-0.

"You try not to run up the score, but there's only so much you can do," said Moorhead forward Nick Deutz, who had seven points in the game Tuesday night.

The only thing the Spuds couldn't do — despite making extra passes and trying to set up goals for specific players — was keep the score down.

"It's hard," Moorhead coach Dave Morinville said. "What do you tell a guy when they've got a chance to score?"

Moorhead (22-2) outshot the

Stars (1-25) 87-3.

Eleven players had at least four points, and Brian Gifford recorded eight. Four had hat tricks, and every non-goalie got at least one point.

■ **IOWA CITY, Iowa** — Say goodbye to the smelly trees.

The University of Iowa is removing four Ginkgo trees that have caused an offensive stench every fall at the center of campus.

The university said the trees' malodorous and messy fruit was a consideration, but not the principle factor, in the decision.

Bob Brooks, a campus architect, said two trees already were removed as part of a major utility project that began last summer.

The other two will be removed this spring because of other maintenance concerns, he said.

Dropped mushy fruit from the 50-year-old trees, located in a courtyard known as the Pentacrest, forced some students to find creative routes to class. But when a student leader asked campus planners to get rid of the trees in the fall of 2002, biology professors pleaded for tolerance.

"I don't understand getting rid of wonderful, fascinating trees," said biologist Diana Horton, who said Ginkgo biloba trees can live up to 1,500 years and are "living fossils."

The fruit of the Ginkgo changes from a green to a golden color every fall, giving off the stench for at least about a month, Horton said.

Whoever chose the trees decades ago may not have known about the mess and odor. Ginkgo trees may not bear fruit for the first 20 years.

■ **NEWINGTON, Conn.** — Along a stretch of highway dotted with adult bookstores, gun shops and cut-rate motels, a group of residents is fighting back against a Krispy Kreme

Doughnuts shop.

The small but relentless band of neighbors, which lost its bid to keep New England's first Krispy Kreme from opening here in 2002, regrouped last month with a late-night reconnaissance campaign.

Krispy Kreme, it turned out, was selling its signature glazed confections to nearby supermarkets under the cover of night and in violation of its town permit. Neighbors caught it all on film: the truckers loading up the

doughnuts and hauling them to nearby grocery stores before dawn.

"They blatantly started selling doughnuts offsite," said Stan Sliva, who owns property nearby. "They just figured they're a large corporation and could do what they want. So we documented it."

Now, the doughnut manufacturer wants the town to amend its permits to allow such wholesaling. Residents think that if they can cut off this revenue stream, the doughnut giant will cut and

run.

At a town zoning hearing Wednesday on the proposed permit change, Krispy Kreme franchise owner Janice Matthews admitted she made a mistake to sell doughnuts wholesale without first seeking a change in the town permit issued to the business.

"For the past two weeks I've been saying to myself, 'How do I come before this board and say we screwed up?'" she told town officials. "We screwed up. We did."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2004. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

■ On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The

Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

■ In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

■ In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

■ In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

■ In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

■ In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

■ In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The United States went on to win the gold medal.)

■ In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

■ In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win her party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

■ In 1982, Wayne B. Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period.

■ In 1997, divorce became legal in Ireland.

Ten years ago:

The Winter Olympic Games ended in Lillehammer, Norway.

Five years ago:

The Rev. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, was convicted in Largo, Fla., of swindling millions of dollars from companies seeking to do business with his followers. (Lyons, who served nearly five years in prison, was released last December.) Nigerians elected Olusegun Obasanjo to be president as their country marked the final phase of its return to democracy.

One year ago:

The Bush administration lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow. Iraq agreed in principle to destroy its Al Samoud Two missiles, two days before a U.N. deadline. Former Bosnian Serb leader Biljana Plavsic was sentenced by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, to 11 years in prison. Children's television host Fred Rogers died in Pittsburgh at age 74.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 74. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 72. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 70. Actress Barbara Babcock is 67. Actor Howard Hesseman is 64. Actress Debra Monk is 55. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 50. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 44. Basketball player James Worthy is 43. Actor Adam Baldwin is 42. Actor Grant Show is 42. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 39. Actor Donal Logue is 38. Rhythm and blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 33. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 32. Rhythm and blues singer Roderick Clark is 31. Chelsea Clinton is 24. Rhythm and blues singer Bobby Wilson (Mista) is 24. Singer Josh Groban is 23.

Thought for Today:

"All that is human must be retrograded if it does not advance."
— Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).

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KMA chair issues warning about malpractice rates

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Baretta Casey, chair of the Kentucky Medical Association's Board of Trustees, has weighed in with

a potent warning on the state of Kentucky's policy on malpractice insurance.

"We have made the transition from being a problem state to a state in crisis," Casey said.

The problem, as she points out, has several layers. There is the obvious problem of unchecked growth on malpractice premiums and this has given birth to even bigger concerns.

Some physicians, due to the high-risk health problems they treat, are finding it impossible to find carriers who will sell them insurance because they wish to practice in Kentucky, she said. There are also many

companies who appear to punish area doctors for having a large number of patients and thus increase premiums. The end result of this practice is that doctors, who spend years building up a strong client base, are suddenly facing premium increases which force them to retire early.

The fact that Kentucky borders seven states has also

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Gas

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to experience unspecified physical injuries, for which the two have been seeking compensation since filing suit, including more than \$4,000 in damages.

In a detailed answer to the complaint filed by city attorney David Neeley shortly after both Lafferty and Hall agreed to provide the court with a full list of answers to specific questions relating to the claim, Neeley offered numerous points of defense.

Included in those points were that the couple's claim failed to state a cause of action

to which relief could be granted and that the incident was unavoidable and that the couple, themselves, or an unnamed third party could have been to blame for the alleged incident.

Neeley also maintained in the city's answer that the commission was given no prior notice of a defect or condition having to do with the sewer lines.

The city filed its motion to dismiss Feb. 20 and the motion will now be heard today, before Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill.

Drugs

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Prosecutors had offered Donald Quillen 12 years in prison on the charge during plea negotiations over the past several months, but were met with refusals. Quillen had asked for 10 years or less on the charge, a deal the commonwealth was not willing to make based on his criminal record.

At the time of his arrest, Quillen was serving a probated sentence on a drug trafficking conviction in Greenup County. He was found guilty of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance in that case.

"His prior history and the fact that he was on probation for trafficking when he done this were big factors in what we would be willing to do in terms of a plea agreement," Turner said Wednesday. "Because we viewed him as a career criminal, essentially, we were not willing to offer any leniency."

The Greenup County case ended with Quillen strapped with a one-year probated sentence, but that probation will be revoked in light of this most

recent case and will result in the one additional year being included in his Floyd County sentence to run consecutively, Turner said.

With Donald Quillen, all of the family members involved in the original case have now been dealt with through court proceedings, leaving Turner and his office with what they view as a productive strike against the area's drug problem.

"The commonwealth views it as a complete victory," said Turner, "because you've got an entire family that was engaged in drug trafficking and all of them now stand convicted of drug offenses and the most involved members of the family are looking at substantial jail time."

In addition to Donald and Columbus Quillen's plea and conviction, the other family members all pleaded to the charges brought against them, agreeing to testify as part of plea negotiations.

Donald Quillen is set for formal sentencing on April 2.

Abuse

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could result in more charges against Vernotezy.

Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey headed the investigation into the claims that Vernotezy had submitted one or more children under the age of 12 to sexual abuse during that time period.

Three additional counts of first-degree sexual abuse were later added to charges against Vernotezy, who was jailed on a \$5,000 cash bond following his arrest in May.

His case is filed in circuit court documents as partially sealed.



photo by Sheldon Compton

Candidate for U.S. senator, Barry Metcalf, met with area voters Thursday afternoon in Prestonsburg to discuss issues that might come up during his campaign. Metcalf is running on the Republican ticket for the May 18 primary election.

Candidate

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ers and roads.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry, Metcalf is a Kentucky National Guard Major, of which he is also the executive director, with more

than 20 years experience, a veteran of the United States Air Force and is Madison County's Republican Party chairman.

Metcalf will face incumbent U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning in the May 18 primary.

Martin

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next two to three weeks to the Barnett Building, which is currently being renovated to house the fire department's facilities and an office for Corps representatives who plan to provide office hours to address community concerns or questions. They will manning that office on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Corps officials said.

Project Manager John P. Justice of the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that the Corps will be awarding a contract in a couple of weeks to begin clearing the excavation site.

According to him, the Corps is considering hosting an open house at the office and a groundbreaking ceremony to be held in early July, when they expect to award the contract for the first phase of the project.

"This is election year, so everybody would like to come, especially politicians," said council member Mahendra Varia, after Corps representatives suggested inviting Gov. Ernie Fletcher, U.S. senators and other elected officials to the groundbreaking ceremony.

Individual council members also agreed to submit names of

possible candidates for the Design Review Board. These individuals, if selected, will go through a training process with the Corps to learn ways of coordinating and overseeing the project construction within the city. Those seeking to build within city limits would take up an application with the review board, who would, according to guidelines in the city's master plan, either approve or deny it.

In other news, the council also:

Discussed the homecoming reunion for former "Purple Flash" students at the Martin School. Planning meetings are being held at Giovanni's each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Discussed the completion of the yearly audit. The results will be available to the public upon completion of the audit report.

Went into executive session per request from city attorney Stacy Marshall who told the council he was approached with a personnel matter that needed to be discussed. The council remained in closed session for approximately 15 minutes before reconvening with no action taken.

Lawsuit

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Glenn Burgess, who worked for the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District from Feb. 1995 to Aug. 2001, pleaded guilty in December to seven counts of theft for offenses which occurred between April 1995 through Aug. 2001.

Court records indicate that Burgess received five years on each count of theft against him.

Based on that plea, which was negotiated through the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Davis says in the suit that Burgess cannot deny the allegations in the district's civil action against him.

"Burgess knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to a trial and pled guilty to the aforementioned felonies which are the subject of this civil litigation," argued Davis, "therefore, he cannot deny the allegations in this civil action."

Included in Davis' motion for summary judgment is a letter of apology written in Sept. 2001 by Glen Burgess to George Ed Clark, II, with the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District.

"I am so sorry for what I have done to this community, the men of [the] fire department and especially to you for someone that put friendship and trust in me," Burgess wrote, referring to his attempt to commit suicide a month prior. "What I'm asking is for you to forgive me, not forget what I've done which is wrong, but forgive me and help me ... In

the next weeks I will pay every penny back to the fire department."

Alleging that the Burgesses used to the stolen money for personal and business use, The Betsy Layne Fire Protection District is asking for \$219,496.57 plus interest.

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Writer's workshop to be held in April

Times Staff Report

HINDMAN — The Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center will host a writer's retreat on the weekend of April 2-4. It is open to playwrights, storytellers, writers, poets and songwriters.

Food and lodging for the event will be provided by the Hindman Settlement School

with a charge of \$100 for those who elect to stay for the entire weekend.

Registration and payments should be made to the center by March 19 and space is limited. Applications can be had at the center's offices at 16 West Main Street in downtown Hindman. The number to call is (606) 785-9855.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"The hearing ear is always found close to the speaking tongue."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Texarkana (Texas) Gazette, on Nader entering the presidential race:

Ralph Nader's decision to enter the 2004 presidential race has some Democrats a bit uneasy, and it's possible the Dems have reason to be. Many of them think votes that otherwise would have gone to Democrat Al Gore went to Nader in the 2000 election, indirectly sending President George Bush to the White House. Their biggest fear is a repeat performance. To say Nader influenced the 2000 election isn't an exaggeration. Any candidate who can draw 2.7 percent of the vote nationwide will have some effect on the overall outcome of a close election. But to say Nader was directly responsible for Gore's defeat is a stretch, and so are efforts to discourage his participation in the political process. Which, by the way, supports Nader's contention that there are only two political choices—and it's getting more and more difficult to distinguish between the two. ...

Yep, Nader's marginal candidacy has the Democrats anxious, but that's just part of the political game. No doubt they'd rather Nader stay on the sidelines, but it is his right—however fanciful—to be a player in that game if he so chooses. Trying to keep him on the bench is a pretty good way of proving his point about lack of choice in American politics.

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on Dean's departure from presidential race:

In October, three months before the first Democratic presidential primary vote, 5,000 enthusiastic supporters showed up at a Madison, Wis., rally to urge on Howard Dean. The turnout was impressive evidence of his front-runner status and the power of his Internet-driven campaign.

On Monday, hours before Wisconsin voters had their say, Dean spoke to a half-empty room in LaCrosse. The energy and strength were gone from the campaign, if not from the candidate. He aggressively criticized President Bush until the end. ...

For a man who won no primaries, the doctor from one of the nation's smallest states had an enormous impact on the presidential campaign. His relentless attacks on the Bush administration, and particularly the war in Iraq, pushed other Democrats to step up their own criticisms, something the three sitting senators in the contest might have been reluctant

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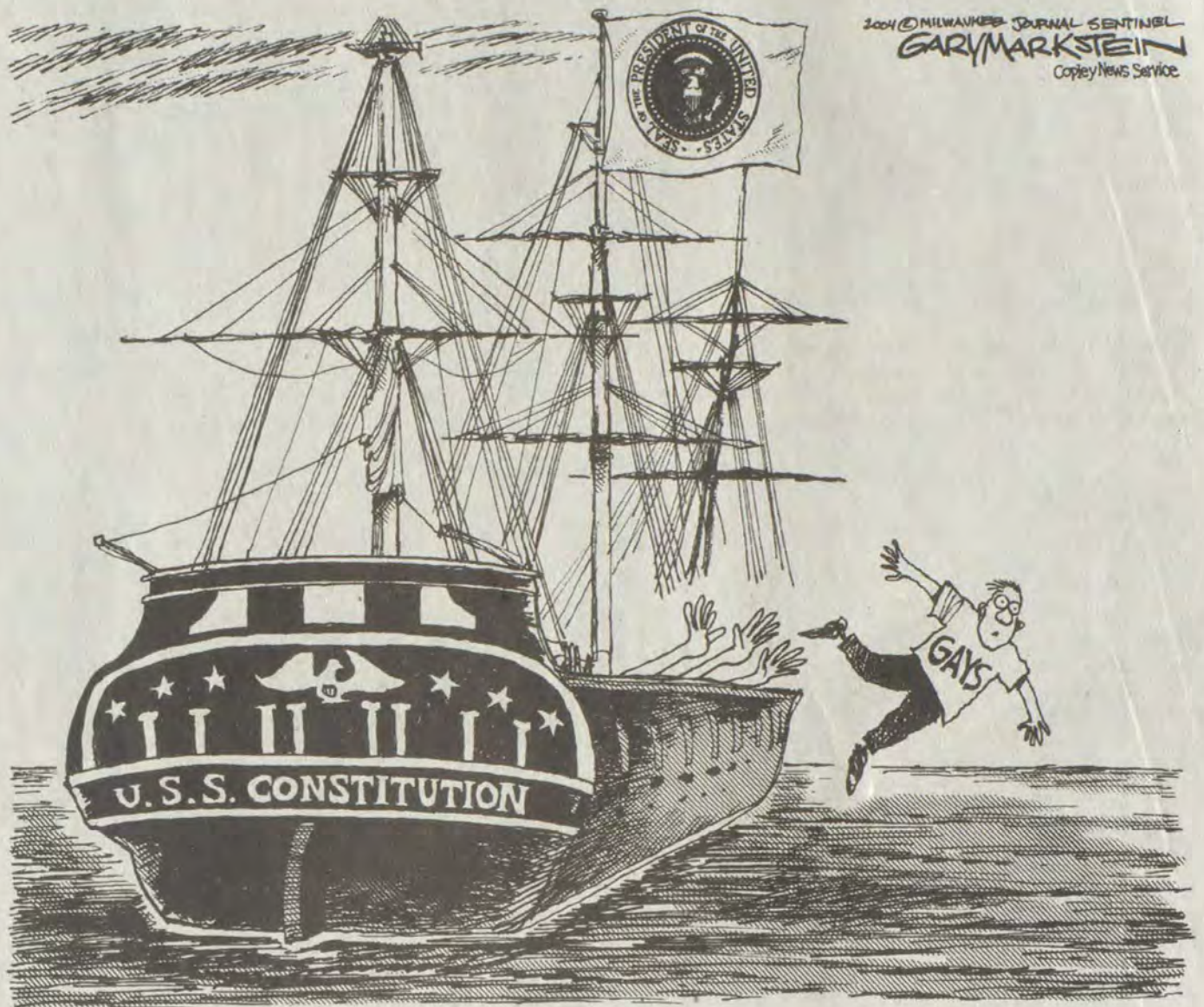
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Letters

Thanks those who helped

We want to take the opportunity to give our deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all who have helped in anyway through our difficult time. The generosity has been so overwhelming that we could not personally thank everyone. We greatly appreciate the donations, help, kind words, thoughts and prayers. Mary and Claude "Brownie" Crum Price

Smokes

I have something to say about smoking! Having been a smoker for many years, I feel I have a little knowledge of smoking. I know that it is the most addictive habit on earth, much more addictive than alcoholism for instance.

Now let us say something about the user of cigarettes! The average smoker is not a teen, as all the commercials depict. The average smoker is a much older person and is probably drawing Social Security.

Now let us say something about acquiring this dreadful addiction! Many of we Kentuckians thought it was our patriotic duty to smoke, tobacco being the largest money crop in Kentucky. And at this time in our lives, there are very few things left to enjoy. Therefore, having no incentive to quit smoking makes it much harder to quit.

Finally, you see the person you hurt most with your ever increasing pricing is not the teen, but your neighbor, the senior citizen. He is the one that has to decide whether to buy his high blood pressure medicine or feed his addiction.

Solution: Put tobacco on the prescription drug list. Then one would have to get his doctor's permission to smoke. Old folks have been known to have heart attacks trying to quit smoking.

Glenn Fraley
Prestonsburg

Signs of spring

I am one of the few people who can't wait for the return of winter. I suppose there are a great many reasons for that: My allergies are less potent, the Wildcats are at play, basketball season is in full bloom and snow is one of the most beautiful elements of all creation. It is also a time of slowing down

from the business that has taken our lives and a season for more indoor time with family. I love it, but I am always glad to see spring come. Each season has its moments of pure beauty and it is these things I would like to bring to your mind while discussing something I saw today.

As I was traveling along on my way to wherever, I was gripped by two things of the purest beauty. One I can lead you to so that you would see it for yourself. The other you just have to be looking out for.

What was this magnificence? Green. If any your readers know anything about the city of Prestonsburg they will know where Ball Alley Curve is. If not, it is just past Gold Stone's Garage and the little Somerset Station that sits on the right along the way.

I have a habit of traveling out of Prestonsburg this way and as I was heading out of town I noticed that there in the ditch line just past the Somerset station was a new carpet of green. Gloriously stretching straight toward the heavens an emerald strip of new grass is rising out of this waterway.

Oh, what a wonderful site. This narrow piece of grass lies there in its exquisiteness rebelling against the vestiges of winter that are still stubbornly gripping our weather. It almost seems out of place but when looking upon it and comparing it to the surrounding deadness of winter you can see this patch of verdant promise rebelliously holding up its sign of hope.

Though I suspect many who read this paper are not Christian, it reminded me that though death would stand at our door there is always hope.

Secondly (and I hope the editor will indulge me) as I pulled my vehicle into Maytown this morning there against the gray morning shined yet another light of hope that completely took me by surprise.

In the chill of the morning many of the elderly residents of Maytown brave the cold air and walk around the track that is built around the old Maytown School (now the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center). With the frostiness of the morning still wrapped around me I felt my heart suddenly warm as I was blessed to see another thing of beauty.

As I approached the school building an elderly couple neared the turn of the track to walk toward the wayward creek. It was when they had completed that turn with their backs totally against my line of vision I saw it. In the freeze-

ing temperatures these two were romantically knotted together and walked on obliviously to my intrusion while they held one another's hand. It was the greenery of love. Older than many of us, it has been shared for years. Yet, it is also deeper than many people of today will ever know. This love shared so openly shined its jade light into my heart and I just had to share it with your readers.

In that moment I knew spring is here but I also thought 'Man I want to love and be loved like that,' and I am and do. Just some observations from one of Floyd County's travelers.

Randell Reno
Prestonsburg

Actions not disrespectful

In the Feb. 25 issue of The Floyd County Times, Sheldon Compton accused me of failing to respect District 1 and its board representative, Micky McGuire, by refusing to share detailed legal bills with Mr. McGuire.

Mr. Compton's argument is that Mr. McGuire is entitled to this information as a matter of principle. There is certain information that board members can and must deal with in executive session that is not made public. However, each month, bills for the district are presented to all board members and to the press. There is no mystery about how much Floyd County is paying our board attorney. It's a matter of record, and when Mr. McGuire makes statements that the district is paying thousands of dollars each month to our board attorney, he is simply wrong — and if he reads his board book, he knows that. Our current board attorney, Mike Schmitt, is a man of integrity and has served our district tirelessly.

What Mr. McGuire is asking for is a detailed description of what the board attorney has done to earn his money — depositions taken, people interviewed, etc. These bills contain very specific information about the activities of our board attorney. If Mr. McGuire's accusations about overpayment are not true, why does he want this information? It's a good question.

Because these bills contain sensitive information about pending litigation, I have asked the superintendent to moni-

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AT THE MOVIES:

'The Passion of the Christ'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

The frightened speculation from religious leaders and frantic banter from 24-hour cable news pundits can end now: "The Passion of the Christ" is arriving in theaters — about 2,800 of them — in a shrewd marketing move by Mel Gibson to let the everyone see and judge the film for themselves.

And the film is frightening — not for its dogma, but for the relentless brutality.

Gibson, as director, producer and co-writer, is fetishistic in his depiction of the pain Jesus suffered during the last 12 hours of his life. The beating and whipping and ripping of skin become so repetitive, they'll leave the audience emotionally drained and stunned.

Yes, yes. That's the point, Gibson has said — he wants his film to be shockingly graphic to show the humanity of Christ's sacrifice.

But the idea that children should see "The Passion" as a learning device — that churches are organizing screenings and theater trips for their parishioners and catechism classes — is truly shocking. Grown-ups —



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Running time: 127 minutes. Two stars out of four.

even true believers — will have difficulty sitting through the film. Just think of the trauma it will inflict on kids.

As for the widely reported criticisms that "The Passion" might foster anti-Semitism, let's just say nearly everyone ends up looking responsible for the death of Jesus (a lean and intense Jim Caviezel).

Roman soldiers, speaking Latin, strip him down to practically nothing, chain him to a rock and scourge him until he collapses in a bloody heap of shredded flesh; when Pontius

Pilate asks the surging crowd, "Isn't this enough?" Jewish elders, speaking Aramaic, call for Jesus' Crucifixion, which the Romans gleefully carry out.

The few sympathetic figures are Jewish: Jesus' mother, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, a Jewish actress whom Gibson frequently consulted on the set); his disciples; and Mary Magdalene (Monica Bellucci).

Despite its gruesome content, "The Passion" is beautifully photographed — and it's a huge, meticulously detailed film, as you would expect anything from

Gibson to be. Early scenes in the Garden of Olives, where Jesus is being tempted by Satan (the androgynous Rosalinda Celantano), are bathed in mist and moonlight, similar to the opening battle sequence in "Braveheart," which earned Gibson Oscars for best picture and best director.

Gibson asked cinematographer Caleb Deschanel to make the film look like a painting by the Baroque artist Caravaggio, and Deschanel has accomplished that. The lighting of the Italian locations is intimate and dramatic, often ominous in its contrast with the consuming darkness.

But any of the film's subtle beauty, or the possibility for religious inspiration, will be drowned out by John Debney's score — which is unnecessarily insistent considering the intensity of the action on screen — and washed away amid the bloodshed.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

This week shaped up as a good one for horror fans. Three films by Long Island low-budget auteur Nathan Schiff make their first appearance on area video shelves. These movies are ultra-cheap excursions into the varied horrors of living in the 6th Borough.

"They Don't Cut the Grass Anymore" is a sordid tale of two Texas lawnmower guys who decide to use their tools of the trade on the rapidly growing island's population. These boys aren't getting a tip. "The Long Island Cannibal Massacre" pretty much lives up to its title and is not recommended for the squeamish. The best title, however, goes to "Weasels Rip My Flesh". This one answers the time-honored question of what would happen if a radiation leaking NASA probe ever landed near a rabid Long Island weasel.

These flicks may not be pretty, folks, but they are decent time wasters from a guy whose love of movies is just a tad stronger than his talent for making them.

Charles Bronson fans might enjoy a DVD three-pack of some of the late actor's better films from when he was working in Europe before the success of "Death Wish" brought him back to our shores. For a list price of just under seven bucks you get "Cold Sweat", "Chino" and the underrated "Someone Behind the Door".

The last one is a real find and is making its DVD debut here. Bronson stars as a paroled murderer, racked with guilt, who turns to a neurosurgeon for guidance. Not a good idea when he is played by Anthony Perkins (Norman Bates in "Psycho"). The doctor's course of therapy turns out to involve a plot to kill his wife and pin it on Bronson. This one's a keeper with Bronson turning in the kind of work that gets most guys a seat at the Oscars.

Television shows get a lot of exposure this week with two volumes of Groucho Marx's best moments from "You Bet Your Life". The creepy anthology series "One Step Beyond" has nine volumes hitting shelves and "Burns and Allen" will have two discs out. Fans of vintage cartoons will get a kick out of two volumes of "Betty Boop" cartoons making their homevid debut.

Big studio releases out include "The Missing" with Tommy Lee Jones, and "Matchstick Men", which offers Nicholas Cage as a con man who tries to reach out to his teenage daughter. Neither film did well at the box office but "Matchstick Men" is worthy of a rental.

Next week will see the DVD debut of 1970s detective staple "Starsky and Hutch", Warner Brothers will be outting out "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" and the Ben Stiller/Drew Barrymore comedy "Duplex".

Bargain Hunters: Check out

Wal-Mart for some great DVDs during their 2-for-\$11 sale. The film version of the Broadway hit "Deathtrap" is a good deal and you could pair it with the political drama "The Contender" which details a vice presidential inquiry on the heels of the Republican primaries. From Jackie Chan are two kung fu comedies that showcase some of his best stunt work. "Mr. Nice Guy" is set in Australia and was directed by Sammo Hung, who starred on CBS' "Martial Law". "First Strike" is a James Bond-type spy opus with Chan doing some great aerial stunts that you'd never catch a Bond actor doing. A great pair of thrillers could include Brian DePalma's "Raising Cain". This one features John Lithgow in an all-systems-go performance as three halves of a split personality. "Mortal Thoughts" is a Bayonne, N.J., set mystery which features Harvey Keitel as a doughnut munching cop trying to sort through the alibis of two women who may have killed their husbands. Markdowns from the \$20 range to under \$10 include special editions of "Reservoir Dogs" and the recent thriller "The Hunted".

Videos in the \$3.88 bin include the 1970s action classic "The Mack, Adam Sandler in a rare dramatic turn starring in "Punch-Drunk Love", and John Carpenter's last film, "Ghosts of Mars".

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Myra Star Hamilton, 20, of Pikeville, to Michael Todd Kidd, 22, of Martin.

Neshia Lorraine Stilner, 18, of Pikeville, to David Joseph Caudill, 23, of Martin.

Cheryl Ann Halbert, 44, of Printer, to William Randall Anderson, 51, of Pikeville.

Stephanie Charlene Taylor,

22, of Paintsville, to Timothy Brandon Johnson, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Sheena B. Hall, 20, of Wheelwright, to William D. Schlick Jr., of McDowell.

Sherry Dingus Williams, 35, to Lonnie Stuart Robinson, 31, both of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Mary L. Bautista; complaint.

Community Trust Bank vs. Stephanie Childers; complaint.

Kentucky West Virginia Gas vs. Thomas E. Rose; complaint.

Daniel Acker vs. John Adkins; verified complaint.

Tana Watkins vs. Bryan Howard; complaint.

Direct Merchants Credit Card Bank vs. James Bryant;

complaint.

Eduardo Andueza vs. Sherain Andueza; divorce.

Bank of New York vs. Barbara Porter and Harbor Federal Savings Bank; complaint.

Crystal Gail Lafferty vs. Adam Lafferty; divorce.

Lorraine Endicott vs. Vada Martin; petition for health care insurance.

Kenny Little vs. Kimberly Little; petition for health care insurance.

Alisha Muncy vs. Estill Endicott; complaint.

Janet Frazier vs. Thomas O'Conner; divorce.

Thornton Capital Advisors vs. Patricia A. May; complaint.

Earl R. Reno vs. Paul Prater; complaint.

Timothy Welch vs. Charlene

Welch; divorce.

William Conn vs. Angie Conn; divorce.

Cynthia Keller vs. Mickey Keller; divorce.

Julia Wallen vs. Timothy Wallen; divorce.

Larry Minix vs. Debbie Minix; divorce.

Timothy Welch vs. Charlene Welch; divorce.

Patrick Tackett vs. Terry G. Tackett; complaint.

Nelson Tackett vs. David B. White; complaint.

Dan Gillespie vs. Kimberly Gillespie; divorce.

Capital Investors vs. Reba S. Ford; complaint.

Ford Motor Credit vs. Greg Gobel; complaint.

Jeffery Lawson vs. Sandra Lawson; petition for child support and health care insurance.

American Investment Bank vs. James Spates; complaint.

Donna Gipson vs. Barry Ratliff; petition for custody or visitation.

Rita Francis vs. Christopher Francis; divorce.

Gary Day vs. Rebecca A. Day; petition for health care insurance.

James Flanery vs. Linda Burchett; complaint.

Small Claims

Filings

Intermountain Cable vs. Mary Cedras; debt collection.

Intermountain Cable vs. Nancy Brow; debt collection.

Intermountain Cable vs. Stephanie Ramsey; debt collection.

Russell Neeley vs. Rodney Scott; property damage.

Larry Scott vs. Charles Slone; property damage.

Charges Filed

Edgil Reynolds, 43, Harold, theft of services.

Steven C. Wells, 32, Paintsville, theft by deception.

Richard A. Castle, 48, Martin, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.

Stacey Ratliff, 26, Hager Hill, second-degree forgery.

Stephanie Staton, 29, Tomahawk, theft by deception.

Ronnie D. Terry, 49, Lackey, fugitive from another state.

Nicholas G. Sherrill, 23, Gastonia, N.C., alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Frances M. Swiney, 33, Grethel, public intoxication.

John Osborne, 38, Hi Hat, fourth-degree assault.

Nicholas G. Sherrill, 23, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing, third-degree sexual abuse, terrorist threatening.

Brandi Rachele Thornsberry, 21, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

Christopher Francis, 38, Garrett, fourth-degree assault.

Johnny R. Collins, 53, Honaker, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Brenda L. Burke, 35, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Thomas R. Thacker, 35, Prestonsburg, criminal mischief.

Adrian Arrington, 19, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Jeffrey Laudermilt II, 20, Paintsville, possession of marijuana.

Stacey Ratliff, 26, Hager Hill, theft by deception.

Tanya Shepherd Thornsberry, 31, Dema, theft by deception.

B.J. Wood, 23, Banner, theft by unlawful taking.

Joe L. Bakay, 18, Bypro, public intoxication.

Phillip M. Hagans, 19, McDowell, theft by unlawful taking.

Larry Coburn, 44, Garrett, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication.

Christy Ann Hamilton

Christy Ann Hamilton, 14, of Auxier, died Sunday, February 15, 2004, at her residence.

Born June 5, 1989, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Francis Hamilton and Christine Goble of Auxier. She was a student at Porter Elementary School.

In addition to her parents, survivors include: her maternal grandparents, Bill and Virginia Osborne of Auxier; great grandmother, Mary Olga Goble of Auxier; paternal grandparents, Homer and Charline Hamilton of Warsaw, Indiana; "Papaw and Mamaw," Bill and Mary Elizabeth Craft of Auxier; and "Papaw and Mamaw," Gary and Sharon Young, of Lexington; one brother, Charles Hamilton Jr., and one sister, Elizabeth Hamilton, both of Auxier; and one half sister, Ashley Prater, of Martin.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Merlin "Blackie" Goble, and Marilyn Ann Goble Osborne.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, at 2 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Jimmy Price and Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Goble Cemetery, at Auxier, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. (Paid obituary)

Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Plastic utensils stored on floor, no towels in women's restroom sink area, mopheads stored on floor. Score: 96.

Vance O'Neil Mart, Route 122, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all freezing and refrigeration units, food items in prep area not covered, hair restraints not in use, towels not accessible for sink in food prep area, floor and ceiling tile in disrepair. Score: Food 92, retail 99.

Cardinal Mart, Wheelwright, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Most items corrected except for some non-critical items which include thermometers in sight and proper lighting fixtures. Score: 97.

Property

Transfers

Gwanetta Williams and David L. Williams to Gwanetta Williams, property location not listed.

Reva Duff Guiler and Scott Guiler and Rita Duff Osborne and Larry Joe Osborne to Karen Duff Hall, property location not

listed.

Willie Mitchell and Daisy M. Mitchell to Sheila Akers, property location not listed.

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Lester Calhoun and Sheila Calhoun to Goldie Rorer, property located, Cliff Road at Prestonsburg.

Roselle Calhoun to Willis Lewis, property location not listed.

Amos Caudill and Rexene Caudill to Dwayne and Sandra K. Caudill, property location not listed.

Walter Wayne Gearheart to Stephen Randall Gearheart, property located, May Village near Allen.

Kristi Osborne and Steve Osborne, Kari Adkins and Danny Adkins, Kelly Higginbotham and Barry Higginbotham to Rhea Sue Little, property located, Mare Creek.

Kevin K. Tackett to Ralph Hall, property located, Tackett Fork of Mud Creek.

Delmas Watson and Burnece Watson to Rodney Bentley and Tara Bentley, property location not listed.

Rodney Neil Bentley and Tara T. Bentley, Lisa Bentley Little and Sean Little to Delmas Watson and Burnece Watson, property location not listed.

Clarence Miller to Velma Miller, property located, Cané Branch, Arkansas Creek.

Alex Samons Jr. and Fayette Samons to Matthew Samons and Crystal Samons, property location not listed.

May-Johnson Properties LLC, to Eddie D. Lowe, property located, Goble-Roberts Addition.

Rudolph Pennington and Sarah Alice Pennington to Dorothy Sue Pennington, property located, left fork of Big Branch of Bull Creek.

Scottie Hall to Scottie and Lizzie Keathley, property location not listed.

Velma Miller to Jennifer Burke Patton, property location not listed.

Thelma Johnson Crum and William Crum to Wayne Couch and Charlotte Couch, property location not listed.

Wayne Couch and Charlotte Couch to William Frazier and Tina Frazier, property located, Holly Branch of Spurlock Fork.

Letha Goble to Eddie R. Burchett, property located, Woods Branch Road and Slick Rock Road.

Charles Jason Slone and Melissa Rose Slone to Ricky D. Jarvis and Vanessa Jarvis, property location not listed.

Alex Samons Jr. and Fayette Samons to Gary Lee Samons and Rhonda Samons, property location not listed.

Chris Click and Carolyn Click to James M. Allen and Rita Allen, property located, Pitts Fork of Middle Creek.

Chris Click and Carolyn Click to James M. Allen and Rita Allen, property location not listed.

Jason C. Lemaster to Lisa A. Lemaster, property location not listed.

Tony Conn and Barbara Tackett Conn to Connie Wolford, property located, Betsy Layne.

William R. Wells to Brandy N. Wells, property located in Auxier.

Lonzo Lafferty and Elsie Lafferty to Georgia Salisbury, property located, May Village, near Allen.

Gold Slone and Betty Slone to Robert Evans, property location not listed.

G&B Rental Inc., to Doug Burkett and Monta Gail Burkett, property located, Richmond Subdivision No. 2.

Randy G. Slone and Vicki Slone to Jason Martin and Caroline Martin and Bobby Hamilton, property location not listed.

Maude C. Varney to Dale Tomlinson and Carol Ann Tomlinson, property located, in Stanville.

William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner to Helen Stewart, property location not listed.

Obituaries

Opal Akers

Opal Akers, age 91, of Ligon, widow of Joseph Elmer Akers, died Tuesday, February 24, 2004, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 6, 1912, in Carter County, a daughter of the late Perry and Cora Estep Lucas.

Survivors include two sisters: Mary Jones of Ligon, and Lucy Hamilton of McDowell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Opal Akers were conducted Thursday, February 26, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with William Jarrell officiating.

Burial was in the Burton Cemetery, at Ligon, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Michael Hobson, Gary Rose, Jerry Tackett, Glen Floyd II, Ronnie Price, Jerry Lucas, and William Jarrell II.

(Paid obituary)

Sarah Elizabeth Butcher Setser Newberry

Sarah Elizabeth Butcher Setser Newberry, 87, of Auxier, died Thursday, February 26, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 17, 1917, at Daniels Creek, she was the daughter of the late Hiram Butcher and Emma Meeks Butcher. She was a homemaker.

She was twice married, first to Carl Setser, and later to J.D. Newberry. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters: Ella Ruth Wells of Columbus, Ohio, Sandra S. Buckles (Victor) of Bunnell, Florida, and Debra N. Hill (John) of Hilton Head, South Carolina; and three sons: Paul R. Setser (Patricia) of Prestonsburg, Rodger D. Setser (Joan) and Frederick L. Setser (Jeanne), all of Millville, New Jersey; two step-daughters: Lena N. Carti (Ray) of Willowick, Ohio, and Helen N. Robinson (Charles) of Lima, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one step-son, Grover Newberry.

Graveside services will be conducted, Saturday, February 28, at 11 a.m., at the Wells Cemetery, at Auxier, with interment under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, from 6 p.m., until 9 p.m., at the funeral home.

Her grandsons will act as pallbearers.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Newberry family.

(Paid obituary)

Dianne "Baby" Meade

Dianne "Baby" Meade, age 52, of McDowell, passed away, Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville.

She was born October 15, 1951, in Martin, the daughter of Lloyd Meade and Ethel M. Tackett Meade of McDowell. She was a member of the Little Rose Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers: John L. Meade of Willard, Ohio, and Eddie D. Meade of McDowell; one sister, Rita Meade Ridgway of McDowell; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Clara, Tina, Joyce and Judy.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 28, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, at McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Ralph Eugene Stanley

Ralph Eugene Stanley, 67, of Andrew Drive, Jeffersonville, died Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at Mary Chiles Hospital.

Born May 8, 1936, in Paintsville, he was the son of Carma Wireman Stanley of Prestonsburg, and the late Roosevelt Stanley. He is retired from Whirlpool Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kathryn Steele Stanley.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons: Fulton Eugene (Lodema) Stanley, and Ralph Eric (Marion) Stanley, both of Jeffersonville; two brothers: Doug Stanley of Paintsville, and Paul Stanley of Prestonsburg; and three sisters: Pearlina Stanley of Pikeville, and Christine Ward and Ina Joe Clemons, both of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren: Ralph, Tyler and Ashley Stanley; one step-grandchild, Jeremy Parker; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the Herald & Stewart chapel, with Roger and Steve McGuire officiating.

Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery, under the direction of Herald & Stewart Home for Funerals Inc.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers will be his nephews.

Honorary pallbearers: Carl Shepherd, Bob Daughterty, Robert Elliott, Arnold Steele, John Lisle, and Jimmy Hamilton.

(Paid obituary)

Maggie Snyder

Maggie Snyder, age 81, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, wife of the late Paul J. Snyder, passed away, Tuesday, February 24, 2004, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born November 19, 1922, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late John Morgan Hunter and Mary Eva Conn Hunter. She was a member of the Open Door Fellowship Baptist Church, and a retired factory worker.

She is survived by one brother, David E. Hunter of East Point, and many nieces and nephews, and their families.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny Hunter, George Conn and Mark Hunter; and two sisters, Pollie Ann Hunter and Bertha Hunter Kidd.

Funeral services for Maggie Snyder will be conducted Friday, February 27, at 1 p.m., in the Sammy Clark Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold, with Robert Shane Powers, Bobby Joe Spencer, and Robert Owens officiating.

Burial will follow in the Henry Moore and Kidd Cemetery, at Harold, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, and at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Bradley S. Akers

Bradley S. Akers, age 74, of Martin, husband of Rubestene Click Akers, passed away, Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin.

He was born January 7, 1930, in Dana, the son of the late Willie L. Akers and Minnie Jarrell Akers. He was a self-employed carpenter, and a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Rubestene, he is survived by two sons, Glen W. Akers and Gary V. Akers, both of Martin; three daughters, Rita G. Frasure, Vanessa Adkins, and LaDonna R. Gibson, all of Martin; one brother, Clark Akers of Vermillion, Ohio; two sisters: Alpha Kidd and Ruth Boyd, both of Dana; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Juanita Akers; three brothers: Walter L. Akers, Paul B. Akers, and Vane L. Akers; and two sisters, Alka Burton and Ruby Conn.

Funeral services for Bradley S. Akers will be conducted Saturday, February 28, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Akers Cemetery, at Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Anna Louise (Allie) Hall

Anna Louise (Allie) Hall, 74, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

Born August 23, 1929, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Isaiah and Lizzie Smith Davis. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Hall.

Other survivors include two sons: Randall Hall of Hi Hat, and James Hall Jr., of Louisville; two daughters: Helen L. Hamilton and Ruby Hall Glover, both of Hi Hat; daughter-in-law, Pamela Sue Hall of Hi Hat; one sister, Marilyn Hall of Hi Hat; five grandchildren: Amy Johnson, Eric Hamilton, Joshua Hall, Alana Hall, and Brianna Glover; and two great-grandchildren: Brittany Hamilton and Jacob Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Christy Ann Hamilton

Christy Ann Hamilton, 14, of Auxier, died Sunday, February 15, 2004, at her residence.

Born June 5, 1989, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Francis Hamilton and Christine Goble of Auxier. She was a student at Porter Elementary School.

In addition to her parents, survivors include: her maternal grandparents, Bill and Virginia Osborne of Auxier; great grandmother, Mary Olga Goble of Auxier; paternal grandparents, Homer and Charline Hamilton of Warsaw, Indiana; "Papaw and Mamaw," Bill and Mary Elizabeth Craft of Auxier; and "Papaw and Mamaw," Gary and Sharon Young, of Lexington; one brother, Charles Hamilton Jr., and one sister, Elizabeth Hamilton, both of Auxier; and one half sister, Ashley Prater, of Martin.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Merlin "Blackie" Goble, and Marilyn Ann Goble Osborne.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 17, at 2 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Jimmy Price and Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Goble Cemetery, at Auxier, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. (Paid obituary)

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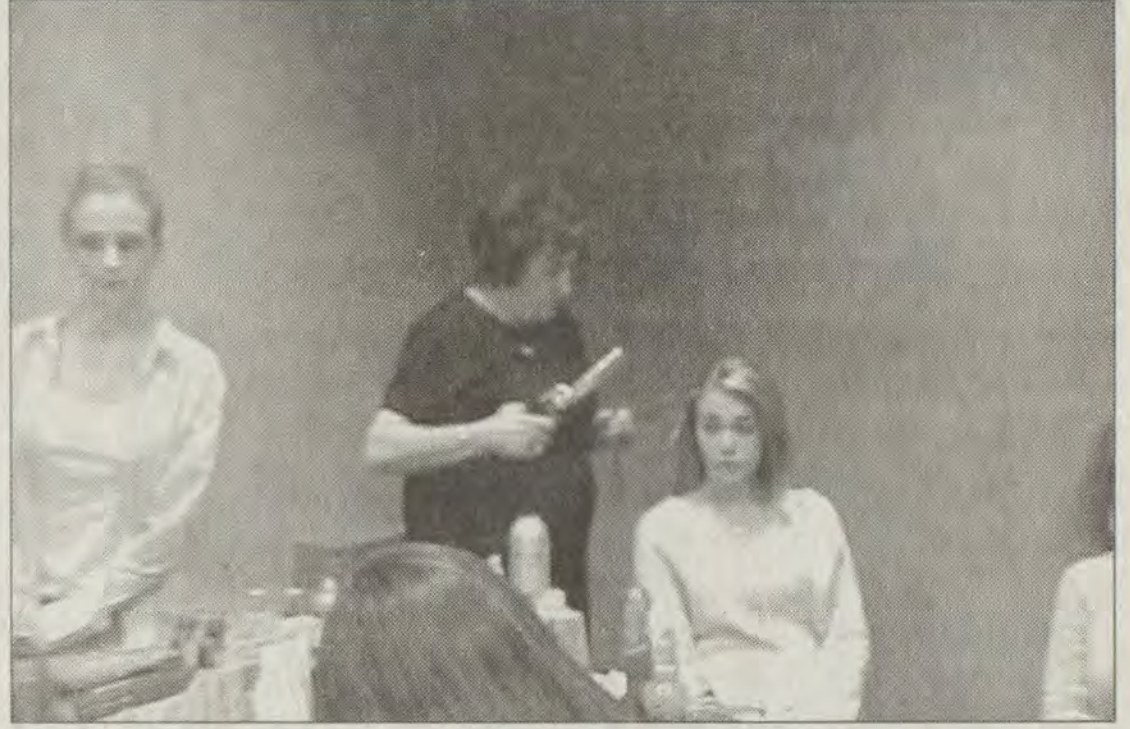


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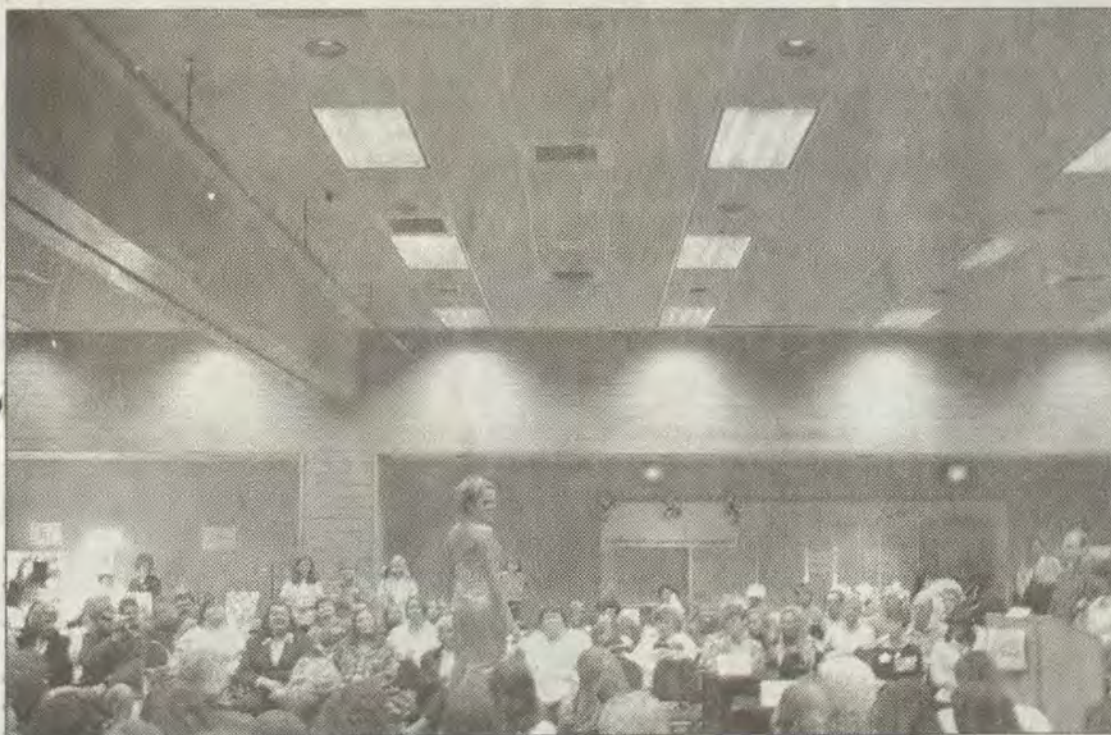
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Letters

tor these bills and inform all of the board members if there is a problem.

I took this action because of an incident that occurred several months ago. Information regarding pending litigation was discussed in an executive session with board members. We were specifically asked not to discuss what we had been told outside of the executive session. Unfortunately, when left the session, a board member discussed the information. At a future meeting, Mr. McGuire left the board table to take part in public comment, discussing a suit that had just been filed against the board, using information he had acquired in an executive session to accuse the board of engaging in a coverup.

Following this incident, I was very concerned. We kept hearing bits and pieces of information that was being

shared with those filing suits against the board. Many of the cases that have been lost by Floyd County have been a result of mistakes, misguided actions. The Floyd County Board of Education shared my concerns and agreed to set up a litigation committee that consists of the superintendent, the board attorney and myself.

The committee's sole purpose is to ensure that litigation matters are handled professionally and that the district is able to prevent the loss of money intended for students. The committee was given the authority to meet as needed to hear information regarding litigation and to report to the board when action is needed.

My actions are in no way disrespectful of a board member or the people he represents. Respect, however, has to be earned. One way that is done is for all of us to fulfill our

responsibilities as board members. When we are asked to observe confidentiality of information, we do so. I don't apologize for my action, nor do I accept Mr. Compton's characterization of my action as disrespectful.

My main concern lies with the students in Floyd County. Some people in Floyd County have become wealthy at the expense of our students. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid out to settle lawsuits. To some, it is a game. The more that they can sue, the better. The higher the settlement, the better. As a board, we are still dealing with cases that were filed 10 or 12 years ago. It's long over time this stopped it is the responsibility of our board to make sure that it does. I intend to do my part to make sure that happens. Thank you.

Carol Stumbo
McDowell

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PES, Clark merger to be discussed

Times Staff Report

Prestonsburg Elementary School, located at 236 North Lake Drive, will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the school's auditorium.

The purpose of this get together will be to discuss the consolidation of Prestonsburg Elementary with Clark Elementary. Staff, parents, students and community members are all invited to attend.

For more information you are invited to call Prestonsburg Elementary principal Gwen Hale Frazier at (606) 886-3891.

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become a problem because several of those states have enacted tort reform which has stabilized the cost of malpractice insurance by capping settlement claims. Indiana, under former governor and ex-doctor Evan Bayh, was quick to work on this problem before it reached the crisis stage, and now Indiana is getting a fair number of Western Kentucky doctors moving into their state. This leads to the new problem of getting replacement doctors.

Casey points out that Eastern Kentucky has always been challenged to bring in doctors but now that task has doubled in difficulty because it is also becoming increasingly difficult to find insurance providers who will write policies for them.

Currently there are two positions for doctors that Casey has open at the University of Kentucky. Unfortunately she can't fill them, despite attractive benefits packages, and she is concerned that they won't be filled.

Baretta puts it simply, "We are not going to be able to replace the doctors we lose."

View

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Bush administration, and particularly the war in Iraq, pushed other Democrats to step up their own criticisms, something the three sitting senators in the contest might have been reluctant to do, considering that they had supported the war resolution.

But, in the end, none of this proved sufficient to overcome his own weaknesses and the repeated attacks of his Democratic opponents, who wanted to make certain the primary heat wasn't over before they'd had a chance to warm up. So the race goes on without him.

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To see if your child may benefit from help or to make an appointment, Please call Debbie Craven, Admission's Office (270-247-8007). Or write: Shedd Dyslexia Foundation, 401 South 7th, PO Box 493 Mayfield, KY 42066 or contact us through our web site: www.sheddacadem.y.org. Limited scholarship is available.

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COMMENTARY

Friends amongst fans of rivals

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Friendship is based on similarities, and when you love sports as much as I do — and most of you can relate — one of the things you share with your companions is your favorite team.

While you may favor different high schools, most people in our neck of the woods share a love of University of Kentucky athletics. And while some people in the Appalachian region may love teams they can watch regularly on television — such as the Braves or Cubs — you'd be hard pressed to find a baseball fan who doesn't pull for the Reds in spite of their (front-office) ineptness.



Rick Bentley

Or you may share the bond of hating a certain team. I know a few people who actually are fans of the Yankees — although because I happen to like Noah Batten, I won't mention them for fear of getting them killed — most people don't care for the Bronx Bombers in the least.

But what happens when you meet

(See BENTLEY, page two)

ALC women's team advances

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BRISTOL, Va. — The 11th-seeded Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles pulled off an upset Wednesday afternoon in the first round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament. The Lady Eagles beat Union College, the tournament's No. Six seed.

Union College led by three points at halftime, but Alice Lloyd rallied in the second half, outscoring Union 42-25 and went on to win, 72-58.

The Lady Eagles, coached by Floyd County resident Tim Rice, came ready to play.

Erica Webb led Alice Lloyd with a double-double effort of 23 points and 15 rebounds. Delores Jenkins also turned in a double-double, scoring 20 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Belicia Mullins scored 13, while

(See ALC, page two)

South Floyd seniors set to say goodbye

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd will say goodbye Saturday night to five seniors. The South Floyd boys will host Fleming-Neon Saturday night. Senior Raiders set to depart are Adam Tackett, Jack Slone, Brian Meade, Ervin Vance and Jason Sammons. Raider head coach Henry

Webb gives credit to all five student-athletes.

"Our seniors, Adam Tackett, Jack Slone, Brian Meade, Ervin Vance and Jason Sammons have all been a big factor in this year's success," said Webb. "I can't say enough about this group and their heart."

The current edition of the South Floyd boys' basketball team recently finished

an undefeated season in Floyd County Conference play.

"Our seniors set out this season to prove to people that they are a good team," added Webb. "We were picked very low in most pre-season polls — I think fourth in our district. They have worked very hard and have led our team all year. They have stepped up down the stretch and led us to an undefeated con-

ference year, which is almost unheard of anymore."

Senior play helped lead South Floyd to a victory as recent as Tuesday night when the Raiders downed Pike Central.

"The comment I would make about this group is that you can measure physical characteristics but you cannot measure heart," Webb concluded. "They have plenty and I am very proud this group."

RAIDER BALL



photos by Jamie Howell

South Floyd senior Adam Tackett went to work against a Pike Central defender. Tackett hit a pair of free throws late in the fourth quarter that helped South Floyd pull out the win against the host Hawks.

May leads Sheldon Clark over Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Too much Brandon May spelled trouble Tuesday night for Betsy Layne. May, a sophomore, scored a game-high 28 points and led the Cardinals to a 75-70 win over the host Bobcats. But Sheldon Clark had to earn his victory. Betsy Layne played some of its best basketball of the second half of the season, much to the liking of head coach Brent Rose.

"I thought we played much better than we had in the past few weeks," said Rose. "We are finally getting healthy and it is starting to show. We must play defense to be successful and move the ball on offense. This is the first time we had done that since the All-A."

The Sheldon Clark team that visited

(See LEADS, page two)

RAIDERS SINK PIKE CENTRAL

One regular-season game remains for South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Back-and-forth is the best way to describe Tuesday night's boys' high school basketball game between South Floyd and Pike County Central. Two strong contenders to take the top prize in the 15th Region, South Floyd and Pike Central exchanged leads many times Tuesday night before the Raiders held on to win in the end. South Floyd led Pike Central 16-15 at the end of the first period before trailing by one point at halftime and at the conclusion of the third quarter. On Senior Night, two Pike Central seniors — Chase Lyons and Adam Prater

(See SINK, page five)



Jack Slone hit three three-point field goals and helped South Floyd to a win over 15th Region rival Pike Central.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ortega among Centre grid banquet honorees

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE — Centre College recently honored the 2003 Colonel football team at its annual held at the Cowan Dining Commons on the Centre campus. The Centre football team shared the conference championship with Trinity University of San Antonio, Texas, posting a 5-1 record in the conference, 8-2 overall. Head coach Andy Frye recognized team members, assistant coaches, cheerleaders, dance team members, and administrators.

Prestonsburg native John Ortega was among the award-winners. He was joined by teammates Stephen Dexter, Lorenzo Engleman and David Crowley.

Ortega and Dexter (Danville) shared the Joe McDaniel Excellence Award

(See GRID, page two)



TWO RAIDERS HONORED — South Floyd High head football coach Donnie Daniels recently presented seniors Adam Tackett (left) and Brandon Little with certificates from the Louisville Courier-Journal. In December, the Louisville newspaper named both players honorable-mention all-state.



Leads

Betsy Layne Tuesday night is a talented unit.

"Sheldon Clark has an excellent team and really played well," added Rose. "Both teams executed well Tuesday night."

Betsy Layne had three play-

ers score in double figures. Jordan Kidd led the Bobcats with 17 points. Brent Newsome scored 16 and Brandon Hall netted 14.

Betsy Layne will return to action tonight by traveling to Belfry.

Grid

named after Centre's winningest coach. Both Ortega and Dexter were defensive backs. Ortega also claimed the Homer Rice Award (best special teams player) and the Teel Bruner Award (top defensive player). Ortega, an All-American safety, finished second in the nation in solo tackles and led Centre's defense with 111 tackles including seven for losses.

"John (Ortega) closes on the football better than any player I've ever coached," Frye said fol-

lowing Ortega's senior grid season. Ortega stars in three sports at Centre.

Engleman (Cincinnati) won the Bo McMillin Award as the top offensive player on the team. Engleman, the SCAC's Offensive Player of the Year, broke school records in pass receptions with 69, and in all-purpose yardage with 1,769 yards. He was also the Colonels' leading rusher (978 yards) and scorer (74).

Crowley (Madisonville) won the Charley Moran Award for the most improved player. Crowley caught 46 passes for 567 yards and seven touchdowns, leading the Colonels in yards per catch (12.3).

Centre will open the 2004 season on the road Sept. 4 against Bluffton College.

Bentley

someone, like them a lot, and then discover the team you despise the most is their favorite? That is when friendship is put to an early test.

One of my student workers at the college is Drew Cecil, a terrific young man who will do most anything I ask him ... as long as it doesn't prevent him from watching his beloved (gulp) Duke Blue Devils.

It tells you how much I like Drew when I consider him a friend despite this obvious character flaw. While the people of Kentucky can debate whether they dislike Louisville or Indiana most, it is without question that my second-favorite team is whoever plays Duke.

I also have befriended much of the family of former sports editor Brad Lockard, my late friend who left us while he was entirely too young. Most of them are from Jackson and attended Breathitt County High, the longtime football rival of the Belfry Pirates.

Some folks in Jackson have a serious aversion to Angry Red - I happen to like Cousin Tonya so I won't mention any by name - and when football season commenced, I was catching a lot of flack for being partial to the Pirates and Coach Philip Haywood.

Somehow or another, we survived the fall - both of the year and the beloved Bobcats - and our friendship has flourished. I even had one or two of them admit to pulling for the Bucs, invoking the requirement of mountain pride.

I consoled her when Breathitt didn't survive Prestonsburg to even get to Belfry, and she endured a

month of emails in, well, Angry Red, of course.

I figure it we can survive that, one of us will be there when the other is laid to rest. Make sure I have a nice one, will ya, Cuz?

Then there's my friend Sam Smith, the pride of East Kentucky Beverage. Sam and I go back to our college days, and he likes for me to tell the story of the night Alice Lloyd upset Todd May and the Bears in Pippa Passes.

Sam is not the tallest guy in the world, but probably has the best vertical leap of anyone I've ever personally seen. Someone had brought a poster reading, "Todd Who?" and when the game ended, it made its way to the backboard above the rim on the entrance side of the gym.

I was a proud student at ALC at the time, only months before my transfer to the place I still call home. I was standing on the court talking to one of my professors when I looked over her shoulder. My buddy Sam rose above the capacity crowd and grabbed the sign - by its top, no less - and had it ripped in two before he hit the ground.

Regardless of what Alzheimer's does to my brain, I'll never forget that site.

Sam and I are still good friends, and to my knowledge he has only one fault - he is a die-hard fan of the Louisville Cardinals.

Now, before you start, let me tell you that Sam was a fan of the red-and-black long before Rick Pitino reared his ugly head there. In fact, Sam is a fan of the Cards the same way I was the Cats during Pitino's

tenure in Lexington - he cheers for them in spite of Pitino, not because of him.

Sam is terribly good-natured about it. He'll never back down from his team - if the Cardinal red truck doesn't give it away, the UofL plate surely will - knowing full well he's in the minority in the heart of Cat Country.

And Sam also knows that while people were steering clear of him for a couple of weeks after the Cards knocked off the Cats (again) in December, they can't see enough of him these days with his team struggling and tumbling down the polls.

So Sunday night when he followed me out of Wal Mart, I wasn't surprised to hear someone call to him, "Hey Sam, how 'bout them Cardinals?" And while I didn't hear the reply, it left everyone involved laughing.

I paused to allow him to catch up, knowing he'd share the humor with me. "Did you hear what I told him?" he asked.

"I told him, 'Yeah, we can't play Kentucky every week!'"

Touché. Sometimes friendship is built on our sports loyalties. On other occasions, it thrives in spite of them.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Pikeville 72, Allen Central 59

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Host Pikeville pulled off one of its most impressive wins in recent memory Tuesday night, beating visiting Allen Central 72-59. Allen Central jumped out to a 19-7 lead in the first period, but trailed by two points at halftime. Pikeville led 29-27 at halftime and 47-36 at the end of three quarters. Pikeville outscored the visiting Rebels 25-13 in the final period.

Jordan Mullins led Pikeville with 21 points. Tyler Shockey

had 18 points and Robert Shurtleff finished with 12. Jesse Parrish and Chad Walls tossed in eight apiece. David Fish edged the Panther scoring with five markers.

Rossi Samons led Allen Central with a game-high 26 points. Justin Hall scored 10. Austin Francis and Ryan Hammonds each had eight points. Tim Griffith scored five and David Kilburn netted two.

Allen Central was back in action last night, hosting Hazard for a Senior Night game. Results were unavailable at press time.



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Trevor Compton, Prestonsburg, 18 points vs. Magoffin Co.



Ashley Johnson, South Floyd, 25 points, 11 rebs. vs. Magoffin

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Amy Jackson added six points and five rebounds. Devon Reynolds scored five points and dished out five assists.

Bridget Smith and Kristina Thompson rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring with three and two points, respectively.

Union led 33-30 at halftime. Chasity Nunn paced Union with a game-high 28 points. Andrea Whitehead netted 12 points and Kristie Miller, a graduate of Perry County Central High School, chipped in 10.

Each team committed 22 turnovers.

Alice Lloyd was scheduled to be back in action yesterday evening against King College, the No. 3 seed. King got a first-round bye. Results of the Alice Lloyd-King game were unavailable at press time.

Prestonsburg blitzes Magoffin Co.

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SALYERSVILLE - After starting slowly Tuesday evening, the Prestonsburg Blackcats put a strong second-half together and went on to a 66-53 win over Magoffin County. Prestonsburg fell behind 14-10 after one quarter of play and trailed by as many as eight digits in the second quarter before storming back to post the win.

Trevor Compton led the Blackcat attack with a game-high 18 points. The junior guard also dished out six assists. The Blackcats

outscored Magoffin County 20-15 in the second quarter to take a 30-29 lead at the half, but the fourth quarter proved to be the undoing of the young Hornets.

Nicholas Jamerson tossed in 14 points on the night for Prestonsburg and Joe Blackburn pitched in eight points in the Blackcat victory.

The third quarter went back and forth as the two teams exchanged baskets. After three quarters, Prestonsburg held a slim 42-40 lead.

Courtney Conley led host Magoffin County in scoring with 11 points.

Prestonsburg got seven points from Sean Leslie and six

points from Jesse Chaffin. The Blackcats would own the final eight minutes to the tune of a 24-13 edge in the quarter to come away with the 13-point win.

Michael Stephens contributed five points for the Blackcats and John Mark Stephens added four. Michael Morrison rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with four points.

The game remained close for three quarters before Magoffin County began to have problems holding on to the basketball. The Hornets turned the ball over eight times in the final quarter which led to 12 Prestonsburg points.

Prestonsburg has one home game remaining in the regular season tonight against Jackson City. It will be Senior Night at Prestonsburg Fieldhouse with Nick Jamerson being the lone senior on this year's boys' basketball team.

Scoring: Magoffin Co. - Allen 9, Jenkins 11, Conley 11, Ison 2, Helton 1, Shepherd 5, Arnett 5, Fletcher 2, Rice 7. Prestonsburg - Compton 18, Chaffin 6, Jamerson 14, Leslie 7, Blackburn 8, J. Stephens 4, M. Stephens 5, Morrison 4.

Knott Central 60, Paintsville 57

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN - Host Knott County Central held on Tuesday night and beat visiting Paintsville.

Knott Central got balanced scoring in the win. Kevin Pike paced the Patriots with 15 points. Josh Stacey scored 14 and Derrick Milled flipped in 11.

Senior Shane Simpkins led Paintsville with 15 points. Peyton Conley scored 12. Blake Bundy and Daniel Pugh each had 11 points apiece. J.D. VanHoose and Kevin Williams netted four each.

Johnson Central 72, Belfry 60: Belfry outscored Johnson Central 16-4 in the final period, but could not make up enough ground to overtake the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central led at the end of every quarter.

Nick Music and Josh Stapleton paced the winning team with 16 points apiece. Josh Stapleton scored 14 and freshman Jamie McCarty added 13. Tyler Whitaker netted eight.

East Ridge 81, Fleming-Neon 30: Host Warriors dominated from beginning to end.

Twelve different East Ridge players scored. Robbie Spears led East Ridge with 13 points. Brandon Ratliff chipped in 12.

Lawrence County 58, Fairview 51: Brett Lewis scored 19 and Brandon Parsons added 18 for Lawrence County in the win

Breathitt County 71, Perry County Central 58: Visiting Breathitt County got 40 points

from brothers Jesse and Jason Miller. It was the Bobcats' seventh straight win.

Senior center Al Holland had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Perry County Central.

Breathitt County is coached by Floyd County native Brian Hall.

Catholic escapes Shelby Valley with win in tow

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK - Everybody knows, almost doesn't count.

Lexington Catholic recorded its 16th win in a row Tuesday night, hanging on to beat host Shelby Valley 86-81. The host Wildcats almost pulled off a mammoth upset over the state's top high school boys' basketball team.


Harrison Morton scored a game-high 33 points and hit 11 of 13 free throws to help Catholic to the victory. Drew Morton added 20 points.

Lexington Catholic was without the services of Demetrius Green.


Patrick Tackett scored 25 and Seth Kiser added 22 for Shelby Valley. The Wildcats led 19-17 at the end of the first period and

37-35 at halftime. Lexington Catholic led 57-54 at the end of the third quarter.

In all, five different players scored in double figures for Shelby Valley. Junior guard Kris Bentley scored 14 points. Kelsey Friend and Mitchell Riddle added 10 apiece.



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Florida State gets closer to road win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wake Forest's Justin Gray was frustrated during the game. Florida State felt the same way when it was over.

Gray overcame a rough start and scored a career-high 31 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:22 left in overtime, in No. 11 Wake Forest's 90-87 comeback victory over Florida State on Wednesday night.

The sophomore, who had 29 points in a win over Clemson two weeks ago, missed his first three attempts from 3-point range. He picked up his fourth foul with 12:40 to play, which

was just about when Florida State led by 15.

At one point, Demon Deacons coach Skip Prosser said he saw tears in Gray's eyes on the bench.

"I was so frustrated, one time I about punted the ball," Gray said.

Florida State appeared ready to snap its 22-game road losing streak in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Seminoles were up 75-68 with just under three minutes left in regulation, but committed turnovers on their last six possessions before overtime.

"It hurts in a big way," said Tim Pickett, who had 23 points.

"It's the most painful loss I've had this year. We played extremely well, but at the end we kind of broke down."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was: No. 2 Saint Joseph's 83, Massachusetts 58; No. 7 Mississippi State 84, LSU 58; No. 9 Kentucky 92, Tennessee 60; No. 14 North Carolina State 79, No. 18 Georgia Tech 69; No. 15 Cincinnati 77, Saint Louis 52; DePaul 60, No. 21 Louisville in overtime; No. 22 Wisconsin 68, Penn State 45; and No. 23 Illinois 78, Iowa 59.

Gray was 10-for-21 from the field and drained two 3s in overtime for the Demon Deacons

(18-6, 8-5), who won their fifth straight.

Chris Paul added 21 points, six rebounds and eight assists for Wake Forest, while Taron Downey had 17 points.

"While it wasn't pretty, it's an ACC win," Prosser said. "And those are very, very, very hard to come by."

Especially on the road for the Seminoles (18-10, 6-8), who beat Wake Forest in January, but last won an ACC game away from home in March 2001.

"We lost our composure and made mistakes at the end," Seminoles coach Leonard Hamilton said. "They increased the defensive pressure and put us in position to make plays, and we came up short."

No. 2 Saint Joseph's 83, Massachusetts 58

Delonte West scored 23 points and Jameer Nelson had 19 to keep the visiting Hawks (25-0, 14-0 Atlantic 10) one of the nation's two unbeaten teams. It was their sixth consecutive win by double figures and the 12th in their last 14 games.

Top-ranked Stanford is also undefeated, 23-0 heading into its game against Oregon State on Thursday night.

Rashaun Freeman scored 21 points for the Minutemen (9-16, 3-10), who have lost five straight.

No. 7 Mississippi St. 84, LSU 58

Lawrence Roberts scored 14 points for the Bulldogs (22-2, 11-2), who won the Southeastern Conference's West Division for the second year in a row.

Forward Jaime Lloreda, LSU's leading scorer and rebounder, returned after missing two games with leg injuries, but his 10 points and 12 rebounds weren't enough to keep the Tigers (17-7, 7-6) from losing their third straight.

No. 14 N.C. State 79, No. 18 Georgia Tech 69

Julius Hodge, not starting for just the second time this season, scored 22 points to lead the Wolfpack (18-6, 10-3 ACC), who are 4-3 away from home in

the conference. The best free-throw shooting team in Division I at 79 percent, the Wolfpack went 27-of-34 (79 percent), including 10-of-14 down the stretch.

B.J. Elder and Luke Schenscher each had 16 points for the Yellow Jackets (19-8, 6-7).

No. 15 Cincinnati 77, Saint Louis 52

James White had his first career double-double with a career-high 23 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Bearcats (19-5, 10-3 Conference USA).

Reggie Bryant had 10 points for the visiting Billikens (14-10, 7-6), who entered the game as the league's leading defense but gave up a season high to Cincinnati.

No. 22 Wisconsin 68, Penn St. 45

Devin Harris scored 25 points and the Badgers (18-6, 9-4 Big Ten) ended a two-game losing streak with their 27th straight win at home. Wisconsin is 23-0 in conference home games under third-year coach Bo Ryan.

Jan Jagla scored 16 points for the Nittany Lions (9-15, 3-10), who lost their 22nd straight conference road game.

No. 23 Illinois 78, Iowa 59

Dee Brown had 18 points and 10 assists for the visiting Illini (19-5, 10-3 Big Ten), who extended their winning streak to seven games.

Jeff Horner had 20 points for Iowa (14-10, 7-6).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR taking a look at field-filler criteria

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR should not have allowed Joe Ruttman to start the race at North Carolina Speedway and is examining ways to prevent unqualified "field fillers" from competing in the future, officials said.

Ruttman ran one lap of the Subway 400 on Sunday before NASCAR black-flagged him because he didn't have a pit crew to service his car. Ruttman earned \$54,196 just for starting the race.

"The Joe Ruttman thing was sort of a sham," NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter said Tuesday. "We always try to do the right thing, and since we had let it go that far, we let him start

the race.

"However, that will not happen again."

With dwindling sponsor dollars, only 37 full-time Nextel Cup teams planned on competing in Rockingham last weekend. It left six open spots in the field and made it possible for underfunded teams to attempt to make the race.

There had been speculation that NASCAR contacted several of the "field-filler" teams — even promising to pay them — if they showed up and tried to fill the 43-car field.

Hunter denied it.

"The notion that we are soliciting teams and paying them to try to make the race is absolutely untrue," Hunter said. "We have no problem starting a race with fewer than 43 cars in it."

But NASCAR wasn't faced with that dilemma because enough field fillers showed up in Rockingham.

Among them was Ruttman, a 60-year-old grandfather who had not raced in NASCAR's top series since 1995. He qualified 40th Friday, never attempted to practice in either of Saturday's sessions, and never tried to hide that his James Finch-owned team had no pit crew.

It was a blatant case of showing up just for a cut of the \$4.7 million purse, with Finch and Ruttman knowing they could not be competitive.

Hunter said NASCAR officials have admonished Finch, who fields a full-time entry in

the Busch Series and occasionally submits legitimate entries in the Nextel Cup series.

But the inclusion of the field fillers was embarrassing from the start for NASCAR.

Kirk Shelmerdine was lapped eight minutes into the race and ordered off the track shortly thereafter for not being up to NASCAR's minimum speed requirement. He earned \$54,895 for coming in 42nd.

Andy Hillenburg, who filled the 43rd spot in the field, was 10 mph slower than Ryan Newman's pole-qualifying speed, and was 14 mph off the pace in Saturday's practice. Still, he outlasted several of the top teams and finished in 34th place, 17 laps down, earning \$55,425.

"We're trying," said Hillenburg, who has just one full-time employee but still wants to attempt to make up to 20 races this year. "Were we the best car? No, not even close, but we tried our hardest. I don't think anybody tried harder, so now we have a starting place."

Carl Long, who owns just one race car, couldn't afford to buy tires and had to use the same set all weekend. Even though he was able to hold his own on the racetrack, he was involved in a spectacular accident that sent his car barrel-rolling down the backstretch.

But because Long tries to make races all season long,

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Valley pounds Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROBINSON CREEK — Another game, another win over a 15th Region opponent for the Shelby Valley Wildcats. Fifteenth Region teams have become an automatic win of late for Shelby Valley. Wednesday night was more of the same.

Prestonsburg traveled to Pike County fresh off a road win at East Ridge and sporting some new found confidence. It took only one quarter for that confidence to fall by the wayside as Shelby Valley took control early and led by 20 after one quarter of play. The Wildcats outscored Prestonsburg 29-9 in the first eight minutes and the game was never close. Valley won 81-62 and placed four players in double figures on the night led by Seth Kiser's 17 points.

Kelsey Friend tossed in 14 points for the winning team and Eric Bartley added 12. Patrick Tackett also totaled double figures with 10 points.

The Wildcats outscored Prestonsburg 17-15 in the second quarter and took a 46-24 lead in to the half. Nicholas Jamerson was one bright spot

on this night for Prestonsburg as he poured in a game-high 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Jesse Chaffin was the only other Blackcat to finish in double figures. Chaffin added 11 points.

Shelby Valley continued to pour it on in the third quarter by outscoring Prestonsburg 18-12 in the period to take a commanding 64-36 lead after three quarters of play.

Prestonsburg put 26 points on the board in the final quarter to make the final score a little more respectable.

Sean Leslie and John Mark Stephens each finished with seven points for Prestonsburg.

Michael Morrison pitched in four points. Shelby Valley improved to 19-6 with the win and Prestonsburg fell to 10-14. Both teams will wrap up regular season play tonight with district tournament play to get underway next week.

Scoring: Shelby Valley — Kiser 17, Friend 14, Bentley 6, Tackett 10, Riddle 8, E. Bartley 12, M. Bartley 5, Johnson 2, Thomas 2, Potter 4, Goodson 1. Prestonsburg — Compton 2, Chaffin 11, Jamerson 24, Leslie 7, Blackburn 2, J. Stephens 7, M. Stephens 3, Ousley 2, Morrison 4.



photo by Jamie Howell

Patrick Tackett scored 10 points in Shelby Valley's win over Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg junior Joe Blackburn (32) is pictured defending.

photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg sophomore Sean Leslie dribbled against Shelby Valley junior Seth Kiser.

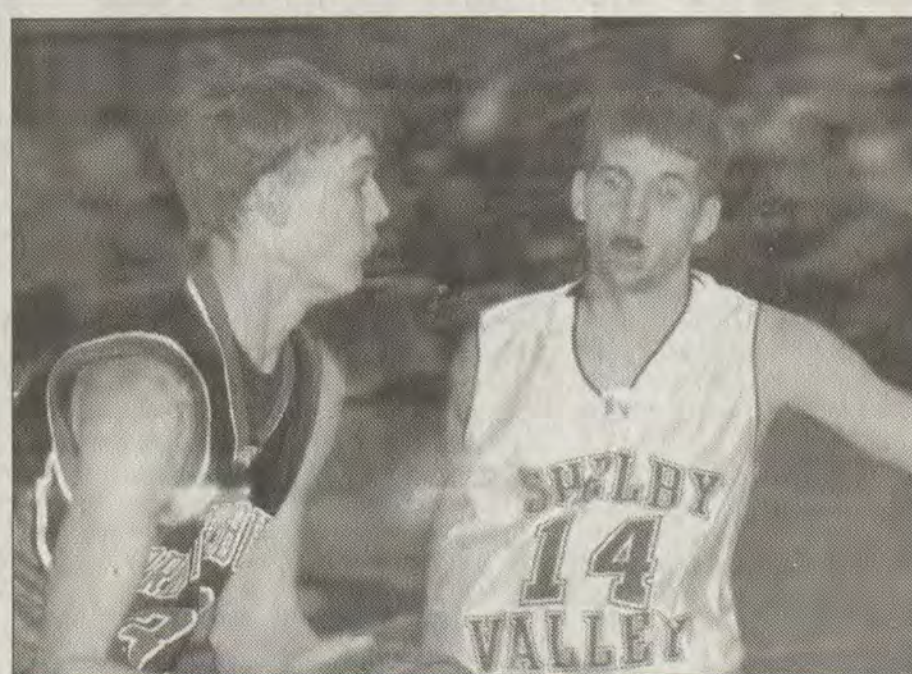


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Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson got out in front on a runout in Wednesday night's game against Shelby Valley.



15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL	
Team	Record
Shelby Valley	8-6
East Ridge	18-7
South Floyd	17-10
Sheldon Clark	15-9
Johnson Central	14-12
Pike County Central	13-13
Allen Central	12-11
Betsy Layne	10-14
Prestonsburg	10-14
Belfry	10-14
Pikeville	8-18
Paintsville	5-15
Phelps	5-17
Magoffin County	2-20

15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL	
Team	Record
Betsy Layne	21-6
Belfry	16-8
Allen Central	16-11
Pike County Central	15-10
Magoffin County	13-11
Prestonsburg	12-14
South Floyd	12-16
Pikeville	11-13
Paintsville	11-13
East Ridge	10-11
Sheldon Clark	10-11
Shelby Valley	8-13
Johnson Central	6-17
Phelps	6-17
Piarist School	2-18

14TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL	
Team	Record
Hazard	23-4
Breathitt County	22-3
Perry County Central	18-5
Owsley County	15-9
Whitesburg	15-10
Leslie County	14-8
Wolfe County	14-8
Powell County	14-11
Cordia	13-12
Lae County	12-13
Jackson City	9-13
June Buchanan	9-14
Letcher	8-16
Knott County Central	7-16
Buckhorn	7-16
Jenkins	5-19
Riverside Christian	2-18
Fleming-Neon	1-22

14TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL	
Team	Record
Perry County Central	24-3
Whitesburg	24-4
Powell County	20-6
Leslie County	19-8
Fleming-Neon	16-9
Wolfe County	15-9
June Buchanan	14-10
Cordia	13-10
Jenkins	13-12
Knott County Central	13-12
Lae County	12-9
Owsley County	12-14
Hazard	8-18
Breathitt County	7-16
Buckhorn	3-24
Riverside Christian	2-17
Jackson City	2-21
Letcher	0-18

Cold forces Jarrett, Sadler to postpone testing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers Dale Jarrett and Elliott Sadler plan to explore aero, shock and engine packages during tomorrow's scheduled test at Kentucky Speedway. The Robert Yates Racing duo postponed testing Tuesday due to cold, damp weather conditions.

"We have an agenda of things we want to try. This is a good racetrack to test aero packages, chassis and shock packages," Jarrett said. "There are a lot of things we can accomplish here. I don't know that we're going to be able to use (the information) at Vegas, but the opportunity is there to learn things that may work at Las Vegas or Atlanta. That's the

good thing about coming here, it's a good opportunity to try new cars and new setups."

The 1999 series champion matched his worst points finish of 26th last season and broke his string of seven straight top-10 points finishes. He started 2003 with a 10th-place finish at Daytona and a win at Rockingham, but several changes

in his team personnel led to inconsistent results.

Jarrett has rebounded well to start 2004. He followed his Daytona Bud Shootout win with his second consecutive 10th-place finish in the Daytona 500. He was well on his way to a top-10 finish at Rockingham this past Sunday before his engine gave way and forced a 40th-place finish.

He will enter the March 7 race at Las Vegas 26th in the series standings, but is optimistic about his team's chances for success based on his strong performance in Daytona, hard work by his crew, and the leadership provided by new crew chief Mike Ford. Ford was a member of Jarrett's 1999 championship team and spent the past three seasons working with veteran driver Bill Elliott and Everham Motorsports.

"As hard as our guys worked throughout the winter to get prepared, it's important to have good runs. Giving those guys something back for their efforts means as much to us as anything," Jarrett said. "Mike brings leadership, and that's something we've really missed the last couple of years. That's not putting anyone down, it's just that there are certain people made for that position and

know how to run it. It's a difficult job. I'm very impressed with Mike's skills and knowledge in all areas. That's the biggest thing we have going for us right now. We don't have questions about aero package and chassis, we have a good handle on that right now. It makes a tremendous difference when you hit the race-

track knowing the car is going to be good."

Sadler will enter the Las Vegas race eighth in the series standings after winning a Twin 125 qualifying race in Daytona, taking a seventh-place finish in the Daytona 500, and an 18th-place finish at

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BASEBALL

Larson gets rare second chance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Brandon Larson knows that second chances don't come often in the major leagues.

He wasted his first chance to win the Cincinnati Reds' starting job at third base last season, playing so poorly that he was sent to the minors in less than a month. The former first-round draft pick is getting another shot at getting it right.

Larson, 27, has no serious competition for the third base

job during spring training. It's not that he has done anything to win it — the Reds simply don't have a replacement lined up. If Larson fails again, they'll start looking for one.

Second chances are rare. Third chances are wishful thinking.

"I know I need to make the most of the opportunities I'm being given," Larson said. "I certainly didn't capitalize on the opportunity that was given to me last year, for whatever reason. I'm just trying to put that aside."

Last year, the Reds planned their infield around Larson, who was the 14th overall pick in the 1997 amateur draft out of Louisiana State. The Texan set school and Southeastern Conference records with 40 homers and 118 RBIs in his final season and was MVP of the College World Series.

Larson has done well in the minors but hasn't played well enough to establish himself in the majors. He hit .121 in 14 games in 2001, .275 in 23 games a year later and .101 in 32 games

last season.

The Reds thought he was ready for his breakout season in 2003 and moved Aaron Boone to second base in spring training to open a spot. Instead, Larson played so poorly that the Reds sent him to Triple-A on April 19, when he was hitting .083, and moved Boone back to third.

He hit .323 at Louisville — he has never had problems hitting in the minors — and was called back up but was in an 0-for-16 slump when a torn labrum ended his season on Aug. 16. He also had slumps of 0-for-13 and 0-for-17 with the Reds.

Boone was traded to the Yankees in July, opening up the job at third. Russell Branyan, who started 18 games at third base last season, was allowed to leave as a free agent in December, clearing the way for Larson to get another chance.

The Reds hope new hitting coach Chris Chambliss and infield instructor Randy Whisler help Larson translate his minor

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NASCAR

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NASCAR was not upset with his underfunded effort.

"We are perfectly fine with Carl Long," Hunter said. "He is trying to be a racer and everyone admires the effort he puts in."

"But we are looking at some of these other guys who are showing up and will consider different ways to handle these situations in the future."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 9 Kentucky 92, Tennessee 60

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky's 3-point shooting meant another long night on the road for Tennessee.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 17 points and the ninth-ranked Wildcats went 11-of-19 from 3-point range in a 92-60 victory on Wednesday night.

Kentucky (20-4, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) clinched its 14th consecutive 20-win season and completed a regular-season sweep of the Volunteers (13-11, 5-8), who have lost nine of their last 12 games.

Antwain Barbour scored 16 points and Cliff Hawkins added 15 points and seven assists for Kentucky, which is one game behind No. 7 Mississippi State in the overall SEC standings.

Kentucky's win, combined with South Carolina's loss at Florida on Wednesday, clinched at least a share of the SEC East division title for the Wildcats, who have won three straight games since a loss to Georgia.

"We've been getting better," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "I've seen it in practice. They're really starting to come together. We hadn't been bad all year, but we're getting better."

For only the second time this season, all five Kentucky starters scored in double figures. The Wildcats posted their largest winning margin of the season and their highest point total since a 101-72 win over Eastern Kentucky on Dec. 23.

Kentucky also matched its highest 3-point output of the season. The Wildcats made 11 3-pointers against Eastern Kentucky. Kentucky entered the game 10th in the SEC in made 3-pointers per game at 5.4. Azubuike and Barbour each went 3-of-4 from beyond the arc.

"That's got to be the best we've shot all year," Smith said.

Smith wasn't too far off, as Kentucky shot 58.9 percent from the field, its third-best outing of the season.

"We had great balance," Smith said. "We're pretty good

because we're solid in most other areas. When we make shots early on, it puts a lot of pressure on the other team."

Tennessee fell to 1-8 in road games this season. All eight of those losses have been by double figures.

Scotter McFadgon, who scored 33 points in the Volunteers' first game this season against Kentucky, led Tennessee with 18 points and Stanley Asumnu added 13.

"It bothers me that we went back to where we were early in the conference season," Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson said.

"I told our guys (during the game) that I wanted five guys who were going to compete. Our offense gave (Kentucky) way too many opportunities to score."

Tennessee scored the first five points before Kentucky seized control with a 17-2 run, during which Barbour scored nine points. The Wildcats led by as many as 18 points before settling for a 44-29 halftime lead.

Tennessee came no closer than 13 points in the second half. Kentucky outrebounded the taller Volunteers 40-27.

Chuck Hayes scored 14 points and center Erik Daniels added 12 points and six assists for Kentucky, which recorded assists on 19 of its 33 field goals.

Kentucky went 7-of-11 from 3-point range in the first half and was 11-for-16 before missing its last three attempts. The Wildcats entered the game shooting 32.8 percent from 3-point range this season.

"Our team was running the floor, and our transition game was really working," Hawkins said.

Gerald Fitch, Kentucky's leading scorer, didn't start for the sixth straight game, three of which he missed because of injury. Fitch played only 35 seconds Wednesday, as he was suffering from food poisoning. He picked up two quick fouls after entering the game in the first half and didn't return.

Beaver Creek Little League signups

Beaver Creek Little League signups will be held on Feb. 28, March 6 and March 13 from noon until 2 p.m. each day. Another signup will be held on March 20 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Martin Community Center. The league will also conduct signups for girls' softball on the same dates. For additional information, contact Sarita Jacobs at 285-0668, Rodney Nelson at 285-4230 or Debi Bentley at 285-5070.

KC Diamond has open house Saturday

The KC Diamond Indoor baseball and softball batting facility, located in Summitt, is open for business and there will be open house on Saturday.

The facility is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is located behind the Kentucky Fried Chicken off U.S. 60.

Several area high school baseball teams will be working out during the open house to allow the public the chance to see the facility in action.

Rose Hill, Boyd County, Ashland, Russell, Fairview, Lawrence County and Greenup County baseball teams will be working out starting at 8 a.m. For information or reservations call 606/928-0903.

SOCCER: Floyd Youth Soccer registration continues

Registration for the Spring,

2004 Floyd County Youth Soccer Association season will continue on Saturday at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Soccer coaches and representatives will be at Dairy Queen from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost of registration is \$40, which includes a uniform. Teams are available for all children who were at least four years old but less than 19 years old on Aug. 1, 2003.

In the fall, approximately 150 young people participated in recreational soccer in Floyd County. The FCYSA soccer fields are located on the grounds of Christ United Methodist Church in Allen, which graciously donates the use of its property.



photo by Jamie Howell

Pike Central senior Chase Lyons (32) was recognized in the fourth quarter Tuesday night against South Floyd after scoring career point number 1,000.

Morehead St. 80, E. Kentucky 71

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — In a battle of ex-University of Kentucky men's basketball players, Morehead State University head coach Kyle Macy won the coaching battle Tuesday night over Travis Ford, the head man at Eastern Kentucky University.

Ricky Minard scored 24 points to lead Morehead State to an 80-71 win over Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday night.

Chad McKnight added 18 points for the Eagles (14-12, 9-6 Ohio Valley Conference), and Ramon Kelly scored 10.

Matt Witt, who has scored 70 points in Eastern Kentucky's

last three games, led the Colonels (13-13, 8-7) with 22 points. Ben Rushing had 12, Jon Bentley 11 and Michael Haney 10. Bentley is a graduate of Hazard High School.

Morehead State went ahead 58-48 midway through the second half on a 10-0 run, then went 10-for-12 from the line in the final two minutes. For the game, the Eagles were 29-of-33 from the line (87.9 percent), to 7-of-13 (53.8 percent) for Eastern.

Eastern led 23-12 midway through the first half, but the Eagles stormed back behind the play of Minard to lead 39-36 at the break.

DePaul 60, Louisville 58, OT

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Quemont Greer scored 19 points and hit the go-ahead shot in overtime to lift DePaul to a 60-58 victory over No. 21 Louisville on Wednesday night, the Cardinals' fourth straight loss.

Andre Brown had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Blue Demons (16-8, 9-4 Conference USA), who beat Louisville in Freedom Hall for the first time since 1986, a span of 10 games. Francisco Garcia scored 19 points but committed five turnovers for Louisville (17-7, 7-6), which lost four straight for the first time under coach Rick Pitino. The Cardinals have lost six of their last seven overall and two of their last three at home.

The lead changed hands three times in overtime before Greer's pull-up jumper with 2:15 left put DePaul up 59-58.

Louisville missed a shot and committed two turnovers on its next three possessions. Garcia

lost the ball on a drive with 41 seconds left.

Drake Diener, an 85 percent career free throw shooter, missed the first of two free throws with 11 seconds remaining. He made the second to put DePaul up 60-58.

Larry O'Bannon, who scored 12 points, lost the ball to Delonte Holland on a drive with 2 seconds left.

The Cardinals shot 37.5 percent (18-of-48), the eighth time in nine games they've been under 40 percent. DePaul outrebounded Louisville 47-29, the Cardinals' most lopsided rebound deficit this season.

Louisville led 31-25 after a sluggish first half. Brown, DePaul's leading rebounder and second-leading scorer, picked up his fourth foul with 16:38 left and went to the bench.

The Cardinals led 42-38 after O'Bannon's drive with 9:35 left, but Louisville then went more than 6 minutes without a field goal.

O'Bannon's basket from near the top of the key with

3:05 left ended the Cardinals' field goal drought and gave Louisville a 50-46 lead.

Brown, who returned with 6:38 left, scored inside with 1:59 remaining. Garcia answered with his first basket of the half 30 seconds later to restore Louisville's four-point edge.

Diener hit a shot from the wing with 1:18 left and Louisville lost the ball on a turnover.

Brown's three-point play with 19 seconds left gave DePaul a 53-52 lead — its first since 10-9.

Garcia hit two free throws with 12 seconds left to put Louisville back on top.

On DePaul's final possession, Greer drove to the basket and was fouled by Alhaji Mohammed. Pitino put his hands on his head and backed into the scorer's table in disbelief at the call.

Garcia waved his arms to incite the crowd before Greer missed the first free throw, but swished the second.

Sink

— combined for 33 points — but it wasn't enough. With a fleet-of-foot lineup on the court in the final period, South Floyd pulled out a 65-61 win in a game that offered the Raiders an interesting late-season matchup.

"It was a very good win for us," said South Floyd head coach Henry Webb. "Pike Central has been playing very well as of late. They caused us problems with their inside play and athleticism. We decided to go small and press and speed up the game which worked out for us."

The play of Burnett Little also worked for the Raiders. The junior starter scored 16 points before leaving the contest with an ankle injury. The 16 markers were good to enough to make him South Floyd's leading scorer in the win.

"(Burnett) Little, turned his ankle and has a pretty bad sprain," said Webb. "I think he will bounce back before Saturday."

South Floyd is scheduled to host Fleming-Neon Saturday night for Senior Night.

The play of South Floyd's seniors also went a long way Tuesday night. Jack Slone hit three three-pointers — two in the

fourth quarter — and finished with 12 points. Brian Meade scored eight and Adam Tackett flipped in six.

"I can't say enough about the effort of our seniors the last few games," Webb added. "They really stepped up again against Pike County Central. I thought Jack Slone played a good game as well as Brian Meade (work horse) and Adam Tackett."

The sophomore backcourt duo of Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall also gave quality minutes. Johnson finished with 12 points and Hall scored four, all in the fourth quarter.

"We also had solid play from Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall," said Webb. "I was very pleased with our defensive intensity in the second half and our rebounding. We outrebounded them for the game, which is always good."

South Floyd led 52-51 with 3:19 remaining in the fourth period. Pike Central then went on a mild run in the next two minutes that followed. South Floyd led 60-57 with 32.8 remaining when Johnson called a timeout after a missed shot by Pike Central and essentially put South Floyd on its way to preserving the win.

Steven Stanley finished with

four points for South Floyd, while teammate Mason Hall tossed in three.

Lyons led Pike Central with 17 points. Prater scored 16 and Bryan Ratliff netted 10.

South Floyd, after its game Saturday night with Fleming-Neon, will focus on the upcoming 58th District Tournament. The Raiders will be gunning for a fifth straight 58th District crown. The first round opponent for South Floyd is Prestonsburg.

"I feel we are playing pretty good at this time," said Webb. "We will begin to focus on Prestonsburg for the tournament. I think they are a dangerous team. We realize this will be a very tough game; however, I am confident that our young men will be ready to play. Should be a great game."

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Rockingham. He finds himself in the top-10 in the series standings for the first time since April 2003.

"We're definitely on a natural high right now and we've got some momentum. We're top-10 in points, even with the bad luck we had at Rockingham. We had a top-10 go at Rockingham until something went through our (car) nose. My guys have done a lot of homework this winter. We feel like we're more prepared than ever. The (Yates) teams are working closer than they've ever been, Mike (Ford) and (Sadler's Crew Chief) Todd (Parrott) are doing good. So, it's 'so far so good' for the M&M's team. We tested very, very fast at Vegas and are looking forward to the race in Atlanta. We should be in good shape."

Sadler and his No. 38 team are scheduled to test engine packages tomorrow.

"The 88 is doing some chassis stuff and the 38 is doing engine package stuff. It's stuff that's going to benefit everybody, not only on horsepower, but gas mileage and tuning and things like that. We've got a lot of work to do. We've got a lot of motors being flown in tonight for tomorrow. I was the motor guy at Daytona and it seemed to work out good with four Yates motors in the top-five for qualifying."

Spurlock making mark in high school basketball

by ED TAYLOR
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I have been following the Hazard Bulldogs boys basketball program all season and the tremendous job Kevin Spurlock has done at the Perry County school. Coach Spurlock's ballclub has a sparkling 23-4 record heading toward district tournament time next week.

Coach Spurlock's Hazard team will have to face a tough Perry County Central team in the first round of the event. That may not be so good the Bulldogs dropping a 21-point decision the last time the two team met.

The former Allen Central assistant coach has already put a state title trophy in the trophy case following a 43-38 win over Bishop Brossart in the championship game of the All "A" state championship game recently.

But the Bulldogs will like to duplicate that feat when the Sweet Sixteen tips off in March. Hazard could very well be one of those 16 teams.

MARK MARKS — Allen Central girls basketball team seems to have the momentum heading into next week's District 58 basketball action at Allen Central. Coach Mark Martin, in his first season at the helm of the program, has his team playing well with six consecutive victories and most recently a win over tough Pike County Central.

Allen Central will meet an improved Prestonsburg squad in the first round of the tournament. Central won both regular season games but by slim margins. A three-point victory preceded a one point win the last time the two met.

Coach Martin has done a remarkable job in his first stint at the Lady Rebel helm. Going into the tournament the Lady Rebs are 16-11 and 4-2 in the conference. The Lady Rebels dropped their two district games to front running Betsy Layne.

I have known Coach Martin for a number of years, remembering when he played for coach Harold Wallen at Allen Central. I always thought he would make a good high school coach one day — and he has.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES — All of the Cincinnati Reds players reported to spring training when they were supposed to and it looks like a different mode of things this year.

New GM Dan O'Brien has the Reds going through different routines in the first week of the season and the players

are liking what they have seen thus far.

Newly acquired right-hander, D.J. Mattox, is the first Red to go down with an injury. The one-time New York Met, Mattox has experienced some soreness in his elbow and is expected to be shut down for a week.

I cannot wait until the first pitch is thrown out signaling the beginning of the 2004 season. I am anxious for the Grapefruit League games to get underway.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

BASEBALL

Infielder hopes he can stay with the Cincinnati Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — D'Angelo Jimenez is hoping he has found a home with the Cincinnati Reds.

Three years in a row, the infielder has been traded at midseason — from the New York Yankees to the San Diego Padres in 2001, the Padres to the Chicago White Sox in 2002 and the White Sox to the Reds in 2003.

"Every year I came to spring training I knew that I had a position, but every time I had to fight," he said.

Jimenez turned out to be a valuable acquisition for Cincinnati. The Reds gave up minor-league pitcher Scott Dunn to get Jimenez on July 6.

The Reds initially regarded the switch-hitter as a utility infielder, but he became the starter at second base. He hit

.290 in 73 games with the Reds after hitting .255 in 73 games with the White Sox.

This year, Jimenez is considered the starter at second base. He'd like to stick around.

"I've been traded a couple times in the middle of the season. But every year I come in with a team, I think it's a home for me," he said. "It's a good opportunity to play every day here, and to stay one year with one team, that's what I want."

Jimenez has played at second and shortstop. The Reds had considered moving him to third base.

"I feel like I'm a second baseman," he said. "In the major leagues I've always played short or second. I've been playing second base for a year and a half, and I feel comfortable there."

Wagner will stay in bullpen for now

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — From the moment he signed his first professional contract, Ryan Wagner was on the fast track to the majors.

The right-hander needed a little more than a month to develop from a first-round draft pick into a major league reliever, settling into the Cincinnati Reds' bullpen at age 21. His fastball and slider were impressive the first time around the National League.

Can he do it again? And, what role fits him best?

Wagner will open the season as the setup man for closer Danny Graves, who has one more year left on his contract. After that, Wagner could take over as the closer ... or do something else.

Former general manager Jim Bowden suggested last year that Wagner could be turned into a starter someday. Bowden was fired in July, and the Reds haven't brought it up again.

"As of right now, it doesn't look like I'm going to be a starter

as of this year," Wagner said. "I don't know what they have in store for me in years to come, but as far as I know I'm going to be in the bullpen."

There was never any doubt he'd make it there last year.

The Reds made him the 14th overall pick in the amateur draft last June and immediately suggested he would be in the majors before the end of the year. He agreed to a \$1.4 million bonus 10 days later, pitched nine games in the minors and was called up on July 19.

Wagner, who grew up in Texas, was the first member of his draft class to reach the majors.

Opposing hitters wondered why the Reds were hurrying Wagner, who signed as a sophomore from the University of Houston. The Reds were so far out of contention that they fired Bowden and manager Bob Boone only nine days after Wagner was promoted, then started a trading spree that gutted the lineup of stars and salaries.

Wagner went 2-0 with a 1.66 ERA in 21 2-3 innings before the Reds decided to let him sit out the rest of the season rather than risk hurting his arm. The brief stint in the majors allowed him to get acclimated.

"It's definitely a plus just to get in there and get my feet wet and get a little taste of success," Wagner said. "Anytime that you can go in there and get comfortable, the next time you go out you can just go out and pitch. You don't have to worry about the other stuff."

"I think that's the way I'm going to go out there this year."

The Reds decided to let him rest after he reached 115 innings pitched between college, the minors and the majors. Wagner found the toughest part of the majors was learning how to be ready to pitch every day.

"It's definitely different," he said. "In college, you only play four games a week. You have three days in there to rest or have practice time or rehab a little bit."

Larson

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league success to the next level.

"He's going to get all the opportunities that we can give him down here," manager Dave Miley said. "We've only been down here a few days, but just from watching what Randy's doing with him and what Chris is doing with him, we're hoping to see the Brandon that I've seen in Triple-A."

Notes: The Reds' position players had physicals in the morning Tuesday, then participated in the first full-squad workout. ... Larson, Austin Kearns and Adam Dunn are among 15 players who are not signed to 2004 contracts. Their contracts can be automatically renewed by the club starting next Tuesday.

BASEBALL

HAP Little League to hold signups

HAP Little League signups will be held on March 7 in the Dome at Betsy Layne. Signups and tryouts will be held March 20-21 for all new players from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday (March 20) and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday (March 21) at Allen Park.

Players ages 5-14 are eligible for baseball. Girls ages 9-12 are eligible for softball. Signup fees will be \$25 for the first child, \$15 for the second child and \$10

for each additional child. All returning players need to register once again, but do not have to tryout.


There are coaching positions available for coach-pitch as well as the junior league division.

For more information contact Mindi Watson at 478-1482 or Drema Case at 478-2953.

The Little League player application on this page may be used for any Floyd County Little League charter.

HAP/Beaver Creek/ Prestonsburg Little League®

Player Registration Form



Player name _____

Address _____

Address 2 _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone () _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____

Gender _____

League Age/Fee _____

Age Amount

My child will tryout for: Baseball Softball

Parent #1

Name _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Volunteer?

Parent #2

Name _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Volunteer?

Medical Information

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to player _____

Insurance carrier _____

Phone _____

Policy _____

League Use Only

Birth Certificate _____ **Proof of Residency** _____

Medical Release Form _____ **Waiver needed?** _____

Level Assigned _____ **Team Name** _____

1. I/We, the parent/guardian of the above-named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.

2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

3. I/We agree to return upon request the uniforms and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

4. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts, local Board-of-Directors' approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.

5. I/We understand that our child (candidate) may be chosen at anytime to play on a Major Division team, if he or she is of the correct age for such division as determined by the local league and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.

6. I/We agree to provide proof of legal residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and age. I/We understand that our child (candidate) must be eligible under the residence and age regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, to participate in this Local League, and that if any controversy arises regarding residence and/or age, the decision of the Charter Committee in Williamsport shall be final and binding. I/We further understand that if any participant on a Little League team does not qualify for participation in the league based on residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and/or age, such participant and/or team as which he/she participates be found ineligible, and forfeit(s) and/or suspension of Tournament privileges may be decreed by action of the Charter Committee or Tournament Committee.

7. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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THROUGH MY EYES

A work in progress

I've been spending some time this week thinking about the intricacies of human behavior. Most specifically, about how hard it is to modify learned behavior and habits. I got into this subject by doing a little research on bariatric surgery, something I was thinking I might like to consider having done in order to, once and for all, rid myself of my life-long problem with fluctuating weights and all the self-esteem issues that naturally come into play when one is wrestling with the effects of an eating disorder. Eating disorders, we all know, run rampant in this country. We have folks all around us who attempt, on a daily basis, to starve themselves into model-perfect images by denying themselves food or by first indulging and then purging themselves of what they have just eaten. On the



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

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POSTSCRIPT

A little common sense, please

Civil society must have rules and they must be equally applied. I truly believe that, but I also recognize that sometimes common sense needs to apply.

Case in point: Appalshop, the arts and education center in



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

Whitesburg where I work, has been informed by its insurance company that alarm systems must be installed in all its properties. Otherwise, the rates

will skyrocket.

For Appalshop's two buildings in Whitesburg, that's no problem. It's an unanticipated and hard-to-cover expense, but it's doable and understandable.

The third building, however, is a different matter. It's the small cement block structure that hous

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Co-Op News: Renovating hay and pasture fields

Ray Tackett
 Floyd County Extension Agent for
 Agriculture & Natural Resources

If you have a less-than-productive grass pasture or hay field, the following are some simple renovation techniques that will increase productivity. These practices include planting a legume such as red clover, controlling pests and adding lime and fertilizer.

Adding legumes to pasture and hay fields has several benefits including higher yields, improved quality, nitrogen fixation, and more summer growth.

Seeding legumes increases the total forage yield per acre. One study compared adding red clover to a fescue pasture with fertilizing the grass with nitrogen. Red clover growing with fescue produced higher yields than

fescue fertilized with up to 180 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

Adding legumes also improves forage quality, compared to grass alone. This increases in palatability, intake, digestibility and nutrient content, resulting in improved animal performance. Research studies have shown that legumes improve animal growth rates, reproductive efficiency and milk production.

Legumes also add, or "fix," nitrogen in grass pastures and hayfields. Inoculating seed adds symbiotic bacteria that live in "knots" on plant roots and fix nitrogen the grasses and legumes need. Different legumes are able to fix varying amounts of nitrogen. Alfalfa usually fixes the most, about 200 pounds per acre, while

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Breanian Maree Cottrell knows what she likes and was quick to fill her mom in on what she wanted during her dream shopping spree held Monday at Prestonsburg's Wal-Mart. Breanian's dream was sponsored by The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky.

'Tickle Me, Elmo' and the Dream Factory 'tickle her pink' with Wal-Mart dream

by Kathy J. Prater
 Features Editor

Breanian Maree Cottrell knows what she likes and she likes, for one, Elmo, the bright red, pop-eyed furry creature who lives on Sesame Street. Breanian, who was recently treated to a Wal-Mart shopping spree, courtesy of The Eastern Kentucky Dream Factory, kept her family busy this past Monday afternoon scouting out

"anything Elmo" as they toured the toy aisles of the Prestonsburg store.

"She absolutely loves Elmo," said Tracie Crace, Breanian's mother. "Anything Elmo, she goes crazy for it." Along with singing Elmo's, giggling Elmo's and bouncing Elmo's, Breanian also had a shopping cart full of Elmo books and coloring books, along with a multitude of other items, by the time she and her family left the store on Monday.

"This is what it's all about," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization's local chapter, "the smile on that child's face. This is why we do the work we do." Greathouse and his board of directors were able to grant Breanian's shopping trip dream because the child, age 12, suffers from an array of life-threatening and chronic illnesses. Among them, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, hydrocephalus, congenital

toxoplasmosis syndrome, and other multiple handicaps.

Breanian is the daughter of Crace and Duwane Cottrell, of Floyd County. She has one sister, Cortneh Cottrell.

According to Greathouse, by the time Breanian had shopped to her heart's desire, she had racked up \$3,318.13 worth of merchandise.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to ponder: Mental Illness...Myth vs. Reality

Several times a week a client will say, "I was so afraid to come, even though I've known that I needed to." It was just that I did not want anyone to know that I had such problems." It is really unfortunate that there is so much stigma still surrounding depression and other mental illness. So many folks are severely misinformed about these conditions. An example is that schizophrenia is often referred to as multiple personalities, which is definitely a mistake. The big impact of the public not knowing the general nature of mental illness is that people with mental

disorders fall prey to discrimination, ridicule, and bad public policy. Do you know what it feels like to be depressed?

Who hasn't had a "bad" day every once in a while? Everybody gets depressed or feels "crazy" at times. It's all on a scale of intensity from being cheery and happy all the time to suffering from clinical depression. In contrast, the folks that have suffered from the "real thing" are well aware that their illnesses are not temporary feelings and just didn't happen because of unpleasant events. An individual's immediate circumstances

does make a difference in his mood, but there is no way it can explain away chronic or persistent, recurring depressed moods. Mental illnesses are real illnesses.

Like other major areas of life, there are myths about mental health in general. Myth: Mentally ill people could help getting ill if they tried a little harder. Reality: Mental illness does not strike because a person lacks willpower. Myth: It is in the manner they were raised or the manner they live that made them ill. Reality: Even though there are episodes

of mental disorders that can be stimulated or worsened by life events, mental disorders are created by physical events occurring in the brain, such as an imbalance of chemicals called neurotransmitters.

Myth: Mental illness is rare. Reality: More than 50 percent of U.S. residents suffer from a mental illness at some point in their lives. Myth: No one in my family has had it, so I don't have to worry. Reality: There are certain mental disorders that are likely to be inherited, but



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
 Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

■ Feb. 27 - Bridges Parent Support Group, 1:30 p.m., in the Allen Central Middle School Resource Center. Parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers and support staff are all welcome to attend. Fun, activities, refreshments and information!

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

**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:

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

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

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

■ March 1 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., school auditorium.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

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

■ 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 Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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Eyes

flip side, we have those who eat in excess because they are trying, in most cases, to fill an emotional void or to comfort themselves in a way that no one else can, or will.

Either way, life becomes miserable, and threatened.

Something as simple as living a healthy and happy lifestyle is a thing that just seems to elude the majority of us. What is it that we are looking for? For the most part, we all, if we will just admit it, pretty much know what it takes to make us healthy, but what does it take to make us happy?

Watching television for even the briefest of periods will, in no time flat, send us the message that

"all" it takes to be happy is material possessions (lots and lots of them), big houses, fast cars, sexy mates and, last but not least, looking "exactly" like the folks on the t.v. screens and magazine covers.

Lose that weight, get that fat sucked out, those cheeks sucked in and get yourself "lifted" front and rear. Then, you'll be happy.

Not so, said the doctor I talked with last week. Not so, says our weekly columnist "Dr. Mable." Not so, says Diane Pickard Hall, featured in last Sunday's Lifestyles section.

What then, is the answer? For me, I think the answer has to come from within. Some way,

before we leave this earth, we have to figure out, and come to believe, that we are okay. So maybe we don't all possess sheer and breathtaking beauty, so maybe we aren't all physically fit enough to win a presidential award, so maybe we aren't all rich enough to live on a country estate or to drive a Cadillac Escalade, so maybe we aren't all smart enough to get ourselves a Ph.D., still, we are all God's children and by that virtue alone, we are "okay."

To know it is one thing - to put it to the test is another.

God help you in your struggles, and me in mine. I don't know about you, but I think we'll be okay - eventually.

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Valentines



Valentine Greetings

Postmaster Shirley Minix of the David Post Office, right, presented a special gift of roses and candy to Robie and Doris Slone, of David, on Valentine's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Slone were married on May 8, 1948, and will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary this year. Mr. Slone is a retired coal miner, and Mrs. Slone is employed by the David School. To qualify for this special gift, the winning couple had to have been married for fifty years or longer. Postmaster Minix wishes Mr. and Mrs. Slone a very happy and special year.

Ponder

many people with no family history of such disorders become ill. In addition, there are people with such family histories, but they are mentally healthy all of their lives. Myth: Mentally ill people are violent. Reality: Research has shown that mentally ill people are no more likely to commit violent acts than anyone else. In contrast, mentally ill people receiving treatment might be statistically less violent than the over-all population. Myth: Congress passed a law that guarantees mental health coverage to everyone. Reality: Even though there have been some small victories on the legislative front, very few Americans enjoy equal insurance coverage for physical and mental illnesses.

There are also myths about depression. Myth: People with depression are lazy. Reality: Depression is a serious illness that steals the physical and mental energy from its victims, so that it makes as much sense to say that people with the flu are lazy. Myth: People with

depression are just trying to get attention. They should just "snap out of it." Reality: Depression sometimes stimulates multiple related physical ailments and complaints. However, the depressed individual is not "playing sick." They are sick. Would you think of telling someone after a heart attack to snap out of it? Myth: "I've always been too busy to be depressed." Reality: Boy, have you been lucky! Myth: Unlike other mental illnesses, depression isn't that bad. Reality: A basic difference among mental illnesses is that the symptoms of depression are often not as dramatic as those of other disorders, such as schizophrenia. However, depression invariably makes its sufferers extremely miserable, sometimes leading to life-threatening physical complications, and often kills.

Similar to physical conditions, there are some common symptoms of clinical depression. Major ones are feelings of sadness, emptiness, and hopelessness. Other typical

feelings are those of guilt, worthlessness, or embarrassment. There is often a lack of energy and motivation. The depressed individual usually displays a high level of irritability and also impatience. Inappropriate feelings of anger or frustration are often shown and/or reported. There is also a high level of sensitivity to criticism. Although he used to enjoy various activities prior to being depressed, the depressed person does not have the ability to have pleasure. He just cannot enjoy life in any form. Depression so negatively impacts on the person's mental processing, such as having difficulties focusing on tasks requiring concentration and forgetfulness associated with short-term memory problems. There are usually sleep problems, either wanting to sleep too much or not being able to sleep. The depressed person's appetite is also likely to vary, from eating too much to too little and his weight changing. Thoughts about death might be reported. The extremely

depressed individual tends to have suicidal thoughts and perhaps a suicide attempt. By all means, never ignore a suicide comment. It is possible that you might save someone's life, if you take it seriously, even if it is a joke. If the person was not serious, you have at least shown someone that you care. Don't forget that suicide is the leading cause of deaths for teenagers, 15 to 19 years of age, and we never know when one of us can make a difference.

If you or someone you know is depressed, seek professional services. It has been found over and over again that talking about your depressive feelings with an objective person and often taking anti-depressive medications, which are not addictive, are very effective treatment for the depressed individual. A responsible and ethical professional will not tell anyone that you have been there, unless you sign a special form giving the professional permission to do so. Life does not need to be painful.

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Announcements



Natalie Newsome, left, and Jessica Biliter, seated, practiced just before the beginning of the Floyd County Board of Education's monthly meeting, held February 23, at Betsy Layne High School. Natalie opened the meeting with a beautiful performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied on keyboard by Jessica. Both girls are students at the school.

Co-Op

annual lespedeza fixes less, about 75 pounds.

Legumes make more growth during the summer than cool-season grasses. Growing grasses and legumes together increases summer growth.

When renovating grass fields with legumes, have the soil tested and apply the recommended lime and fertilizer. Legumes need higher soil pH and fertility levels than grasses.

Do not add nitrogen because it stimulates grasses, increasing competition with legumes.

Reduce vegetative cover on the soil to make it easier for legume seed to make contact with the soil. The best way is to allow heavy grazing during early winter.

Select legumes based on the soil and your planned use of the forage. For hay, alfalfa or red clover usually is best. A red clover-ladino clover combination works well for both hay and grazing. Ladino clover, red clover and/or annual lespedeza are good choices for pastures.

Select certified seed varieties that perform well in your geographic area. Also, be sure to mix a high-quality inoculant with seed

just before planting. Apply a sticking agent to be sure the inoculant sticks to the seed.

Be sure seed makes good contact with the soil. One of the best ways to do this is to use a pasture renovator (no-till drill). Another method is to use a disk, field cultivator or field tiller. Tillage helps expose the soil so legumes have a better chance to germinate and grow. When planting clovers, disturb 40 to 60 percent of the sod. For alfalfa seeding, almost all sod should be loosened from the soil.

You also can use herbicides to kill or suppress grass to help control competition. Be sure to follow the herbicide label directions for rates and grazing restrictions.

A simple, effective technique is to broadcast legume seed on the soil surface in late winter, generally February 15 to March 15. Soil freezing and thawing covers the seed. This method doesn't work well with alfalfa seed.

Controlling grass and weed competition is one of the most critical practices for successful renovation. Many attempts have failed because grass was allowed to grow and reduce the light, nutrients and water available to

young legume plants. Keep grass short by grazing or mowing until legume plants are three to four inches tall. Stop grazing and mowing for several weeks so legumes will become well established. Afterwards, mow or graze the field on a schedule to keep legumes in good condition.

Once legumes are established, use soil test recommendations as the basis for the fertility program. Take soil samples every third year to check fertilizer and lime needs. To avoid grass competition, don't use any nitrogen while you have legumes in the field.

Mow pastures when needed to remove grass seed heads and control weeds and woody vegetation.

Scout renovated fields regularly to discover insect problems early. Contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668 for recommendations on how to handle insect problems and other information on successful pasture renovation.

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

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Family Medicine

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



Q: A few weeks ago I was diagnosed with Bell's palsy. I am recovering nicely, but I am curious about what caused this problem. Is it contagious to my husband and grandchildren? Will I get it again? Will I make a full recovery?

A: Bell's palsy is named after Sir Charles Bell, a Scottish surgeon who studied the 7th cranial nerve and its innervation of the facial muscles 200 years ago. Bell's palsy is a paralysis of this 7th cranial nerve. Also known as the facial nerve, this paired nerve is the primary motor nerve to the face.

In virtually all cases, Bell's palsy only affects the nerve on one side of the face

and causes the muscles to become temporarily paralyzed. Other symptoms may include pain in the area of the nerve, tearing (because you are unable to close your eye), drooling (because you can't close your mouth on the affected side) and a change in sense of taste. For most people, Bell's palsy is more of a short-term nuisance than a long-term medical problem.

The onset of Bell's palsy, or facial nerve paralysis, is as a result of trauma to the facial nerve. Generally, when we think of trauma, we think of being hit or injured in some way. But trauma can also be the result of an infection. In some cases of Bell's palsy, researchers have speculated that a viral infection might have caused

Recovery from Bell's Palsy usually rapid

the trauma. This speculation has centered on the cold sore virus, herpes simplex and other herpes viruses.

As you can see, we don't know exactly what causes Bell's palsy; however, we do know some things about who is more at risk. While it can strike almost anyone at any age, it disproportionately attacks pregnant women and people who have diabetes, influenza, a cold or some other upper respiratory ailment.

The disease usually comes on very quickly. Most people either wake up to find they have Bell's palsy, or have symptoms — such as a dry eye or tingling around their lips — that progress to classic Bell's palsy during that same day. Occasionally, it may take a few days for symptoms to become recognizable as Bell's palsy. A warning sign may be neck pain or pain in or behind the ear, but it is not usually recognized in first-time cases.

Bell's palsy is usually diagnosed by the patient reporting the symptoms I've described with this type of relatively rapid onset. The doctor then conducts what's called a "diagnosis of exclusion" by ruling out other possible disorders. To accomplish this, he or she will check to see that no other body parts are affected and that laboratory tests and X-rays are normal.

The good news is that the majority of Bell's sufferers make a full recovery in a few weeks, and another 30 percent within three months. Recent studies have shown that treatment with steroids and antiviral drugs are proving to be highly effective. Using medication to prevent the affected eye from drying out, because it cannot close, is also very important.

Bell's palsy is not contagious. After getting started on medications and after any other accompanying illnesses have

passed, a person can resume normal activities. As for recurrences, yes they are known to occur. The recurrence rate varies widely between 5 and 9 percent. The time between recurrences is about 10 years.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicinews.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicinews.org.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

Feb. 7, 2004

A son, Nicholas Woods, to Jennifer & Duane Woods

Feb. 8, 2004

A son, Keegan Wayne Clark, to Nicole Clark

Feb. 8, 2004

A son, Keelin Thomas Clark, to Nicole Clark

Feb. 8, 2004

A daughter, Mackenzie Alexandra Daniels, to Sheila & John Daniels

Feb. 9, 2004

A son, Eric Caleb Shepherd, to Jessicka and Eric Shepherd

Feb. 9, 2004

A daughter, Brooklynn Nichole Wilson, to Karen and Larry Wilson

Feb. 10, 2004

A daughter, ShaLeigh Dawn Marie Spears, to Misty Dawn

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Feb. 10, 2004

A son, Caleb Joe Risner, to Tina & Boyd Risner

Feb. 11, 2004

A son, Noah Phillip Patrick, to Taya & Mitchell Patrick

Feb. 11, 2004

A son, Jamie Cashdunn Cliff Arnett, to LeDena Gwyn Smithers

Feb. 11, 2004

A son, Jeremah Isaiah Arron Dorton, to Melissa Suann Clark

Feb. 11, 2004

A son, Kameron Layne Bowlds, to Tabitha & Joshua Bowlds

Feb. 11, 2004

A son, Justin Andrew Parsons, to Ashley Renee Combs

Feb. 11, 2004

A daughter, Hailey Olivia

Jane Whitt, to Sary & Ollie Whitt

Feb. 12, 2004

A son, William Adam McGuire, to Channa & Adam Ryan McGuire

Feb. 12, 2004

A son, Kasey Thomas Meade, to Elizabeth & Thomas Meade

Feb. 12, 2004

A son, Johnathan Clark Hyden, to Rebecca Gail Minix

Feb. 13, 2004

A son, Landen Carter

Brickey, to Angela and Carter Brickey

Feb. 14, 2004

A son, Ashton Warren Trigg Dorton, to Stephanie Stumbo and Andrew Dorton

Feb. 14, 2004

A son, Riley C. Risner, to Jessica and Casey Risner

Feb. 15, 2004

A son, Landen Gaige Hall, to Rena Michelle Thompson

Feb. 16, 2004

A daughter, Melissa Faith

Lynn LeMaster, to Jennifer and Terry LeMaster

Feb. 16, 2004

A daughter, Shirley Renea Bailey, to Crystal and Michael Bailey

Feb. 17, 2004

A son, David Jarrett Russell, to Angela and Harold Russell

Feb. 17, 2004

A son, James Dalton Russell, to Angela and Harold Russell

Feb. 18, 2004

A daughter, Sarah Beth

Conley, to Jennifer and Thomas Conley

Feb. 18, 2004

A daughter, Phyllis Gracie Mae Sparkman, to Sheila Rae Sparkman

Feb. 18, 2004

A son, Landen Gaige Osborne, to Antonia and Eric Osborne

Feb. 18, 2004

A son, Corey Alan Clark, to Tiffany Harrison

Feb. 19, 2004

A son, Jacob Michael Hudnall, to Krissy and William Hudnall

Feb. 20, 2004

A daughter, Alexis Nicole Maynard, to Dorothy and Jenious Maynard

Feb. 20, 2004

A son, Ronnie Isiah Ray Stratton, to Angela Stratton

Feb. 20, 2004

A daughter, Mika Shayne Maynard, to Tammy and Michael Maynard

Feb. 20, 2004

A daughter, Demi Mae Frasure, to Julia Moore

Dream

Along with the Elmo characters and items, Breanian's most prized purchase was a deluxe swing set which her mom said she had been wanting for "a long time." She also purchased a home computer system complete with scanner, printer and fax copier, a video camera, home stereo system, computer desk and chair, clothing items, a recliner, an assortment of DVD's and home videos, and a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

As always, Greathouse informs that the associates of the Wal-Mart store were "more than helpful." "There was one young man, Steve, who is a stock clerk, that was extremely helpful, he did everything he could to help. Frank Webb was also a big help to us, making sure that we had a fresh buggy to fill while also making sure that the full ones got taken to the front of the store. And, of course, without the help of my daughters, Jennifer and Stacy, I don't know what we would have done. They keep everything running smoothly all the time and Stacy even helped deliver some of the stuff to

Breanian's home in her truck." Which only goes to show that the granting of a Dream Factory dream is always a group effort. An effort that works hand-in-hand through organization, family and community cooperation.

If you would like to volunteer your time to the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, or make a monetary donation to the organization, or nominate a child for the granting of a dream, you may do so by contacting Jerome Greathouse, area coordinator, at

606-886-0556, or fax to 606-886-9828, or by email to: jgreathouse@setel.com. You may also write to: The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602. To learn more about the Dream Factory organization, you may log onto the website: easternkentucky@dreamfactory-inc.com.

The Dream Factory organization is dedicated to "Making Dreams Come True for Critically and Chronically Ill Children."

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School

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 4:30 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.

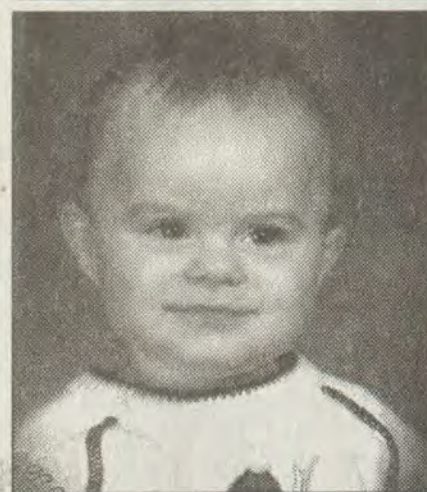
*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

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Birthdays

Happy 1st Birthday!

Isaiah Drew Collins is celebrating his first birthday today, February 27, 2004. Mom, Dad, family and friends wish him a very special day of fun and surprises!



Blake is 8!

Blake LeMaster, the son of Jason LeMaster, of Prestonsburg, and Lisa (Goble) LeMaster, of Auxier, celebrated his eighth birthday on Sunday, February 22, 2004, at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. Blake enjoyed a swimming pool party at the hotel which was attended by numerous friends and family members. Blake is the grandson of Ron and Jean LeMaster, of Prestonsburg, and Larry and Diana Goble, of Auxier.

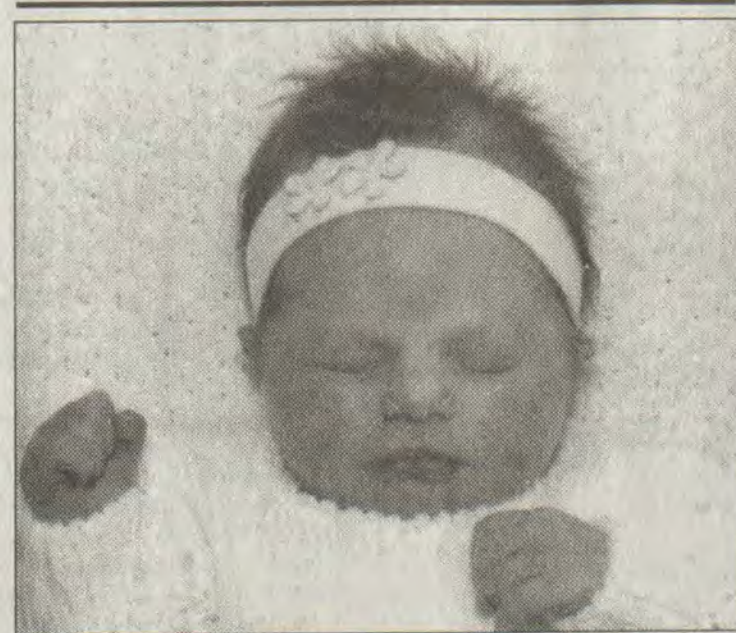


Hannah is 4!

Hannah Grace Stratton celebrated her fourth birthday on January 10, 2004, at Archer Park Skating Rink. Hannah is the daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth Stratton, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of John Henry and Bonnie Holbrook, of David, and Fred and Sandra Kaye Stratton, of Prestonsburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Inis Bradford, of David, and the late Burnis Bradford, and Osie Holbrook, of Prestonsburg, and the late Willie Holbrook, and the late Eugene Stratton, and Danzel Lee and Estill Jean Endicott, of Prestonsburg. She has one "Little Sister," Emily Faye.



Births



It's a Girl!

Emily Faye Stratton was born on December 30, 2003, to proud parents Timothy and Elizabeth Stratton, of Prestonsburg, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 7.9 oz., and was 22 inches long. Emily is the maternal granddaughter of John Henry and Bonnie Holbrook, of David. Her paternal grandparents are Fred and Sandra Kaye Stratton, of Prestonsburg. She is the maternal great-granddaughter of Inis Bradford, of David, and Osie Holbrook, of Prestonsburg, and the late Burnis Bradford and the late Willie Holbrook. Her paternal great-grandparents are Danzel Lee and Estill Jean Endicott, of Prestonsburg, and Juanita Stratton, of Prestonsburg, and the late Eugene Stratton. Emily's "Big Sister," Hannah Grace, is pleased and proud with her arrival!

Postscript

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es the guts of WMMT's radio transmitter on top of Pine Mountain on the Kentucky-Virginia border.

The mountain is a couple thousand feet high, and the tower is on a remote site on national forest land. A crude road ends about halfway up and our engineer has to walk the rest of the way when he has to make repairs or carry out routine maintenance.

When the building was put up, the man who was engineer then insisted on a steel door. There's evidence that someone tried to break in at least once, but he was unsuccessful in budging that door.

Alarm systems, unfortunately, are becoming common for businesses and residences. The ascension of drug addiction has forced people to bar their doors and lock up their goods. It's made addicts try anything to pay for their habit.

So it's understandable, in this instance, that insurance companies want their clients to do everything possible to protect themselves from thieves and ignominies.

But here's what we mean about a little common sense. If someone should succeed in breaking through the steel door at WMMT's transmitter building and if the alarm system kicks in and calls the local law enforcement offices, the thieves will have plenty of time to be in Virginia and points south during the hour or so it takes police to get to the top of the mountain.

Simply put, it just doesn't make sense to put an alarm system in a solid building on a remote mountain top, where no one can stop the thieves anyway.

But, given our choices, I guess that's what we'll do.

Floyd County Devotional Page

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, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, 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.
 Endicott 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 Ept. 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.
 Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branches Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5439, Renewal In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 0.5 mile southwest of

Craynor, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 2.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 194.08 acres, for a total permit acreage of 196.08 acres.

The operation is located 1.5 mile southwest from the junction of KY 979 and Mink Branch Road, and is located 1.5 mile southwest of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 25' 53" and longitude 82° 40' 22". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Chester Newsome. The operation will underlie land owned by Chester Newsome, Blaine Slone, Joseph Mining Company, Inc., Sue Hall, John Hall, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, and Donna Terry.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Divisions 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 permits conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edward Clark, 263 Osborn Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, near Parsons Branch, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edgar Martin, 10301 Route 979, Teaberry, Kentucky 41660, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.4 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.6 mile north of the community of

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jaclyn

Darling, 71 Spring Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, near Parsons Branch, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. 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

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Notice is hereby given that Missy Miller at the Department for Employment Services at (606) 435-6038 ext. 250, for details on how to apply, or fax your resume to (606) 435-6039

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TO RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN FLOYD COUNTY SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT is completing a water

expansion project that serves the following areas: Frasures Creek, John Hall Branch, Mink Branch, Weeksby, Caleb, and Yellow Flats. The funding for this project has allowed the District to waive the standard tap fee, for new customers during the construction period. In order to qualify for a new waiver of the standard tap fee, residents in these areas must come into the District's offices at 245 KY Route 680, in McDowell, Ky., Fill out a service agreement, and make a payment to the Ky. State Treasurer for a health department permit (35.00). However, as construction is now complete, this notice is to advise all residents who wish to obtain water from these new lines that the deadline for the waiver of tap fees is March 5, 2004. After that date, anyone who requests water service will be required to pay the standard tap fee of \$450.00. If you have questions, please call the District's office at 377-9296

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IMPORTANT ADDRESS NOTICE

The Kentucky Transport Cabinet Address has Changed Please Reflect these Changes in your Records. Thanks, Division of Contract Procurement Old Address: Kentucky Transport Cabinet Contract Procurement 501 High St.-Rm 901A Frankfort, KY 40622 NEW ADDRESS: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Contract Procurement 200 Metro St.-Rm w3-05-02 Frankfort, KY 40622

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