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Times Staff Report

Work has completed on the Floyd County school system's District Strategic Plan. This proposed implementation plan is available online for public review and comment.

Internet users can find a copy of the plan on the Floyd County Board of Education's website, located at www.floyd.k12.ky.us. Once on the Floyd County School Homepage, click on the "AFR & Public Notices" button, scroll down to "Strategic Plan" and click on "PDF File Statement". This will permit viewing of the entire document.

Anyone who wishes to comment on the plan must submit their comment in writing by Jan. 14. Comments can be sent to Floyd County Board of Education, Beverly Crisman, Community Education Coordinator, 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. For assistance, please call (606) 886-4547.

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Today



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Thursday



High: 35 • Low: 26

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Stephanie Prater was one of 19 people arrested in a drug roundup carried out by the Floyd County Drug Task Force that began Monday morning. Prater was taken from her apartment at the Martin Housing Complex and charged with trafficking prescription pills. As of yesterday, police were still seeking two suspects in the roundup.

Task force rounds up another 18 suspects

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

Since the last drug roundup in early April of last year, one might think the Floyd County Drug Task Force has been relatively quiet.

Many of the record-breaking 46 suspected dealers arrested in the first week of April of last year have been sentenced or are currently involved in plea negotiations with prosecutors.

It would have been easy for investigators to sit back and take a well-deserved break, but the truth of the matter is that for the past six months, the task force hasn't missed a beat.

For six months, the task force has, with only three undercover officers, continued its efforts and saw them pay off Monday morning with another 18 arrests, following by another Tuesday, bringing the total to 19 at this time.

Six task force groups made up of officers from both the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Prestonsburg Police Department departed from Prestonsburg and blanketed the county just after 9 a.m. Monday, arresting 18 suspected drug dealers charged in indictments with what would combine to be over 100 counts of doctor shopping and drug trafficking.

Floyd Sheriff John K. Blackburn and his group found their first suspect at Price approximately an hour into the roundup.

Blackburn, Sgt. Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson took Billy J. McCoy into custody without a problem at his home along Spewing Camp. McCoy was charged in an indictment with first- and second-degree drug trafficking.

Later, Blackburn spoke of the ease with which McCoy was brought into police custody.

"If you rush in, you won't have any problem," Blackburn said after

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Allen council to try again to join 'Old' with 'New'

Attorney instructed to gauge support

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Annexation has long been a topic for the city of Allen, says current Mayor Sharon Woods, and it was tossed in the air again during Monday's city council meeting.

During the meeting, members asked city attorney Stacy Marshall to begin circulating a petition to "get the feeling" of whether residents in New Allen would want to be incorporated into the city of Allen, which local residents often refer to as "Old Allen".

"There's always been a barrier between Old Allen

and New Allen," said council member Cindy Parsons, "and we have to unite them."

According to city manager Bill Parsons, the city has proposed annexation on three occasions, the last of which was approximately 24 years ago.

Residents turned down each of those propositions, he said, noting that additional taxes were probably the reason.

According to him, annexation would incorporate several businesses, including Dollar General, Quick Mart and approximately 800-to-900 new residents for the city of Allen. Several of those residents, he said, extend via hollows along U.S. 23.

Incorporation of those residents and businesses would provide additional revenue for the city, allow the city to

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Stumbo spends first day working on campaign promises

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — It was little surprise that Attorney General Greg Stumbo's first comments after assuming office Monday dealt primarily with fighting drugs.

Waging an all-out war against drugs and doing so with a newly revamped office of investigations had been Stumbo's promise throughout his campaign for office of attorney general.

Stumbo stayed true to form Monday, announcing that he plans to legislate a reorganization of his office's investigative divisions.

Most notably will be the creation of the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, which will have general crime fighting capabilities, as well as a focus on the illegal



Former state Rep. Greg Stumbo took the oath of office Monday to become the state's attorney general.

drug trade throughout the state.

This office, to be headed by former Louisville police officer David James as its executive director, will be created, at least in part, by the

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Angry residents join inmates to fix broken Wayland bridge

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — As the temperature dropped Monday afternoon and a light drizzle threatened to become flurries, residents of Shop Fork at Wayland buckled down and kept busy.

Their objective was simple, to repair a small bridge, replacing about eight wooden planks so the local school bus could pass. With

the help of Floyd Deputy Jailer Teddy Tackett and a handful of state inmates from the detention center, the group would succeed where they say the county has failed.

"It's pitiful that we have to go into our own pockets to get this thing fixed," said resident Rick Bentley. "This is a county bridge and is supposed to be fixed by the county, but we've been trying for over a month since Christmas

break and even longer than that and had no luck."

The rush was for the school children of Shop Fork, says Bentley.

Since before school went out of session for an extended flu outbreak and the holidays, several of the roughly 20 Floyd County students living in Shop Fork had to walk the half mile

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Floyd Deputy Jailer Teddy Tackett and a handful of state inmates joined Shop Fork residents Rick Bentley and Ollie Risner and others Monday in repairing a county-maintained bridge the locals say has been in need of work for more than a month.

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# Odds & Ends

**The Associated Press**

■ **DENVER** — Cabin fever is alive and well in the West. Hospital officials say the monster blizzard that kept people indoors across Colorado last year led to a spike in the number of December babies. "We had more babies born in December — exactly nine months after the blizzard —

than in any other month last year," said Len Gregory, spokesman for St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo. Added Lynne Snyder, head of newborn services for Avista Adventist Hospital in suburban Louisville: "We were overflowing there for a while." Snyder said it is not unusual for a surge in births 40 weeks after major events like the

Denver Broncos' first Super Bowl victory.

The snowstorm started March 17 and shut down Colorado cities big and small for several days. Nearly 9 feet of snow fell in the mountains and half that total paralyzed the heavily populated Front Range along the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

The state health department won't have final birth figures until next month, but spokeswoman Cindy Parmenter said she wouldn't be surprised if the numbers back the anecdotal evidence of a baby boomlet.

Nicole Maria Walker is one of this year's blizzard babies. She was born at 4:01 a.m. Jan. 1. "We certainly will never forget this new year," said Nicole's mother, Regina.

■ **BAKERSFIELD, Calif.**

— Kern County sheriff's deputies said they've never seen a less cagey suspect.

James Paul Egan allegedly robbed a 7-Eleven at gunpoint, taking care to conceal his identity by covering his face with a blue bandanna and wearing a knit hat and gloves.

Then he ran into the backyard of a nearby house, and threw away all the allegedly incriminating articles: the bandanna, the gloves, the hat, a .357-caliber handgun, and the jacket he'd been wearing — with his county jail property identification card in the pocket.

The card had his photograph, date of birth and jail booking number.

Deputies recognized him as the 21-year-old Egan, looked up his address and found him hiding in the attic of his home. He'd tried to disguise himself by shaving his head, deputies said.

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.**

— It's called "Governator" beer — and Portland Brewing Co. CEO Jerome Chicvara says he was

surprised that no California brewer thought of it first.

The brewing veteran says the 3,200 cases bearing the Pumping Iron label are a humorous tribute to the 38th governor of California, "Terminator" actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The label had to be approved

by both federal and state agencies.

A spokesman for Schwarzenegger said nobody in the governor's office had noticed the beer, but they would check on it.

Chicvara said the idea came to him while kidding around

with his college-age kids and their friends, who like many had morphed the words "governor" and "terminator" into "governator."

"And I thought that's good, that could be a beer," Chicvara

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## Today in History

**The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2004. There are 359 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

**On this date:**

■ In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

■ In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

■ In 1927, commercial trans-Atlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

■ In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

■ In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

■ In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera."

■ In 1959, the United States

recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

■ In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

■ In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

**Ten years ago:**

The government reported the unemployment rate fell to a three-year low of 6.4 percent in December 1993.

Nancy Kerrigan withdrew from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit, a day after her right leg was severely bruised in an attack following a practice session.

**Five years ago:**

For the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

**One year ago:**

President Bush unveiled his \$674 billion economic expansion

plan. Police in London announced they had found traces of the deadly poison ricin in a north London apartment and arrested six men in connection with the virulent toxin that has been linked to al-Qaida terrorists and Iraq.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Author William Peter Blatty is 76. Country singer Jack Greene is 74. Pop musician Paul Revere is 66. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 58. Singer Kenny Loggins is 56. Singersongwriter Marshall Chapman is 55. Actress Erin Gray is 54. Actor Sammo Hung is 52. Actor David Caruso ("CSI: Miami") is 48. "Today" show co-host Katie Couric is 47. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 45. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 45. Actor David Marciano is 44. Actress Hallie Todd is 42. Actor Nicolas Cage is 40. Actor Doug E. Doug is 34. Actor Kevin Rahm ("Judging Amy") is 33. Country singer-

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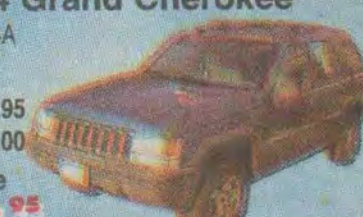
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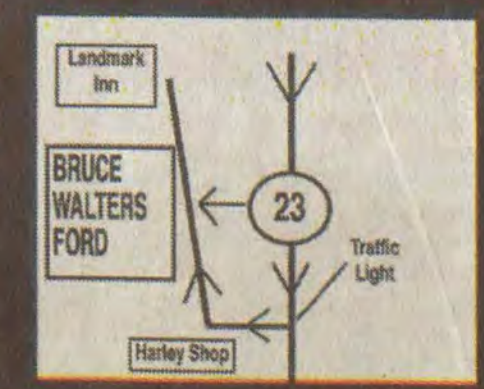
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# Allen council discusses police officer again

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Concerns about the activities of Allen's city police officer, James Burke, were revisited during a city council meeting Monday evening.

Burke was the focus of a council meeting in Allen two months ago, when council member Judy Parsons claimed he was ignoring a resolution previously passed that required him to submit a monthly report of his official duties while on city time.

Though Burke said during the meeting that he had been submitting the report, that request was revisited during Monday's meeting, following a closed session which lasted over an hour, by council member Jerome Kinzer. Kinzer requested that Burke

submit "more detailed" daily entries on his monthly report, specifically noting the need for Burke to record information regarding citations, arrests, complaints and patrolling areas.

The motion passed, with all members in favor shortly before Kinzer made an additional motion to hire a part-time police officer for "extra part-time help."

That motion, however, was shot down by other council members, who said they would put the issue on the agenda for next month's regularly sched-

uled meeting. Mayor Sharon Woods said the postponement would give the city time to properly advertise the position.

While members were in closed session, Burke told The Floyd County Times that he is considering finding another job.

According to Woods, however, the city isn't looking to replace Burke. Instead, she said, a part-time officer would help Burke out on his days off.

Council members went into executive session shortly after the meeting began, following a motion made by council mem-

ber Judy Parsons, who requested the closed-door hearing to discuss concerns about the city obtaining grants to purchase a new police car and other police equipment.

During the opening minutes of the meeting, Woods told the council that she had been working to gather information about obtaining those grants. Parsons was upset because the members didn't "sit down as a group" to discuss the issue prior to that.

In other news, the council

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# Pikeville attorney accused of sneaking drugs into jailhouse

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Always aware that contraband is forever a threat in a jail or prison setting, Pike County Jailer Rodney Scott recently took upon himself to look closer into what he viewed as a threat to his facility.

Suspecting that drugs were being smuggled into the jail, Scott contacted members of the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement East Unit and asked for some help.

But he could hardly have expected the situation that would arise from that close look.

What followed were the arrests of a Pikeville attorney and his inmate girlfriend.

Park Street resident and local attorney Terence K. Mulliken,

50, would be the first charged following the investigation. Mulliken was arrested at the Pike County Courthouse just after 11 a.m. Monday morning and charged with first-degree promoting contraband and second-degree conspiracy to drug trafficking.

Just over an hour later, at 12:30 p.m., officers slapped jail inmate Joanna J. Stanley, 33, with the same charges.

Police said the arrests came after the investigation revealed that Mulliken had, at least on two occasions, allegedly smuggled prescription drugs to Stanley.

The charges were something that Scott says add to an already stressful responsibility.

"This is something we try to control as best as we can," Scott

said. "When you've got an attorney, someone you think you can trust, doing things like this, it makes all the attorneys look bad and it's just something we're not going to tolerate."

Scott said Mulliken had visited the jail frequently in his capacity as an attorney, but declined to give detailed comments on how the lawyer had allegedly managed to get the drugs to Stanley, saying only that he didn't believe it was during visiting hours.

Stanley had been serving time on a probation violation, Scott said.

The incident remains under investigation by Det. Underwood, members of the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement East Unit and jail officials.

## Allen

obtain more grant money and provide police protection to residents of New Allen.

While council members seemed optimistic about the city annexing the area, they also voiced concerns about whether the public would allow it. Specifically, those concerns centered around the fact that the city currently doesn't have "much to offer" incorporated residents.

After one member said that the city could only offer incorporated residents the promise of police protection, city attorney Stacy Marshall told members that the desire for annexation would bring revenue into the city, but the key in obtaining annexation would be to "sell" the idea to local residents.

"They would say, 'What do you have to offer us at this point?'" he said. "And you'd tell

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them that we don't have much to offer now but down the road if you jump in and help us out, we could offer a lot. That's the selling point."

Marshall indicated during the meeting that the city of Allen couldn't offer utilities to annexed residents because utility service is currently handled by Prestonsburg City Utilities.

According to council member Jerome Kinzer, who pointed out that the city could offer incorporated residents sidewalks and streetlights, two-thirds of the residents in Allen would have to sign the petition, and the annexation could be stopped if one of those residents filed a lawsuit against the city.

Annexation could also be voted out during the next election.

"It would bring the town together," said Bill Parsons yesterday. "We don't have a great deal to offer, I know that, but if we were bigger, we'd qualify for bigger grants."

The city currently houses approximately 350 residents, he said.

## Bridge

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out of the hollow and cross the dilapidated bridge to catch the school bus. The driver had explained the bus couldn't cross the bridge because of its poor condition.

"There's no reason why these kids should have to be made to walk out of here. It just ain't right," said fellow-resident Ollie Risner, who, along with Bentley, helped Tackett and a group of state inmates provided by Jailer Roger Webb replace eight boards purchased by Bentley Monday.

"I went into my own pocket about \$250, but that's not the point," said Bentley. "Something should have been done about this."

Bentley said that the bridge was brought into the county system in 2000 and given repairs

shortly afterwards. But that attention was the last the small crossing has been given since that time.

Bentley traveled to Louisa to buy supplies late last week, but held off due to weather. Then, on Monday, the project was started and finished.

"It was pitiful," he said. "They were having to walk a half-mile when the bus could have come across the bridge if it was fixed and drove right up to their house."

Bentley says there are no plans to seek reimbursement for the work, only to bring a priority to the foreground.

"We just want people to know that when it comes to children, you have to do what you have to do."

## Roundup

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the arrest. "It's when you stand there and talk with them or argue with them when you'll have problems."

Blackburn said McCoy mentioned that his father was Bob McCoy, perhaps in an attempt to curry some type of favor with the officers as he was being arrested.

"I didn't know what to say to him," Blackburn said. Bob McCoy, who was one of 21 suspects on the list Blackburn reviewed with his officers before beginning the roundup, was arrested a short time later on another indictment, charging him with drug trafficking.

The McCoy's would not be the only father-and-son duo arrested during the roundup. Also arrested were father and son Doc Edd Moore and Terry Moore, both of Martin, and both charged with drug trafficking.

Clearly, the focus for this roundup was doctor-shopping, despite the fact that the suspects arrested on trafficking charges doubled that of doctor-shopping suspects.

Although the number of suspects arrested on doctor-shopping charges totaled only six of the 18 arrested Monday, the cases far outweighed those of traffickers.

Garrett resident Dwayne Pack

was arrested on 27 counts of doctor-shopping brought against him in his indictment, while another Floyd Countian, Darrell Bentley, of Martin, was taken into custody on 25 counts of doctor-shopping.

Bentley was not found at home, but instead was taken into custody when he moved across the parking lot to shake Blackburn's hand shortly after the sheriff returned from the roundup.

Bentley said he had come to town to pay a heating bill, but quickly realized that wasn't going to happen.

"I just made it real easy on them," he said and shrugged his shoulders while following Blackburn to the jail entrance.

Bentley was arraigned along with the other roundup suspects Tuesday morning and will now face 27 counts of doctor shopping, all class C felonies.

Also arrested on doctor shopping charges were Charles Stevie Goodman, of Garrett, 11 counts; Earl Thomas Patton, of Printer, two counts; Johnny Owens, of Garrett, six counts; and Robert Fortner, of East Point, four counts.

Goodman was arrested during the April 2003 roundup on charges of first- and second-degree drug trafficking and was free on bond at the time of his

arrest Monday.

"This is the first roundup on doctor-shopping charges," Blackburn said. "We made a decision during the investigation to pinpoint these types of charges."

Blackburn, who takes pride in the fact that the task force has yet to hand a case to prosecutors that hasn't held up, said the efforts and success could be attributed to aggressive work in the courtroom.

"As far as I know, we haven't lost a case yet," he said. "The Commonwealth Attorney's Office has done an excellent job in prosecuting the cases."

Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said yesterday he had advised investigators to pursue doctor-shoppers throughout the county.

"We've been encouraging all the agencies to try to do more doctor-shopping cases, primarily because it's such a deterrent," Turner said Tuesday. "These people are loading up on all these extra pills and it's a major part of the pill supply that's being sold. If you can cut down on the number of pills being prescribed and received, you can make it a little harder to buy them."

In addition to the six people arrested on doctor-shopping charges, 12 others were taken into custody on first- and second-degree drug trafficking charges, including the owner of a Betsy Layne flea market and another repeat from April's roundup, Lancer resident Penny Branham.

Branham was arrested at her home in Lancer in early April and charged with drug trafficking within 1,000 yards of nearby Adams Middle School. She was due for trial on those charges when police picked her up Monday morning for drug trafficking.

It would be early Monday afternoon before police had Edgar Tackett, of Toler's Creek, in custody. Tackett, owner and operator of the Betsy Layne Flea Market, was found, according to investigators, selling prescription pills from his business along U.S. 23.

Others arrested Monday on first- and second-degree drug trafficking charges were:

- Cecil David Ousley, of Middle Creek.
- Stephanie Prater, of Martin.
- David Webb, of West Prestonsburg.
- Russell Crum, of Martin.
- Sandy Brown, of Martin.
- Harry Gordon Johnson Jr., of Weeksbury.
- Sharon Jacobs, of Wayland.

Monday's roundup brings the total number of suspects charged by the Floyd County Drug Task Force to 77 in just over a year, according to Prestonsburg Police Department Chief-of-Operations Stan Farler.

As of press time Tuesday, task force officers were still searching for two remaining suspects.

## Stumbo

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consolidation of investigative functions from other divisions, Stumbo said in a pre-ceremony interview last week and announced again Monday.

The move is something Stumbo has said will hopefully bring regional offices to areas of the state which have been under-served in the past.

And all of this is aimed at increasing the level at which the Office of the Attorney General effectively handles what is a painfully obvious problem with drugs across the board.

"We are facing tight fiscal times and want to maximize our use of the public dollar," Stumbo said in an announcement Monday. "We plan to streamline our civil and criminal authority to creatively fight crime and correct injustices."

Stumbo says he is sure that formation of the KBI is a "good first step" toward increasing the capabilities of the attorney general and "effectively combating our drug problem", a problem he supported with some alarming figures Monday.

Stumbo's office reported Monday that, according to records from Kentucky's Department of Corrections, in the 10-year period between 1992 and 2002 the number of inmates in state prisons serving time for drug offenses increased more than 155 percent. Likewise, the number of repeat offenders went

up nearly 60 percent, while drug possession offenses spiked nearly 200 percent.

Closer attention to abuse control and programs such as Medicaid in relation to drug abuse will also be focused on, Stumbo said.

"I am alarmed at statistics that indicate the growing number of admissions to treatment facilities for prescription drug abuse," said Stumbo. "Therefore, I will direct, in consultation with federal regulators, the investigators of the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Division to be alert for possible prescription drug diversion activity as they carry out their important work."

Another change in Stumbo's reorganization will be dissolving the Financial Integrity Enforcement Division, a division which has dealt with such duties as identity theft. Under Stumbo's new direction, this former division will be maintained by the KBI, which will also continue work in fighting public corruption, an issue of primary concern for past office holders.

In addition to Director James, other members of Stumbo's new management team include Denis Fleming as deputy attorney general; Janet Graham, Pierce Whites and Charlotte Ellis Lands as assistant deputy attorney generals; and Vicki Glass as director of communications.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—H. G. Wells

Amendment 1

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Our View

## Thank you, Mr. Stumbo

As one of the most successful careers in the Kentucky legislature gives way to a new career in the executive branch, it is appropriate at this time to take a look back.

Greg Stumbo entered the state legislature 24 years ago and quickly becoming one of its rising stars. Within a few short years, he rose to lead his counterparts by being elected House majority floor leader.

Although the position technically ranks second among leadership posts in the House, Stumbo essentially became the most powerful member of the legislature, through his own ability, his long tenure and the BOProt scandal, which caused the downfall of former House Speaker Don Blandford and weakened that position over the next few years.

Of course, Stumbo's high profile helped him to win his race last year for state attorney general. But it also did something more. It gave him the power to improve his community — our community — to an extent rivaled only by former Gov. Bert T. Combs.

Stumbo needs only look out the window of his home to see one of his most notable achievements — Stonecrest Golf Course and the rest of Prestonsburg's mountaintop development project. With that project still developing, its full payoff to Floyd County remains several years in the future and it will likely reap dividends for Eastern Kentucky that are as yet unimagined.

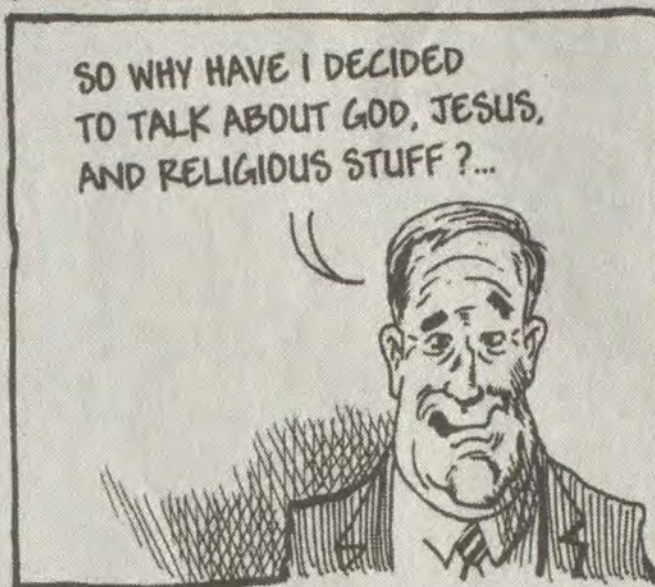
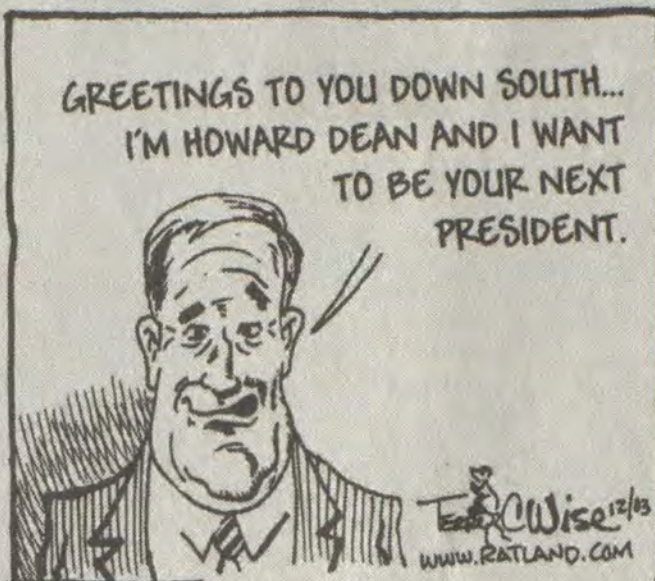
Stumbo has also been a key figure in other improvements to his community — the widening of U.S. 23, the Mountain Arts Center, water line extensions, countless improvements to local parks and schools. And while he, like any leader, has had his share of critics, no Floyd Countian can say Stumbo did not do his level best to improve our community.

If that were the extent of his legacy, Stumbo might merely be considered a highly successful pork-barrel politician — which is perfectly okay, since Floyd County needed a little fattening. But Stumbo has also shown the traits of a true leader.

He became one of the foremost champions of the environment in Kentucky through his unrelenting, though unsuccessful, push to bring about a bottle bill. A mere politician would have shrunk from that challenge for fear of angering well-financed special interests. But Stumbo demonstrated the courage of a leader by fighting the good fight, anyway.

And Stumbo also showed his ability to rally the troops by leading his party through troubling times, first with the BOProt scandal, then with the Kent Downey prostitution scandal, and finally during former Gov. Paul Patton's personal

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## Sticks & Stones

### What were they thinking?

Of 19 counties which sent representatives for drug court training over the past year or so in hopes of receiving grants in excess of half a million dollars, only four counties were awarded the \$500,000 to ensure that drug courts continue to grow and prosper in Kentucky.

Of those four, only one was in Eastern Kentucky — Johnson County. We're happy to see some money go to Eastern Kentucky, but only one Eastern Kentucky county?

The remaining three grants were awarded to counties in central and western Kentucky.

Monday morning, 18 people were arrested in Floyd County for either drug trafficking or doctor shopping. Those 18 bring the number of arrests made by the Floyd County Drug Task Force to more

than 70 in just over a year.

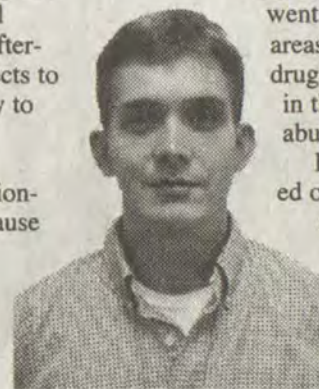
Of the 18 suspected drug dealers taken into custody Monday morning, six of those were arrested on doctor shopping charges in over 75 separate instances. Police were still searching as of Monday afternoon for three more suspects to bring the total for Monday to 21.

Apparently there is a statewide and, in fact, nationwide budget shortfall because we've sunk \$998 billion into making sure we keep ourselves in contention for ownership of great big gobs of oil. Oh yeah, and also in seeking revenge for Sept. 11. That clear morning in September has probably been an afterthought for so long, there's little reason to make it otherwise at this late date.

So, nationally, it seems clear that there's not much funding for programs of any kind, unless it's programs to

upgrade security and continue to add to the snowball known as paranoia.

Still, Floyd County's \$6,000 for its drug court is simply laughable, topped only by the fact that \$1.5 million went to other places in the state, areas presently having far less drug-related problems, especially in the case of prescription drug abuse.



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Funding should not be handed out as a result of training session appointments. Funding should be made available to those most in need and then the training can follow. To award grants because classes were completed is just obtuse to the point of criminal.

The nation is aware of the drug problem in Eastern Kentucky, but it seems the government is not.

If the problem's on the front porch, you can't set up camp on the back porch and get very far in solving anything. Surely someone understands this.

## Letters

### Searching for family

Attention, Charley Miller's children — Effie Miller, Charley Miller Jr. and David Miller. We are looking for you. You have siblings who want to meet you.

Please call James Miller, brother, at (989) 835-3903, or Ola (Miller) Hall, cousin, at (419) 747-7686. Ola Hall, Mansfield, Ohio

### Commandments the foundation of law

I would like to address the issue concerning the displaying of the Ten Commandments in public places. It seems the reasoning used by many and especially some in our court systems is that in doing so it would be infringing on the rights of others and that they are of a religious nature.

The truth of the matter is if we con-

demn the Commandments, we must also condemn the very laws that are in place in our judicial system now, and are displayed in public places everywhere, such as our money, books, schools and countless places throughout our land.

Doesn't our law tell us that if we kill someone that we will be punished by our courts? If we are caught stealing, isn't there a law that says we are to be punished in our court system?

We are living in America, and as citizens of this country, aren't we to be dedicated to our freedom and appreciative of the very laws that help us to enjoy that freedom?

I have given only two of the laws that we are to obey if we want the privilege to live in safe communities and they go hand-in-hand with the Ten Commandments, which by the way were in force long before Moses, a great example being when Cain killed Abel, his brother, and God punished him because he committed murder.

I wholeheartedly agree that the Commandments seem and are of a religious nature, such as to honor thy father and thy mother. And in doing so isn't

there more peace and happiness in the family and fewer thoughts of killing a parent or maybe sending them to nursing homes to get them out of the way? There are many situations in our country today in which the elderly are abused and in the cases in which it is proven, don't our laws (in many cases) punish those who inflict that abuse?

I completely agree that the Commandments are religious in nature, but so are our civil laws. They each teach us that we have to respect the rights of others and that there is punishment for those who don't. Those who do not want to view the laws of God have a right to their opinion, but they can be assured that every time they thank the jurors for sending a murderer to prison, they have also recognized the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill!"

The purpose of our laws is to protect us, just as the religious laws are for the same purpose. They both teach us how to live in society and be responsible for our own actions, or suffer the consequences.

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# Legislative Preview

## Budget to dominate 2004 session

by CHAD ALLEN HARPOLE  
KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION

FRANKFORT — As the Kentucky General Assembly convened Tuesday for their biennial 60-day session, questions remain as to exactly what agenda the legislature will take on and how well the Democratic-controlled House will work with the Republican-controlled Senate and Executive Branch.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher made it clear after being elected that he

wants tax modernization and reform addressed this session to solve the state's budget woes. Fletcher believes he won the election on that issue and that it is something the people of Kentucky want done. That agenda, however, has met hostility from both Democrats and Republicans including Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville. Williams said there simply is not enough time to tackle the issue of tax reform when other important budgetary

issues exist. Sen. Robert Leeper, R-Paducah, said he would like to see Gov. Fletcher address and push tax modernization during the 2004 Session. Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, who also serves as the Vice Chairwoman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, echoed Leeper's thoughts. "The house has been ready to address tax modernization for several sessions," Webb said. "We must cut the semantics in

the word game, stop the studies and get serious about reform implementation." Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, also spoke in favor of tax modernization. "I think we have to start looking at tax modernization," he said. "Rather we have the time to complete it is questionable, but I believe we have to start looking at it now." Rep. Webb also stated the major goal of the 2004 session is three words "budget, budget, budget."

Sen. Leeper and Sen. Thayer had similar sentiments. They said the budget was the most important issue the General Assembly needs to tackle this session.

"Balancing the budget without raising taxes and adequately funding education and Medicaid is the highest importance for the General Assembly this session," said Sen. Thayer.

As a result, Rep. Webb said she didn't predict this to be a major policy initiative session because of the high priority a budget receives.

Sen. Thayer provided a different opinion stating he feels the budget is policy. "The way the legislature spends \$15 billion of the taxpayers' money is policy."

Thayer also said he is looking forward to Gov. Fletcher supporting Senate Republicans in their push to pass Fetal Homicide and the Medical Malpractice Reform.

Webb forecasted no hostility between the Democratic House and Republican Senate and Executive Branch.

"As a legislative branch, we

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## Bills to watch in 2004 session

by CHAD ALLEN HARPOLE  
KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION

When the Kentucky General Assembly convened on Tuesday for the biennial 60-day session, there were several prefiled bills worth noting that could shape the future of the Commonwealth.

Several bills in both the Democratic controlled House and Republican controlled Senate have been filed in favor of protecting the rights of an unborn child. The "fetal homicide" bill that was shot down by the Senate and House in 2003 will return and includes support from both parties in the House in the form of prefiled bill BR 16. BR 16 calls for the Kentucky Law to "include an unborn child after viability within the definition of a 'person' for the purposes of criminal homicide."

Several bills also have been prefiled in favor of expanded gambling in the state, including BR 20, by Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville. BR 20 calls for electronic gaming to be expanded to racetracks as part of the state lottery.

Rep. Burch also prefiled BR 341, which calls for the abolition of the death penalty. Legislation similar to BR 341 has failed to get out of the Judiciary committee in the past.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has brought back his proposal for a constitutional amendment that permits the General Assembly to

limit the non-economic damages and limit punitive damages in cases involving medical malpractice in the state. The hope is to lower the cost of malpractice insurance for physicians and, as a result, attract more doctors to the state and lower healthcare costs for Kentuckians by giving them better access to physicians.

Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, is proposing an amendment to the state constitution calling for the definition of a marriage to be between one man and one woman. Gray's bill, BR 839, will prohibit same sex marriages and permit the General Assembly to prohibit other marriages by law. If passed, Gray's proposal would be submitted to the voters of the state to approve or reject.

Sen. Dan Seum, R-Louisville, has prefiled a bill that will draw attention. Seum's bill will prohibit cities in Kentucky from passing a smoking-ban in buildings and private-

ly-owned businesses, but smoking bans in state-owned buildings would be allowed. The bill will also be retroactive, which would override the city of Lexington's smoking-ban, which is currently tied up in the court system.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, has refiled her bill relating to the requirement of a child between 40 inches and 4 ft. 9 in to ride in a booster seat in a motor vehicle. The bill passed the House in 2003 but was rejected by the Senate transportation committee.

### Editorial

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shortcomings. Republicans were able to capitalize on these sordid affairs by first making inroads and finally taking over nearly every other area of government — but not the House.

With his ascension to attorney general, Stumbo leaves behind a power vacuum in his former job. We would be lying if we said his job change is not bittersweet, because Floyd County's stature in the legislature falls with his absence. But having seen Stumbo in action for more than two decades, we are certain that he will continue in his new job and in any which may come in the future to try to improve his community and improve Kentucky.

Thank you, Mr. Stumbo, for the service you have performed for our community over the past 24 years. We appreciate the efforts you have made on our behalf, and we wish you continued success as attorney general and wherever the road leads thereafter.

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### Letters

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I feel that if a poll were taken on whether to display the Commandments publicly, there would be a tremendous outcry throughout this nation in favor of the Commandments. I hope those in high places in our court system will rethink their decision and restore the Commandments in public places. But guess what - even if they don't, we all can say when reading a caption in the newspapers that might read, "Serial killer placed on death row," "Thou shalt not kill." Justice prevails.

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Ruth Little Daily Hall wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped comfort them during the loss of their mother. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, and who spoke comforting words, and kept us in their prayers. A special thanks to the ministers of the Church of God of Prophecy and the use of the church at Hi Hat, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

The family of Ruth Little Daily Hall

### Card of Thanks

The family of Grover Curtis Keathley would like to acknowledge, with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks so much for the food, and the flowers, and for the sense of love that each one has shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Tommy Bush for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing the dignified, courteous service we expected. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and everyone of you.

THE FAMILY GROVER CURTIS KEATHLEY

### Card of Thanks

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

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The family of Euka Turner Hicks would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thank you to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, and their ministers, for all the love and support shown to our family. The Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF EUKA TURNER HICKS

### Card of Thanks

The family of Hattie Reynolds would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, The Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and understanding.

THE FAMILY OF HATTIE REYNOLDS

### Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF EDITH LARTHENE HOWELL

# Obituaries

### Dwella Mae Hall 1912-2004

Dwella Mae Hall, 91, of Nicholasville, formerly of Greenup and Floyd County, died Monday, January 5, 2004, at the Royal Manor in Nicholasville.

She was born October 12, 1912, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Dave and Sophia Isaac Burke.

She attended the former Walnut Hill Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Fred Caudill and Bennie Hall; a son, Freddie Caudill; a step-son, Bennie Hall Jr.; a step-daughter, Rita Guseman; two brothers: Garfield Burke and Daniel Burke; and a sister, Julia Breeding.

Surviving are a son, Glen Douglas Hall of Lexington; a step-son, Clark E. Hall of Akron, Ohio; two daughters, Imogene Knipp of Louisa; and Marjorie Kelly of Wurtland; one foster daughter, Beverly K. Burke of Danville; two brothers, Walter Burke and Russell Burke both of Bevinville; one sister, Liza Jane Johnson of Bevinville; 13 grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 8, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, with Danny Brown officiating.

Burial will be in the Plumgrove Cemetery in Greenup.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, and one hour before the funeral at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

### Stella G. Hall

Stella G. Hall, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 2, 2004, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland.

Born July 9, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Kate DeRossett George. She was a homemaker and a member of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Hall.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Shalious and Judy Hall of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Barbara and Jack Boyd, and Linda Dalton, all of Ironton, Ohio; a brother, Burl Whitt of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Rebecca Jarrell of Prestonsburg, and Mae Moore of LaGrange, Ohio; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Ray Whitt; a sister, Viola Hurd; and a son-in-law, Pearl Dalton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, at 1:30 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Manford Fannin and Jody Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, at Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Larry Norris, Mark Norris, Monroe Boyd, Randy Hall, Jackson Boyd, Barrett Boyd, T.J. Wilson, and Tim Wilson.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

### Roy Edward Patton

Roy Edward Patton, age 67, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 31, 2003, at his residence.

Born September 3, 1936, in Olive Hill, he was the son of Clyde R. Patton and Mae Porter Patton.

He was a retired spray painter for General Motors, and a member of the United Auto Workers Union Chap. No. 1776. He was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Bevel Patton; one son, Greg (Kathleen) Patton, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and one granddaughter, Katelyn Patton, of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. The Rev. Mark Walz officiated.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

### Bessie Hall

Bessie Hall, 62, of Ewing, died Monday, January 5, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Born March 10, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rhoda Mitchell Hall. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Jay Hall.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Bill Hall Jr., and Clemye, of Harold; and Larry Dean and Janet Hall of Ewing; two brothers: Bobby Hall and John Hall, both of Teaberry; two sisters: Irene Williams and Estalene Newsome, both of Teaberry; and two grandchildren: Christopher Young of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and Melissa Warden of Virginia.

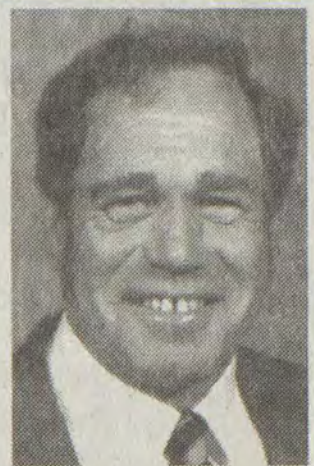
In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter; a brother, Alex Hall; and a sister, Judy Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 8, at 10 a.m., at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Cemetery, at Tackett Fork, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)



Willard D. (Bud) Edmonds

Willard D. (Bud) Edmonds, was born January 14, 1949, and died November 22, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Jewell Crum Edmonds.

Other survivors include one daughter, Yellonda Edmonds; three sisters, Patty Jent, Jeanetta Gray and Glennis Davis; three step-daughters, Shirley Conn, Rita Norton, and Rena Federspiel; one step-son, Johnny Burchett; two grandchildren, one great-grandson, seven step-grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Edmonds, and Jerry Neil Edmonds.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Paul Dean Justice officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

### Norman Dewey Osborne

Norman Dewey Osborne, age 84, of Ft. Myers, Florida, formerly of Drift, husband of the late Glo Osborne, passed away, Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at Hope Hospice House, Ft. Myers, Florida.

He was born December 20, 1919, in Martin, the son of the late Samuel P. Osborne and Susan Ellen Osborne. He was a self-employed merchant and an U.S. Army, WW II veteran.

Survivors include one son, Scott Osborne of Ft. Myers, Florida; one brother, Harold "Flint" Osborne of Martin; two sisters: Eva Stephens and Stella Smith, both of Martin; and a niece, Carol Lykens.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents; three brothers: Tom Osborne, Algie Osborne, and Denzil Osborne; and two sisters: May Wohlford and Maudie Smith.

Funeral services for Norman Dewey Osborne were conducted Sunday, January 4, 2004, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Harold Osborne, Jimmy Rederick, Jeremy Hall, Johnny Clyde Stephens, Mike Smith, Stevie Stephens, Jody Spriggs, Tommy Williamson, and Alan Moore. (Paid obituary)

### David (DK) Newsome

David (DK) Newsome, 91, of Melvin, died Saturday, January 3, 2004, at his residence.

Born May 8, 1912, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ellis and Dona Johnson Newsome.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Lula Hall Newsome and Florence Johnson Newsome.

Survivors include his caretaker: Vickie Collins of Melvin; 17 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his first and second wife, he was preceded in death by his children: Tracy Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Jay Johnson, Pete Johnson, Onis Ray Johnson, Raymond Johnson, Parcie Slone, and Druch Collins; broth-

ers and sisters, Dallas Newsome, Mae Newsome, Emmitt Newsome, Johnny Newsome, Ernest Newsome, Beatrice Newsome, Goldie Jones, Sylvia Perry, Dixie Johnson, Mabel Newsome, Rosie Newsome, and Emma Newsome.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Active pallbearers were family members and friends.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Defense attorney: Newsome's testimony shouldn't be allowed

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky politician awaiting sentencing for election fraud "is nothing more than convicted felon" and shouldn't be permitted to testify in a trial next week, a defense attorney said.

Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome was convicted in October on federal election fraud charges. He has told prosecutors that he has information pertinent to the upcoming trial of 10 people from Pike County, including former state Sen. John Doug Hays and Pikeville businessman Ross Harris.

Newsome is scheduled for sentencing on March 16. He claims that Harris gave him \$25,000 before elections in 2000 and 2002, according to prosecutors who have asked U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell to allow Newsome to testify.

"The accusations that the government seeks to introduce

are completely unreliable," said defense attorney R. Kenneth Westberry in a motion filed Monday to prohibit the new evidence.

Prosecutors claim that Newsome told them he received cash from Harris through a "bag man" whose identity he didn't know. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor filed the motion asking Caldwell to allow the new evidence about three weeks ago.

"Newsome is a dishonest man," Westberry said. "He is not waiting to be sentenced for jaywalking. He is being sentenced for vote-buying, for fraud against the commonwealth of Kentucky. Newsome is nothing more than a convicted felon desperately attempting to curry favor with the government."

In addition, Westberry said the new evidence shouldn't be allowed because prosecutors waited too late to say they wanted to introduce it. He said the evidence can't legally be considered a preliminary step

toward the crimes Harris is accused of. For that reason, Westberry said, the testimony isn't admissible.

Taylor said in a response that he believes the evidence is admissible because it involves a related event.

"The theory, once again in a nutshell, is that Ross Harris is a political boss, mover or shaker or power broker who has over the past few years ... been behind the scenes in numerous local and states races, including the John Doug Hays campaign," Taylor said. "He has an overarching plan to control numerous counties by getting his people elected."

It wasn't clear when Caldwell plans to issue a ruling on the proposed new evidence.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin on Monday in U.S. District Court in London, where the trial was moved after concerns were raised about where a fair trial could be held in Pikeville.

The trial is expected to last up to six weeks.

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# Stumbo, others sworn into office

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's newest statewide constitutional officers took office Monday, following a swearing in ceremony at the Capitol.

In November, Gov. Ernie Fletcher became the first Republican elected governor in more than 30 years. But with the victories of Republicans Richie Farmer, the new agriculture commissioner, and Trey Grayson, the new secretary of state, Democrats for the first time in decades do not hold a monopoly on state government's other constitutional offices.

"It's an exciting day," said Senate President David Williams, a GOP legislator from Burkesville.

Five constitutional officeholders were sworn in at a packed ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda. Democrats Greg Stumbo, the new attorney general, Crit Luallen, the new state

auditor, and Jonathan Miller, the incumbent state treasurer, were also sworn in.

"In the wisdom of the citizens of the commonwealth, they've chosen to divide this government between parties. They often do that on many levels and they've chosen to do that," Fletcher said. "I think that's a strong statement to us that they want us to work in a bipartisan way, work in a united way to get things done for Kentucky, and I pledge to do that."

During their individual speeches, the new constitutional officeholders also preached about bipartisanship in the name of advancing Kentucky.

Stumbo, who was first to be sworn in during the ceremony, promised he would work with Lt. Gov. Steve Pence to curb the state's problems with drug abuse. Stumbo, the former House majority floor leader, also touted his campaign pledge to create the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, which would

be aimed at investigating Kentucky's illegal drug trade.

In his speech, Stumbo also said he has hired Danny Ross to be the labor liaison in the Attorney General's Office. Ross was former Gov. Paul Patton's labor liaison.

Former Attorney General Ben Chandler indicted Ross and three others on criminal charges following a probe into Patton's 1995 election. Patton pardoned Ross and the other three this past summer before they went to trial.

Still, Stumbo said he has read parts of the file pertaining to Ross' indictment and believes it was unfounded. It was not a concern that Ross had been indicted by his predecessor, Stumbo said.

In fact, Ross' file should be made public so citizens could see he did not break the law, Stumbo said.

"I hope every lawyer in Kentucky looks at that file,"

Stumbo said. "Because I'm going to tell you, I don't think there's a prosecutor in this state that would look at that file and say that that indictment ought to have been brought."

Other freshly sworn-in elected officials did not stray far from the campaign messages that got them elected.

As secretary of state, Grayson said, he planned to spread civics education to high school classes throughout the state. Grayson also vowed to make sure Kentucky's elections are "fair and honorable," and free from fraud.

Luallen said she wanted to work with other government officials from both parties to promote the public good.

Meanwhile, Miller said he would work with the Fletcher administration to find ways of cutting wasteful spending in state government.

(See SWORN, page eight)

## Odds

said. "Sometimes we get carried away, but we did this for fun."

The commemorative beer is being sold only in California. It's an extra special bitter ale that comes in a 22-ounce bottle with a label bearing a muscular figure posing like a body builder.

Chicvara, meanwhile, promises the quality of the brew is excellent, with a smooth finish and bit of a bite.

"It's no 'girly-man' beer," he said.

## GRAND ISLAND, Neb.

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## Budget

have fought long and hard to achieve and maintain legislative independence. I hope we will maintain that as our branch of government is designed with a different function and purpose than the executive branch, regardless of who the governor is."

Sen. Thayer agreed with Webb. "I've had good discussions with House Democrats and their willingness to work with the Senate and Gov. Fletcher."

Thayer also added that this is an important session for the Democrats to show bipartisanship because "House Democrats can read the election results the same as everyone else. Gov. Fletcher won the governor's election in many of their districts."

It now seems central Nebraska barbers have the same bond.

Sixteen barbers and hair stylists have stepped up to help fellow barber Jerry Benker, of Grand Island, who suffered serious injury in a fall from a roof in October.

The group has committed to take care of his clientele and turn all the money from those clients over to Benker while he recovers.

"We're just helping our comrade out is what it amounts to, and he probably would've done the same for us," said Benker's friend and fellow barber Dax Carlson, of Belmont's Roffler Family Hair Center.

In the fall, Benker suffered three broken ribs, a punctured lung and a broken hip. He spent seven weeks in traction, two weeks in rehabilitation and had to have his gall bladder removed.

Benker said he was overwhelmed by the support.

"I just couldn't believe it," he said. "You find out when things are down how many friends you've got."

## History

musician John Rich is 30. Actor Dustin Diamond is 27. Actor Liam Aiken is 14. Actress Camryn Grimes is 14. Actor Max Morrow is 13.

## Thought for Today:

"Whether women are better than men I cannot say — but I can say they are certainly no worse." — Golda Meir, Israeli prime minister (1898-1978).

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# Community Calendar

## CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

*Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY*

41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### CHURCH CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Town Branch Church will give away good used cloth-

ing (mostly adult sizes), on Friday's, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

### 4-H TEEN COUNCIL MEETING

Interested in meeting new friends? Trying new things? Teaching others? Being a role model for younger people? Then join the 4-H Teen Council this year! Anyone age 13-18 is invited to join. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, 4-H agent, at 886-2668, or email to: [estamper@uky.edu](mailto:estamper@uky.edu).

### EAST KY S.T.A.R.S.

The East Ky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers will hold a meeting on January 9, at 10 a.m., at the Paintsville Recreation Center. Everyone welcome! Please bring a bag lunch. For more info., call 889-9333, or 297-5147.

### AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM

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

### HRMC CALENDAR

- Jan. 13 - Senior Advantage, Meeting rooms A & B, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Jan. 14 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Child Birth Class, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Diabetes Support Group, Floyd Room, 5-7 p.m.

## Fletcher moves to solve state's current budget year problem

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher authorized budget cuts and other moneysaving maneuvers aimed at solving the state's budget crisis.

Fletcher's spending cuts, announced Monday, are intended to prevent the state from finishing the current fiscal year with a budget deficit — something that's prohibited by the state constitution.

"The fact of the matter is that we were dealt a hand, a very difficult hand, that we had nothing to do in making," Fletcher said. "We're going to do what's necessary to make sure that our checks don't bounce, and that we cover the essential services that are needed."

Budget forecasters had predicted that if the state were to continue along its previous budget plan, Kentucky would finish the fiscal year that ends June 30 more than \$261 million short. When counting the state's unbudgeted expenses that occurred over the year, that deficit increased to more than \$302 million.

Last month, Fletcher asked the Consensus Forecasting Group, a panel of economists that makes the state's official revenue projections, for updated budget figures. The move triggered Fletcher's authority to shift money from restricted state accounts to the General Fund.

Previously, the panel had unofficially estimated the state would be about \$262 million short this fiscal year. Fletcher did not have the authority to make such transfers before the panel's estimate.

Under Fletcher's plan, the state will use about \$68.7 million from the federal government to help balance this year's budget.

(See FLETCHER, page eleven)

### FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

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

### 'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to

apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### "LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

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

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

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

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

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## Son files wrongful death suit 16 years after father's death

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The son of a man who was electrocuted by a "naked wire" while replacing a roof in Wayland over 16 years ago is suing American Electric Power.

The suit, filed last week in Floyd Circuit Court by attorney Nathan Collins, alleges that the Barry Thornsberry Sr. was "needlessly killed" because of the corporation's "gross negligence" in September 1987.

Thornsberry's youngest son, James, now 18, asks in the petition for an award to cover damages for the loss of assistance, aid and companionship of his father, who was killed while replacing a roof with his cousin, Ted, at the former home of Buford Slone in Steele's Creek at Wayland.

The suit alleges

Thornsberry's death was caused by the company's "recklessness, and willful and wanton failures to properly locate and hang an insulated wire" on the property. Additionally, it charges, AEP's alleged failure to provide adequate warning of "extreme dangers" at the residence was another factor that proved fatal in the 1987 incident.

According to the suit, a "dangerously located" 7,000-volt uninsulated wire was "improperly hung" approximately eight feet from the two-story home. The incident occurred while Thornsberry was moving a lad-

der to re-roof the home, the suit says.

He was 29 and the father of three "small" children at the time of his death.

During an interview Monday, attorney Nathan Collins said that the naked wire is still not fixed. It hangs over a home belonging to Kim and Roger Jones, who live approximately 500 feet from Slone's home, where the electrocution took place in 1987.

"The thing that bothers me

(See FILES, page eleven)

## Man accused of burglary while free on bond

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man arrested for burglary, a charge given him for an alleged violation which occurred two weeks after he posted bail for two other unrelated charges, will appear in district court today for a preliminary hearing.

Shawn Thacker, 24, of Left Fork in Little Paint, pleaded not guilty to second-degree burglary during his arraignment Monday morning under Judge James R. Allen.

According to the arrest warrant served by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn Blackburn, dated Dec. 19, Thacker allegedly entered the home of Jeff Burke, at Clum Derosset Branch of the Left Fork of Little Paint, on Nov. 11 and took items valued for at least \$5,000.

Blackburn arrested Thacker on Dec. 31, the citation says. According to Thacker's crim-

inal history, which is compiled as evidence alongside the burglary charge against him, he was out on bail for charges stemming from two unrelated cases when the warrant for his arrest was issued.

The record indicates that on Dec. 15 Thacker posted \$2,000 in cash as bail in a pending case against him and a \$5,000 surety bond in another case.

In both of those cases, Thacker faces fourth-degree assault charges for an alleged domestic violence incident that resulted in minor injuries.

The incidents allegedly occurred in September and November.

Thacker was found guilty of an amended theft by unlawful taking charge in 2001, for which he was sentenced to 12 months in jail and given a \$500 fine.

He was placed under a \$10,000 cash bond following Monday's arraignment.

The complaining witness for the alleged burglary charge is Jeremy Shepherd.

## Council

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also:

■ Passed a motion to allow council member Cindy Parsons to start a food bank in the city. It will be housed at the old police headquarters, and managed by her. Parsons said she aims to have it open in February.

■ Passed a motion to initiate appraisals for two dilapidated homes which are to be torn down on Route 1428 in Allen.

■ Discussed the possibility of hosting a "Christmas with a Cop" program next year.

■ Passed a motion to purchase two hubcaps for the city police car.

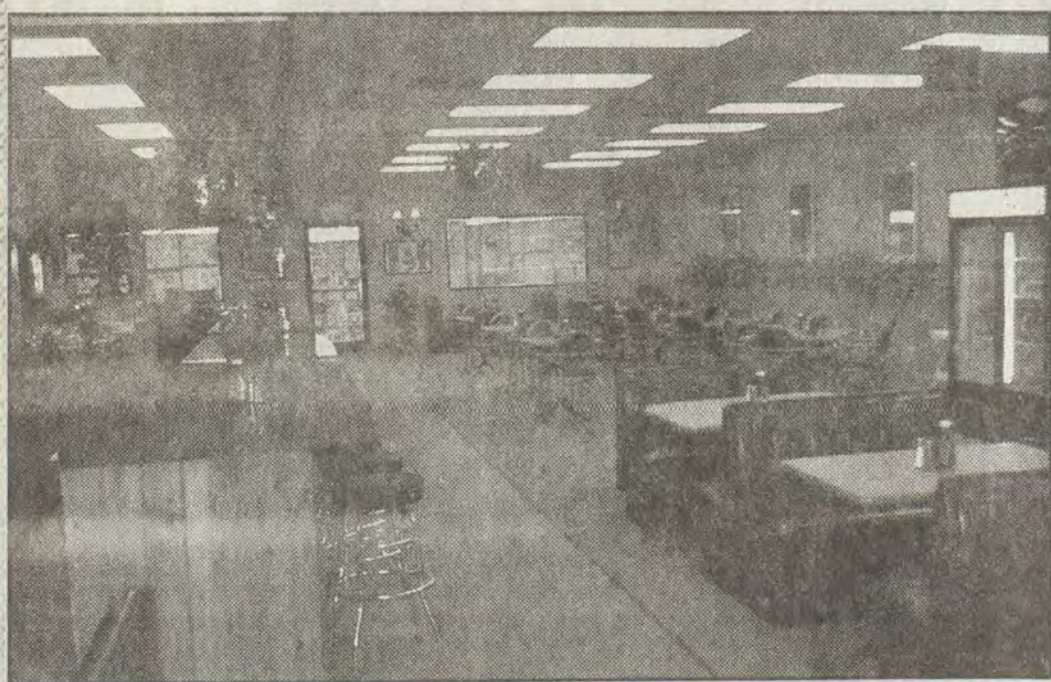
■ Passed a motion to begin looking into obtaining grants for the city.

■ Discussed a matter presented by Burke, who said he wasn't getting his mail and subpoenas in time for his scheduled court dates.

■ Discussed the possible annexation of New Allen.

■ Discussed salary and insurance questions for the city's "three-and-one-half" employees.

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## Session begins with Democratic gesture to Republicans

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The House's new majority leader preached bipartisanship Tuesday to launch a 2004 General Assembly session that seems certain to be dominated by budget problems.

On an opening day filled with ceremony, lawmakers convened for a session that can last until April 15, a constitutional deadline. They are limited to 60 days of legislative business during that span.

In his first speech as Democratic floor leader, Rep. Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook was greeted with a standing ovation. He promised an "open door and an open mind," and offered

to work with Republicans.

"I reach out my hand as majority floor leader to work with you in a bipartisan manner as we move this agenda forward," said Adkins, looking directly at the Republican leader, Rep. Jeff Hoover of Jamestown.

Adkins succeeds Greg Stumbo, who was majority leader for a record 19 years before being elected attorney general in November.

Adkins said Democrats and Republicans were certain to have disagreements. However, he and Hoover were of a similar accord on one issue Tuesday, telling reporters they had reservations about one of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plans to fend off a budget deficit.

To balance the books this

year, Fletcher is taking \$23.9 million from the state's share of a national tobacco settlement, including about \$17 million from the Agricultural Development Finance Corp.,

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## Sworn

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And, Farmer said he would be perhaps "the most visible (ag commissioner) in history," of the department. During his time in office, Farmer said he would promote Kentucky's agriculture to other parts of the world and to modernize the regulatory aspects under his responsibility.





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**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

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

**BEST PEOPLE**

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

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
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- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**BEST BUSINESS**

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

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
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- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
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- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
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- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
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# Business/Professions

## Ky's unemployment rate at 5.5 percent in Nov.

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.5 percent in November from a revised 5.6 percent in October, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate for November 2002 was also 5.5 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate also declined in November to 5.9 percent from 6 percent in October, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Even the national unemployment rate fell, Kentucky's 5.5 percent unemployment rate in November was still below the national rate. November marked the 20th consecutive month that our unemployment rate has been lower than the U.S. unemployment rate," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Six of the 10 major nonfarm job North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors had employment

increases in November, while four declined, Cracraft said. A monthly survey of business establishments revealed that Kentucky's nonfarm employment jumped by 1,700 on a seasonally adjusted basis to November's 1,775,000 employees.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the leisure and hospitality sector reported the largest gain with 1,200 more jobs in November. Since November 2002, the sector has added 1,000 employees.

The educational and health services sector continued its upward climb in November with 700 more jobs. Since November 2002, the sector has added 3,600 jobs. "November marked the third consecutive month that this sector has added employment, adding some 3,800 jobs since the end of August 2003," Cracraft said.

In November 2003, the government sector, which includes public education, grew by 400 jobs. Since November 2002, this sector has decreased by 4,000

jobs. Kentucky's construction sector added 300 jobs in November marking the fourth straight month that this sector has added employment. Since November 2002, the sector has fallen by 1,600 jobs.

The financial activities sector rose by 300 jobs in November. This sector, which includes establishments involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has lost 100 jobs since November 2002.

The other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance places, personal and laundry services, religious organizations, and civic and professional organizations, added 100 jobs in November. Over the past 12 months, the sector has lost 2,500 jobs.

On the other side of the ledger, the trade, transportation and utilities sector reported the biggest decline in November with a decrease of 1,600 jobs. This sector includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and utilities businesses, and warehousing, and is the largest sector in Kentucky with 366,500 employees. Since November 2002, the sector has lost 3,200 employees.

Employment in Kentucky's manufacturing sector fell by 1,200 from October to November. Since November 2002, the sector has shrunk by 5,200 jobs.

The professional and business services employment had 300 fewer employees in November. This sector had the same employment number in November 2003 and November 2002.

Kentucky's information sector counted 100 fewer employees in November. This sector, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities and broadcasting and news syndication, had the same level of employment in November 2002 and November 2003.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic's monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for November 2003 was 1,880,496 on a sea-

sonally adjusted basis. This figure is down 1,841 from the 1,882,337 employed in October 2003, but up 27,810 from the 1,852,686 employed in November 2002.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for November 2003 was 109,281. This figure is down 2,217 from the 111,498 unemployed in October 2003, but up 2,181 from the 107,100 Kentuckians unemployed in November 2002.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for November 2003 was 1,989,777. This figure is down 4,058 from the 1,993,835 recorded in October 2003, but up 29,991 from the 1,959,786 recorded for November 2002.

### November 2003 County Unemployment Rates

Unemployment rates fell in 66 Kentucky counties between November 2002 and November 2003, rose in 49 and remained the same in Barren, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Nelson counties.

In November 2003, three counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent, and six counties recorded double-digit rates in November 2002.

Metcalfe County's 2.2 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Woodford County, 2.3 percent; Oldham County, 2.6 percent; Todd County, 2.8 percent; Franklin County, 2.9 percent; Fayette County, 3 percent; Anderson County, 3.2 percent; Jessamine and Shelby counties, 3.4 percent each; and Scott County, 3.5 percent.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 12 percent.

It was followed by Fulton County, 10.9 percent; Lewis County, 10.3 percent; Harlan and Russell counties, 9.6 percent each; Letcher County, 9.4 percent; Hickman County, 9 percent; Powell County, 8.9 percent; and Breathitt and Carlisle counties, 8.7 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are

based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to season-

al events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The Cabinet for Workforce Development connects Kentucky to employment, workforce information, education and training. Learn more about the cabinet and its agencies at [www.workforce.ky.gov](http://www.workforce.ky.gov)

## Ask the CIS

**Q** Why are a Pap test and pelvic exam important?

**A** A Pap test (sometimes called a Pap smear) and pelvic exam are important parts of a woman's routine health care because they can find cervical cancer and changes in the cervix that may lead to cancer. Most cancers of the cervix could be prevented if all women had these tests regularly.

In a Pap test, a doctor or other health professional uses an instrument called a speculum to widen the vagina and take cells from the cervix (the lower, narrow end of the uterus) with a small brush or scraper. The cells are sent to a lab where they are examined under a microscope for changes. The test is simple, quick, and almost always painless.

During a pelvic exam, the

doctor looks at the upper part of the vagina and cervix. The doctor also feels the vagina, ovaries, fallopian tubes, bladder, and rectum to check for changes in their shape or size.

Cervical changes do not always lead to cancer. However, if a Pap test or pelvic exam show changes in the cervix, the doctor may decide that further tests and/or treatment are needed.

Women should talk with their doctor about how often to have a Pap test and pelvic exam. Generally, it is recommended that women have the tests at least once every three years, beginning about three years after they become sexually active, but no later than age 21.

For more information on Pap tests and pelvic exams, call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

## CHAMBER NOTES



2003 graduates of the Leadership East Kentucky program.

# Leadership East Kentucky 2003 Graduates

by Regina Becknell, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Leadership East Kentucky has graduated its Class of 2003. Among the graduates were several individuals from the Big Sandy area: Joann Anderson (Pikeville Methodist Hospital), Regina Becknell (Floyd Co. Chamber), Jackie Cecil (BSCTC), Bambi Phillips (SouthEast Telephone), and Randy Roberts (BSCTC).

The Class of 2003 began its

8-month program in May and concluded with graduation exercises as a part of a recently held Christmas show at the Mountain Arts Center.

The goal of Leadership East Kentucky is to enhance individual leadership skills, to help participants gain more insight into their communities and Eastern Kentucky as a whole, and to develop a leadership network throughout the region.

Applications are being taken now for the Class of 2004. For an application, you may contact

a graduate of the program, your local community and technical college or obtain an application online at: [www.leadershipeastkentucky.org](http://www.leadershipeastkentucky.org), or contact Linda Gayheart, Program Coordinator, at either P.O. Box 105, Hindman, KY 41822, or 606-785-0606, or at: [gayheart@igtel.com](mailto:gayheart@igtel.com).

### CHAMBER CALENDAR

■ Jan. 22 - Quickbooks I & II, 9 am to 4 pm at the MSU

Prestonsburg Campus. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per person.

■ Jan. 22 - Appalachian Research & Defense Fund of Kentucky will host the next Chamber Business After Hours from 5 pm to 7 pm (120 N. Front Ave.)

■ Jan. 28 - Stress Management & Memory Mastery Workshop by Brad Humphrey, 9 am to 4 pm at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge. Cost is \$25 per person includes lunch and materials.

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the most is that a man is dead," said Collins. "And I do think it's outrageous that they didn't put up an insulated wire after someone was killed."

The naked wire travels approximately eight feet from the two-story home, said Collins, who noted the danger that it currently poses for neighborhood children.

During an interview yesterday, Roger Jones said AEP workers raised the power line in 1980, after he called them during the construction of his home. However, Jones said that he couldn't tell whether or not the line has been fixed. The wire was not insulated in 1980, he said, when they raised it.

Chuck Ferguson, who works

in AEP's corporate communications office in Pikeville, said he was unable to determine if the wire was still insulated. It's possible, he said, that the upkeep of the particular section of wire in question is the responsibility of a private AEP customer. During the interview, Ferguson pointed out that national safety codes regulate electrical wiring installation.

"If we installed the wire, it had to meet the national safety code regulations," he said.

Though he said that he wasn't familiar enough with the circumstances surrounding the 1987 death of Barry Thornsberry to comment on the lawsuit, Ron Robinson, corporate communications manager at AEP's Frankfort office, said

Monday that the company hosts an extensive instructional program regarding safety. According to him, most of the company's safety initiative programs are geared toward children and include public service announcements, seminars upon request and professional performances in various schools. Additionally, he said, the company includes cautionary techniques regarding safety on monthly billing statements.

"We do a great deal on relaying information regarding safety while working with electricity," said Robinson.

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which funds farm diversification projects.

Fletcher plans to propose restoring the money through a bond issue when he makes his budget proposal to the General Assembly later this month, his chief of staff said Monday.

"I personally have reservations about it," Hoover said. "I just have a hard time selling to the public borrowing money to pay on a debt and just increasing your debt. And I think that's the way a lot of people will look at it, but let's wait and see. We're trying to keep an open mind about it and see what the exact proposal is before we decide what to do."

Adkins also said lawmakers should reserve judgment until Fletcher submits his proposed budget, which the constitution requires by Jan. 27. But he said issuing bonds to pay off debt would be "mortgaging the future

of our children."

"I think it's bad public policy when we look at having a credit-card mentality and bonding debt," he said in an interview.

The opening day was mainly set aside for ceremony. In the House, its constitutional officers stood at the front of the chamber to be sworn in.

On the other side of the Capitol, the Senate finished its opening day business in under an hour. The work was mostly organizational and ceremonial.

Outside the chambers, interest groups clamored for attention — virtually a daily occurrence during General Assembly sessions.

AARP used the Capitol Rotunda for an event to promote legislation on abuse of the elderly. Another group, Kentucky Watch, protested proposed legislation to limit awards for medical malpractice.

Calendar

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

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■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at [Blueboy@foothills.net](mailto:Blueboy@foothills.net).

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call

Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

Fletcher

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Another \$86.4 million will come from the transfer of unbudgeted restricted funds from throughout state government.

The state is also "recapturing" about \$123.4 million through different sources including cuts to various state agencies, a hiring freeze in state government and other administrative actions.

Fletcher also endorsed taking about \$23.9 million from the state's share of the national tobacco settlement — including about \$17 million from the state Agriculture Finance Corporation.

The governor is planning to propose restoring the tobacco settlement money through a bond issue when he makes his budget proposal to the General Assembly later this month, Daniel Groves, Fletcher's chief of staff, said in a news release.

The money transfers come from throughout different agencies in state government, including about \$4 million from the state's Budget Reserve Trust Fund.

Separately, Fletcher has also told his cabinet secretaries to identify where they could cut 2.5 percent of their budgets this year, state Budget Director Brad Cowgill said in a release. That would help the state find about \$100 million that could carry over into the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

As part of the plan, about \$30.3 million from state universities and the Department of Education is being "recaptured."

"We need to identify about \$100 million in savings this year, which can be made available next year just to start out with the same budget size next year as we'll have after the savings made today," Cowgill said.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The counties of the Big Sandy Area Development District, which includes Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike, are having a Regional Water Management Planning Council meeting in order to establish a Regional Water Management Plan as required by KRS 224A and by SB 409. The meeting will be held on the 13th day of January, 2004, at the office of the Big Sandy Area Development District, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, at 11:00 a.m.

The Regional Water Management Council will work toward the completion of the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Plan.

The Regional Water Management Council will also prioritize water and wastewater projects for 2004.

Public attendance is welcomed. Further meetings concerning planning goals and objectives will be scheduled and publicly announced.

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1999 Jeep Wrangler 4x4	\$10,404 P.T.T.L
1999 Chevy 1500 Pickup	\$9,404 P.T.T.L
2000 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 15,000 miles	\$14,404 P.T.T.L
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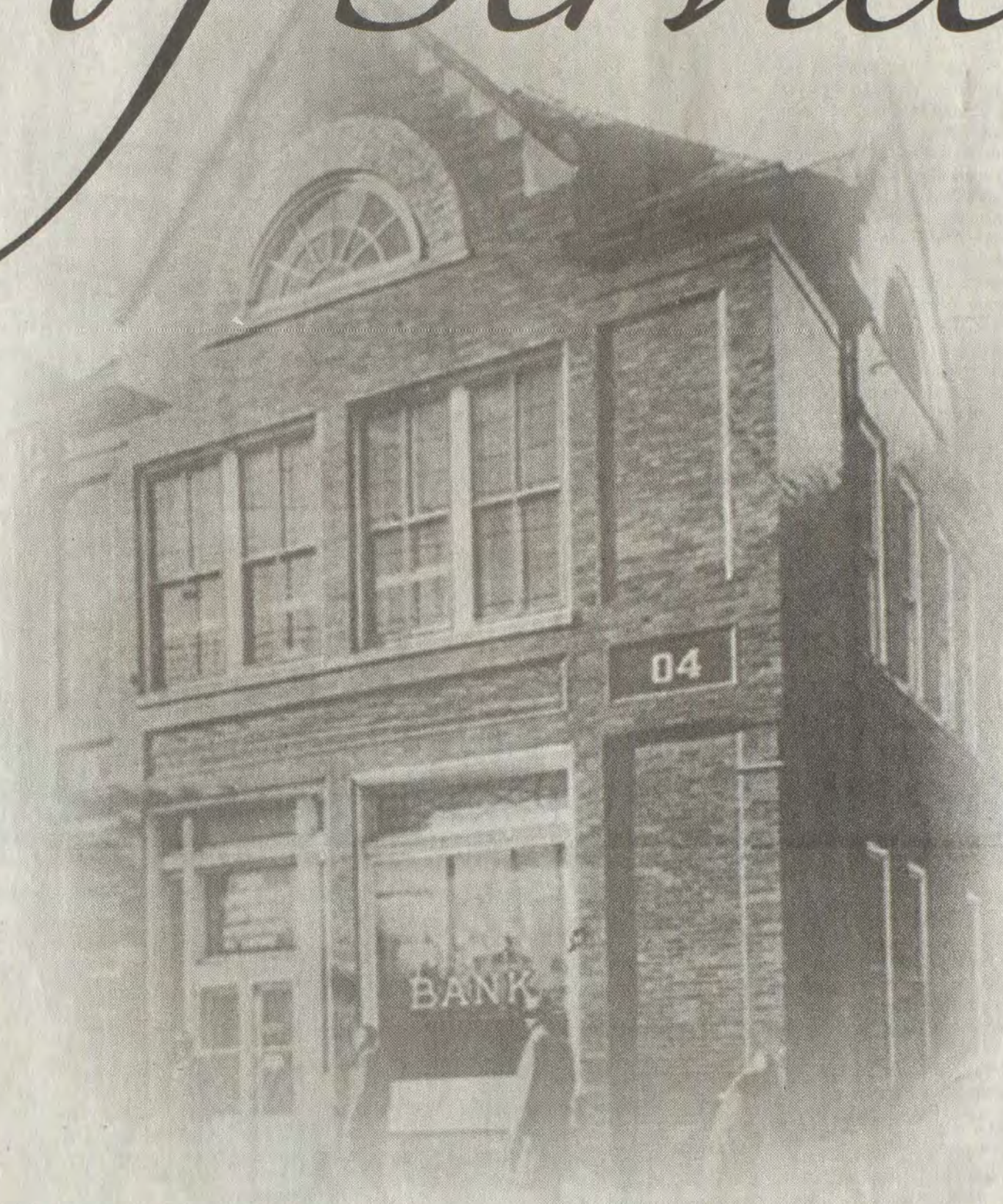
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## Cats scratch Dawgs

PRESTONSBURG – Before playing in Saturday's championship game of the Jenny Wiley Invitational, Prestonsburg had to beat Lawrence County. The Blackcats beat Lawrence County, downing the Bulldogs 63-57. Joe Blackburn gave Prestonsburg a spark, coming in off the bench to score 18 points. Junior guard Trevor Compton paced Prestonsburg with 20 points. Nick Jamerson netted 17 for the Blackcats. Shawn Thompson scored 19 points to lead Lawrence County.

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### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Cumberland 62, Betsy Layne 58

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Betsy Layne's boys' basketball team dropped two close games in a tournament last week at Pike County Central High School.

Playing in the consolation bracket of the Coca-Cola Classic Saturday evening at Pike Central High School, Betsy Layne met up with an unfamiliar foe. The opponent for Betsy Layne was Cumberland.

Betsy Layne played from behind in the first half, trailing 8-12 at the end of the opening period and 25-26 at halftime. Cumberland also led at the end of the third period.

Cumberland got its points from both the outside and the inside.

Betsy Layne's scoring was widespread. Brandon Hall pushed in 16 points to lead the Bobcats. Brent Newsome and Jordan Kidd each had 11 points apiece. Brandon Kidd netted six points and Preston Simon chipped in five.

Patrick Stapleton, Colbert Craft and Derek Case all had two points apiece.

Ryle, a team that narrowly

(See TEAM, page two)

## 21-8 START HURTS BLACKCATS



Prestonsburg players were grouped together following a runner-up finish in the renewed Jenny Wiley Invitational.

photos by Steve LeMaster

## Owensboro Catholic too much for Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – It was a fine accomplishment for the Prestonsburg Blackcats to make the finals of the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament. However, the reward for making the finals was not. Prestonsburg was forced to play the 25th ranked team in the state in Owensboro Catholic in the championship game. And the Aces proved why they are so highly ranked. Prestonsburg fell behind 21-8 early in the game and never threatened on the way to a second place finish in the tournament.

Owensboro Catholic had four players finish the game in double figures led by tournament MVP Andrew

Howard who netted 15 points.

Six-foot-seven Jay Ivey was expected to give the Blackcats problems in the paint but the bigman got into early foul trouble and had to sit out for most of the first half. Prestonsburg was unable to take advantage of the absence of Ivey and Owensboro Catholic was able to build on its lead.

The Aces held a 39-22 lead at the half and a 61-41 advantage after three quarters of play. Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Nick Jamerson, who had game-high 20 points. The senior Blackcat was named to the All tournament team along with fellow players Trevor Compton and Joe Blackburn.

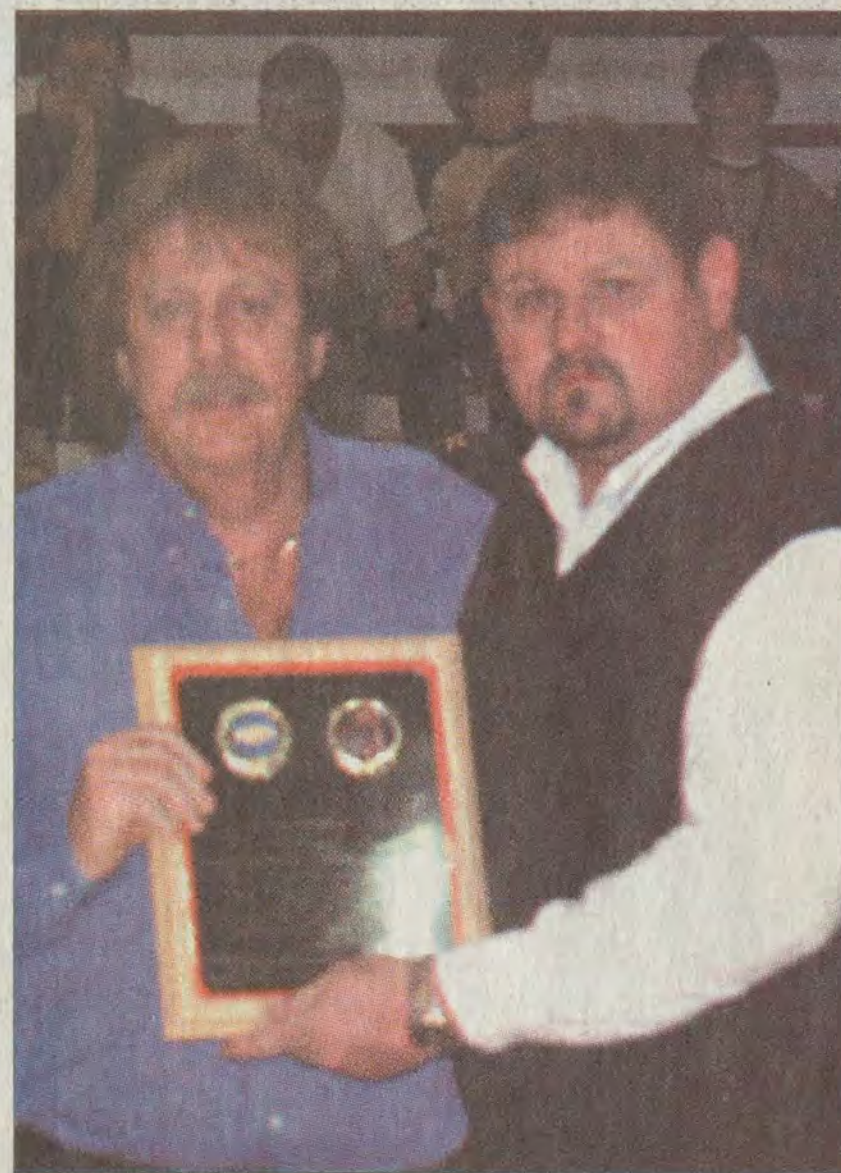
Jamerson finished the Owensboro Catholic contest with 20 points and was six-of-six from the free throw line. Trevor Compton was held scoreless in the first half but the junior guard tossed in nine points in the second half, all of which came on three-point shots.

Michael Morrison came off the Blackcat bench to toss in five points.

Jesse Chaffin finished with five points for Prestonsburg and Michael Stephens added a three-point field

**SCORING:** Owensboro Catholic – Ward 15, Howard 15, Owsley 11, Murphy 11, Haydon 8, Ivey 7, LaHugh 2. Prestonsburg – Jamerson 20, Compton 9, Morrison 5, Chaffin 5, Stephens 3, Blackburn 2, Lafferty 2, Barnette 2, McGuire 2, J.M. Stephens 1.

(See MUCH, page two)



FORMER CLASSMATES, TEAMMATES HELP RENEW JENNY WILEY INVITATIONAL – Former high school classmates Tim McDonald (left) and Jerry Butcher played key roles in the renewal of the Jenny Wiley Invitational Boys' Basketball Tournament. McDonald, owner of Action Express Marts, sponsored the tournament. Butcher, Prestonsburg High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, helped coordinate the event. Butcher and McDonald each attended and played football at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville. Both graduated from Johnson Central in 1978. Butcher presented McDonald with a plaque in appreciation for his great donations.

## Allen Central 55, Johnson Central 42

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Junior Becky Thomas scored a game-high 23 points and senior teammates Terri Mullins and Tab Caudill flipped in 10 apiece to pace Allen Central in a 55-42 win over visiting Johnson Central, last year's 15th Region runner-up.

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Missouri Baptist 83, Alice Lloyd 52

TIMES STAFF REPORT

POINT LOOKOUT, Mo. – In a Monday evening meeting, host Missouri Baptist College had little trouble turning away visiting Alice Lloyd. Missouri Baptist led Alice Lloyd 33-19 through the first half and outscored the Eagles 50-33 in the second half to score an 83-52 win.

Ryan Edwards posted a double-double of 21 points and 11 rebounds to power Missouri Baptist. Jason Kaplan netted 16 points and

Gordon Harris tossed in 12. Missouri Baptist scored 19 points off turnovers.

Matt Spencer led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 15 points. Ryan Shannon netted 13 and Jeremy Jackson chipped in 11. Former South Floyd Raider Jimmy Stumbo added eight points and 10 rebounds.

Alice Lloyd was outscored 55-48.

The next game for the Alice Lloyd men's team and head coach Gary Gibson is a Thursday contest against UVA-Wise.



Jimmy Stumbo

### KHSAA

## Student leadership conference set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The third annual KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conference is set for next Wednesday, Jan. 14 at The Stadium Entertainment/Meeting Complex in Lexington. A group of around 300 students from across the state is expected to attend the one day conference.

Group session topics are set and will

include presentations on Getting Involved in Special Programs/Being a Positive Role Model, Health Lifestyles, Teamwork and Attitude and Respect.

Kirk Disrude of Main West High School in Des Plaines, Ill., and Stephen Bargatz of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association are the fea-

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19. Clay County
20. Daviess County

# Hall to play in East-West Shrine Game

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky senior offensive tackle Antonio Hall will be playing in the East-West Shrine Game on Sat. Jan. 10 in Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco, Calif.

Hall will wear uniform No. 73 for the East team. The game is slated for a 2 p.m. EST kickoff and will be televised by ESPN.

Hall was chosen first-team All-SEC in 2003 by the Associated Press and the SEC Coaches. He showed his toughness by playing all season with a

nagging hip injury, protecting the blind side of left-handed quarterback Jared Lorenzen. He totaled 68 knockdown blocks during the season. Hall also was a first-team All-SEC pick in 2002 by the SEC Coaches and a second-team selection by the AP that year.

Hall is the 26th Kentucky player or coach to compete in the East-West Game. The first were lineman Ray Correll and end Steve Meilinger in 1954 (following the 1953 season) and the most recent was running back Anthony White in 2000, following the 1999 season.

Coaches at convention: The Kentucky football coaches are attending the American Football Coaches Association convention in Orlando, Fla., through Thursday. Coaches may resume off-campus recruiting on Jan. 9.

Players return next week: The University of Kentucky holiday break continues this

week. The players will return for the beginning of the spring semester on Jan. 14.

Claiborne inducted into Peach Bowl Hall of Fame: Former Wildcat student-athlete and head coach Jerry Claiborne has been named to the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl Hall of Fame.

Claiborne had a 28-year career as a collegiate head coach at Virginia Tech, Maryland, and Kentucky. He had a career record of 179-122-8 and took 11 teams to bowl games. His 1973 Maryland team played in the Peach Bowl.

"Jerry Claiborne embraced his players both on and off the field," said William Pate, Chairman of the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl. "He taught them how to be not only great football players, but also great students. His teams were always among the association's best in academic achievement and graduation rate."

Claiborne was a three-year letterman at Kentucky, playing for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, in the late 1940s. He returned to his alma mater as head coach from 1982-89, leading the Wildcats to two post-season appearances. Kentucky also won the 1989 College Football Association Academic Achievement Award for the nation's highest graduation rate.

Begley honored: Wildcat kicker Taylor Begley was honored by UK President Lee Todd and First Lady Patsy Todd during a timeout of the Kentucky-North Carolina men's basketball game on Saturday.

A sophomore from Danville, Begley was recognized for his excellence in the classroom and on the playing field. Begley, who has a 3.90 grade-point average in electrical engineering, was named to the Academic All-District IV team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

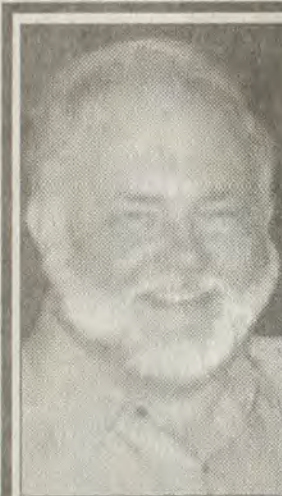
As a kicker, Begley was the team's leading scorer with 58 points during the 2003 season. He connected on 6 of 10 field goals and made all 40 extra points.



Members of the Jenny Wiley Invitational All-Tournament Team from Prestonsburg and Owensboro Catholic were recognized and given awards following Saturday's finals.



Players and officials who participated in past Jenny Wiley Invitational tournaments were recognized during halftime of Saturday's championship game between host Prestonsburg and Owensboro Catholic.



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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Ortega nets 11 in Centre win

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SEWANEE, Tenn. — John Ortega is back at it again. The Centre College senior is making his presence known on the collegiate hardwood. And with his help, the Centre College Basketball Colonels are winning.

James Booker hit a putback basket with 1.7 seconds left to lift the Centre College men to a come-from-behind 57-56 win over Sewanee in their Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference opener Friday night.

Centre (9-2, 1-0 SCAC) trailed for most of the game, and Sewanee (2-8, 0-1) held a 44-35 lead with 12:18 remaining before the Colonels used a 22-12 run in the last eight minutes. "We were very fortunate to

escape with a win," Centre coach Greg Mason said. "Sewanee led almost the entire game, but we just never lost our composure, and that's what ultimately saved us."

The Colonels got a big lift from their bench, as their reserves outscored Sewanee's bench 27-9.

Ortega scored 11 points and Matt Jacobson scored nine off the Centre bench, and Mason said both players' contributions were invaluable.

"Both of those guys came in and gave us a spark when we desperately needed a spark," Mason said.

Rob King also had 11 points for Centre, which shot 48.8 percent from the field.

Sewanee led by as many as 10 points in the first half and was up 36-30 at halftime.

## Set

tured speakers. The program is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

The KHSAA Annual Meeting of member school delegates is slated for next Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Patterson Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Eighteen proposals will be reviewed and voted on by member school delegates. An open "round table" discussion by the authors of the proposals, KHSAA Staff and Board and the voting delegates will be held beginning at 11:15 a.m. (ET). The voting session of the meeting will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. Delegates will start the day with various professional development and information seminars, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

To view the meeting agenda and or the proposals, log on to the KHSAA website and choose either of the links below.

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The annual January meeting of the Board of Control will be held Friday, Jan. 16 at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

Statewide boys' and girls' basketball stats rankings will begin next week. Leaders will be posted on the KHSAA website each week beginning next Thursday evening, Jan. 15.

## Central

Thomas scored eight of her game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter. She hit on eight field goals and was five-of-seven from the free-throw line. Thomas hit all five of Allen Central's made free throws.

As a team, Allen Central hit just five of 14 charity shots. The Lady Rebels hit six three-point field-goals.

Allen Central, on its way to the win, held Johnson Central to single digits in each of the first two periods. The host Lady Rebels exited the first period with a 15-5 lead and led 28-12 at halftime.

Yumekia Hunter and Jessica Isaac rounded out the Allen Central (8-7) scoring with six points apiece.

Allen Central shot 49-percent from the field. Mullins added seven assists and Thomas had nine rebounds.

Lady Rebel head coach Mark Martin was pleased to see his team win on its home floor.

"It felt good to get to play a home game," Martin said. The kids were excited, and it showed by the way we played. It was a good win and I'm proud of the

## Much

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goal.

Prestonsburg improved from the charity stripe finishing the game 10-of-12 from the line while Owensboro Catholic finished the game nine-of-12 from the stripe. With the win, Owensboro Catholic claimed the tournament title while the Blackcats brought home the runner-up spot.

## Team

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escaped with an overtime victory over Betsy Layne in the first round of the tournament, edged host Pike Central 51-49 Saturday night in the event's championship game. Cawood beat Pikeville 69-48 to take third-place.

In another consolation bracket game, Magoffin County got its first win of the season, beating Jenkins 69-45.

Betsy Layne 79, Magoffin County 40; Betsy Layne beat Magoffin County for a second time this season on the strength of balanced scoring. Four different players scored in double figures to lead Betsy Layne to a blowout win over the Hornets Friday night.

Blake Jenkins netted nine points to lead Magoffin County in scoring.

Brent Newsome and Jordan Kidd each scored 14 points for the Bobcats. Brandon Hall netted 12 and Brandon Kidd flipped in 11. Derek Case scored seven. Brandon Thacker and Colbert Craft each had four points in off the bench for the Bobcats. Jordan Case scored three for Betsy Layne. Brentton Akers and Jordan Case each had two.

balance of scoring. The girls just really played hard. Our defense really set the tone early and from that point on it was a fun game to watch."

Several Lady Rebels stepped up to the plate and swung big in Monday night's win.

"Terri (Mullins) has been playing well as of late, and Jessica and Tabitha had solid games," Martin said, speaking of his senior floorleader. "Sophomore Yumekia Hunter continues to improve, and Becky is just getting better."

Jayne Dials led Johnson Central (1-10) in scoring with 14 points. Alice Daniel chipped in 11 for the Lady Eagles.

Johnson Central was four-of-eight from the free-throw line.

Johnson Central's only win of the season came in the first game of the campaign when South Floyd came calling.

Allen Central will be back in action Friday night when it travels to Prestonsburg to face the Lady Blackcats in a key 58th District matchup. Johnson Central will host East Ridge Thursday night.





photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg junior Joe Blackburn came in off the bench and gave the Blackcats a huge spark against Lawrence County. He is pictured defending Lawrence County's Thomas Lewis.

# Titans-Patriots to highlight second weekend of playoffs

by BARRY WILNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New England Patriots' reward for having the NFL's best record might not be much of a prize.

The Patriots, 14-2 this season with a 12-game winning streak, face Tennessee on Saturday night in Foxboro, Mass. While New England will be rested after its bye this weekend, it also will oppose a wild-card team that went 12-4, then beat Baltimore 20-17 on the road Saturday.

Tennessee lost a 38-30 shootout at Gillette Stadium in October, and the Patriots have allowed one meaningless touchdown at home since. The Titans are a bit banged up from their last-minute win, including NFL co-MVP Steve McNair and Eddie George.

But Tennessee's resolution and resilience was on display in that extremely physical game with the Ravens. And coach Jeff Fisher said both McNair and George will practice this week, then play in Foxboro.

"Players are really looking forward to going on," Fisher said. "The NFL in five-six hours

has gone from 12 teams to eight. There'll be four left in our conference next week, and it's an exciting time."

The entire season has been exciting for New England, which is riding the hottest streak of its existence. No team is better at forcing errors, especially when opponents are deep in their own territory.

Tennessee had a plus-13 turnover differential during the season, but McNair threw three interceptions against Baltimore.

New England has not run the ball well, and the Titans excel at defending on the ground. They held NFL rushing leader Jamal Lewis to 35 yards on 14 carries Saturday.

That could force the Patriots to the air, where they have been outstanding, while the Titans ranks 30th in pass defense. Of course, if the elements come into play — anyone remember the last prime-time playoff game in New England? — the Patriots are comfortable in the snow.

The other matchups next weekend are Indianapolis at Kansas City in the AFC on Sunday, followed by Green Bay at Philadelphia in the NFC, and Saturday's NFC game featuring Carolina at St. Louis.

Colts (13-4) at Chiefs (13-3)

The way Indianapolis handled Denver on Sunday bodes well for the supremely confident Colts. Kansas City's defense has struggled in the second half of the season, and matching up with co-MVP Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Edgerrin James and the rest of Indy's prolific offense is a hefty chore for the Chiefs.

But it works the other way, too. Kansas City has just as many weapons — Priest Holmes, Tony Gonzalez, Trent Green, a superb line — and will be fresher and at home, where it was 8-0 in 2003.

This game could come down to which defense can assert itself at least part of the time. The last six weeks would indicate the Colts have a better chance of doing so.

The last time Colts coach Tony Dungy and Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil met in the playoffs was the 1999 NFC championship game, when Vermeil's Rams edged Dungy's Buccaneers 11-6.

Panthers (12-5) at Rams (12-4)

Carolina's impressive dismantling of Dallas has the Panthers thinking big thoughts. Now comes a much bigger challenge, though, in the mighty (at home) Rams.

St. Louis was 8-0 in its cacophonous dome, and the Rams are itching to get back on the field after their season-ending flop in Detroit cost them the overall NFC home-field advantage. The Rams believe they can

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## COMMENTARY

# It was one UK needed; Rose back in news

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Let's face it!

Saturday's fifth straight CBS game pitting number eight Kentucky against number nine North Carolina was a game UK desperately needed to win.

It was a big one. Not just from the standpoint of continuing being the team with the most wins (North Carolina is second) but in ways to boost their confidence. What made the game more attractive was the way they came back from 10 points down to the Tar Heels.

Neither team is worthy of their ranking but I guess someone has to be ranked there. The Cats were held to 20 points in the first half, the third time in the last four games they have been limited. Only some torrid shooting by Erik Daniels rescued Kentucky and prevented them from losing for the second time this season.

I don't think we will ever get over the Rick Pitino era when he had his team up and down the floor and scoring in the 90s about each time out. This

Kentucky version of Kentucky basketball is not a potent line up and will find life in the SEC in 2004 a bit different from last season when they went through the conference schedule and tournament unbeaten.

It all begins this Saturday when the Wildcats host unbeaten Vanderbilt, a legitimate contender for a SEC crown this year. This is a good Vandy team.

Then it is on the road to Mississippi State, another difficult place to play and win.

For this Kentucky team to be a contender they will have to execute better on offense and take care of the basketball better. The Cats defense is not that bad and if they ever right their offense, they can compete for another SEC championship.

According to reports of Pete Rose's new book, he is suppositively admitted to betting on baseball and the Reds. If that will appease the powers that be or not remains to be seen.

I have always held that Rose deserves to be in the Hall of Fame on the merits of what he did on the field and I still think that way. However, if he indeed

did bet on the game and especially the Reds during his tenure as manager, he should never be allowed to manage any team again.

We will have to wait and see how this one turns out. Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Cats hold on to beat Tar Heels

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gerald Fitch scored 21 points and made a clinching 3-pointer with 23 seconds left, helping No. 8 Kentucky beat No. 9 North Carolina 61-56 on Saturday.

Kentucky (9-1) rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to defeat the Tar Heels (8-2) for the fourth straight season.

Erik Daniels added 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats, who shot 55 percent in the second half after shooting 26 percent in the opening half. Kentucky committed only three turnovers after halftime.

The game was a matchup between the schools that rank 1-2 in career wins in Division I — Kentucky at 1,858 and North Carolina at 1,816.

North Carolina's only other loss this season came in triple overtime to No. 6 Wake Forest.

North Carolina led 30-20 in the first minute of the second half and 35-26 with 15:43 left. Kentucky used an 11-2 run to pull even and took the lead for good with 10:53 left on a basket by Daniels that made it 43-41.

The Tar Heels twice pulled within one point, the last at 57-56 on a 3-pointer by Raymond Felton with 56 seconds left.

With the shot clock at 3, Fitch hit a 3-pointer — his fifth of the game — to restore

Kentucky's lead to four points. North Carolina turned the ball over on its next possession, and Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins made 1-of-2 free throws with 14.5 seconds left.

Melvin Scott scored 16 points and Felton added 11 for North Carolina. The Tar Heels lost despite the return of starters Sean May and Jawad Williams. They missed North Carolina's previous game, a win over Coastal Carolina, because of an ankle injury and a concussion. May and Williams combined for 11 points and 11 rebounds against Kentucky.

Scott made three 3-pointers and scored 11 points in the first half, which ended with North Carolina up 28-20. The Tar Heels' lead could have been larger if they hadn't committed 11 turnovers. They finished the game with 20 turnovers.

Kentucky led 10-2 a little more than three minutes into the game, but the Wildcats scored just 10 points during the final 16:49 of the half. Kentucky shot 8-of-31 from the field, including 2-of-12 from 3-point range, and had 10 first-half turnovers.

Kentucky's first-half shooting struggles continued a trend. In the Wildcats' previous two games — a loss to Louisville and a win over Austin Peay — they shot 37 percent.

North Carolina is 16-10 against Kentucky. Before the current Kentucky streak, the Tar Heels had won six in a row over the Wildcats.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# P'burg girls pound Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Prestonsburg had a 20-2 lead through one quarter and had no trouble in a 72-30 win over 58th District foe Piarist.

Junior Molly Burchett led Prestonsburg with a game-high 23 points. Amber Whitaker scored 15 for Prestonsburg and Darcey Hicks added 10.

The Lady Blackcats outscored Piarist in each of the four quarters. Prestonsburg led 35-17 at halftime and 57-18 when played entered the final period.

Stephanie Williams led Piarist in points scored with 10.

Host Piarist came into the game following its first win of the season, a triumph over Jackson City back on Dec. 23.

Prestonsburg 69, Letcher 30: In a game played last Thursday night on the road in the 14th Region, visiting Prestonsburg rolled to a 39-point win over Letcher.

Molly Burchett scored 18 points and freshman Meaghan Slone added 18. Darcey Hicks finished with 10.

Eighth-grader Brittany Collins scored eight points and senior Heather White tossed in seven for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg maintained control of the game early. The Lady Blackcats led 35-16 at halftime and 60-20 at the end of the third period.

## LADY BLACKCAT SCORING

PRESTONSBURG (69) — Burchett 11, M. Slone 14, Music 3, White 7, Hicks 10, Patton 2, Whitaker 2, Chaffin 2, Collins 8, P. Slone 3.

LETCHE (30) — Smith 2, Adams 3, Roarke 16, Hatton 3, Griffey 6.

Prestonsburg.....20 15 25 9-69

Letcher.....7 9 4 10-30

## AROUND EASTERN KENTUCKY

# Clay County continues roll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MANCHESTER — Clay County is still Clay County. The Tigers, ranked in the top-10 in the state, hit 11 of 12 free throws and held visiting Rockcastle County to three field goals in the fourth quarter Saturday to post win No. 10 of the 2003-04 season. Clay County won 78-65.

Rodney Mitchell scored 23 points and Brian Griffith scored 14 to lift Clay County. The Tigers outscored the Rockets 19-9 in the final period.

Aaron Cash and Blake Roberts each scored 19 points for Rockcastle County.

Glasgow 59, Paintsville 44: Seventeen points from freshman

guard Daniel Pugh wasn't enough to vault Paintsville to a win over Glasgow Saturday evening. Peyton Conley and J.D. VanHoose each scored 10 for Paintsville in the setback.

Ten different players scored for Glasgow. The Scotties led after each period.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pikeville 45, Paintsville 42: A game-high 20 points from Shawna Howard and 14 more Emily Colvin lifted Pikeville to a three-point win over rival Paintsville.

Ashley Hall, who recently scored her 1,000th career point, led Paintsville with 17 points.

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# Rose admits he bet on baseball; next step up to Selig

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Now the wait begins.

Pete Rose hopes baseball will end his lifetime ban after his first public acknowledgment he bet on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds.

The admission in "My Prison Without Bars," his autobiography due out Thursday,

will be part of the evidence in Rose's case for reinstatement, commissioner Bud Selig's chief deputy, Bob DuPuy, said Monday.

"The application remains pending, and the commissioner will take all of this into account," DuPuy said.

Whether or when baseball makes a decision is anyone's guess. Selig has refused to rule for more than six years on

Rose's bid for reinstatement, which is necessary for the career hits leader to reach the Hall of Fame.

Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989, and he applied for reinstatement in 1997.

For 14 years, Rose denied publicly he bet on baseball. He fesses up in the book, saying he regrets gambling on the game he loves and then lying about

it. Rose says he started betting regularly on baseball in 1987, the year after he stopped playing, according to excerpts from the book released to Sports Illustrated for this week's issue, which hits newsstands Wednesday. He says he only ever bet on the Reds to win.

Selig's immediate predecessor, Fay Vincent, read the excerpts and was outraged, concluding that Rose did not deserve reinstatement.

"There's no sense of regret, no sense of shame, no sense of the damage he did to baseball," Vincent said. "I guess I'm really disgusted. I think the whole thing is a sordid, miserable story. It's sort of like turning over a stone — you see a lot of maggots, and it's not very pretty."

Rose chronicles two meetings with baseball commissioners more than 13 years apart. In the first, with Peter Ueberroth in February 1989, the Reds' manager denied ever betting on baseball. In the second, with Selig in November 2002, Rose decided to confess.

"Yes, sir, I did bet on baseball," Rose told Selig during the private meeting.

"How often?" Selig asked. "Four or five times a week," Rose replied. "But I never bet against my own team, and I never made any bets from the clubhouse."

"Why?" Selig asked. "I didn't think I'd get caught."

After the meeting, Rose came away thinking he would be reinstated "within a reasonable period."

"I've consistently heard the statement: 'If Pete Rose came clean, all would be forgiven,'" he writes. "Well, I've done what you've asked. The rest is

up to the commissioner and the big umpire in the sky."

If reinstated, Rose's last chance to appear on the writers' ballot for the Hall of Fame is December 2005. After that, he could be voted in by the veterans' committee.

But even if he appears on the ballot, he needs 75 percent of the voters to select him, and Hall rules state "voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

Rose repeated his admission in an interview on ABC News' "Primetime Thursday," parts of which aired Monday on "Good Morning America."

"It's time to clean the slate, it's time to take responsibility," Rose says in the interview. "I'm 14 years late."

"I just never had the opportunity to tell anybody that was going to help me. ... I couldn't get a response from baseball for 12 years. It's like I died and, and they knew I died and they didn't want to bring me back. They were just going to let me rot."

Rose wrote that if he "had been an alcoholic or a drug addict, baseball would have suspended me for six weeks and paid for my rehabilitation."

"I should have had the opportunity to get help, but baseball had no fancy rehab for gamblers like they do for drug addicts," Rose wrote. "If I had admitted my guilt, it would have been the same as putting my head on the chopping block — lifetime ban. Death penalty. I spent my entire life on the baseball fields of America, and I was not going to give up my profession without first seeing some hard evidence. ... Right or wrong, the punishment didn't

fit the crime — so I denied the crime."

Rose admitted placing bets with Ronald Peters through Thomas Gioiosa and Paul Janszen; they were the primary witnesses in the 1989 investigation by baseball lawyer John Dowd that led to the agreement in which Rose accepted a lifetime ban.

Dowd concluded Rose bet on baseball from 1985-87 and detailed 412 baseball wagers between April 8-July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win.

"During the times I gambled as a manager, I never took an unfair advantage," Rose wrote. "I never bet more or less based on injuries or inside information. I never allowed my

(See ROSE, page five)

## Gaughan to run for rookie title for Penske

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Brendan Gaughan.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Penske Performance, Inc. announced that Kodak would sponsor Penske-Jasper Racing Company's No. 77 Dodge for the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series.

The companies forged a multi-year agreement for Kodak to be the primary sponsor of the No. 77 Dodge, which will be driven by

Gaughan, the 2002 Rookie of the Year in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, won eight races over two full seasons and finished fourth in the Truck Series point standings in 2003.

The No. 77 Kodak Dodge will be co-owned by Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc., a long-time Penske business partner, and will have the benefits of its relation-

ship with Penske's other Nextel Cup teams, the No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge, driven by Rusty Wallace, and the No. 12 Alltel Dodge, driven by Ryan Newman.

"I am thrilled to get this opportunity and thankful to so many people," said Brendan Gaughan. "I appreciate the confidence that Kodak and the Penske organization have shown in my abilities. I can't wait for the 2004 season to begin."

Jasper Engine Exchange and Transmissions, Inc., which has been the primary sponsor of the No. 77 Jasper car for the past 13 seasons, will become an associate sponsor with the new race team.

Jasper will be identified as the primary sponsor in several races each year. In addition to its sponsorship, Jasper will provide engineering support and power train development to the Kodak-sponsored No. 77 Dodge.

For the past 18 years, Kodak has been identified with the No. 4 car, teamed with Morgan-McClure Motorsports. Kodak will remain with the Morgan-McClure team as an associate sponsor.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Central Bible edges ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Central Bible College edged Alice Lloyd College 53-52 Saturday at the Forest Arnold Activities Center. Central Bible College led 31-21 at halftime, but had to battle hard in the second half to slip out with the one-point win. Alice Lloyd outscored Central Bible by nine points in the second half to make the game as close

as it was.

Central Bible guard/forward Brandon Pemberton scored 14 points and forward Sean Swihart added 12 to lead the way to victory.

Matt Spencer led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 15 points. Shannon Akers netted 13 and South Floyd graduate Jimmy Stumbo tossed in 12.

Central Bible edged Alice Lloyd in the rebounding department, 38-36.

### Highlight

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move the ball on any visitor, including Carolina's stingy defense sparked by a strong pass rush.

The Panthers must rattle quarterback Marc Bulger, making his first postseason start, and force mistakes. Then they must not turn over the ball.

And they can't get overconfident.

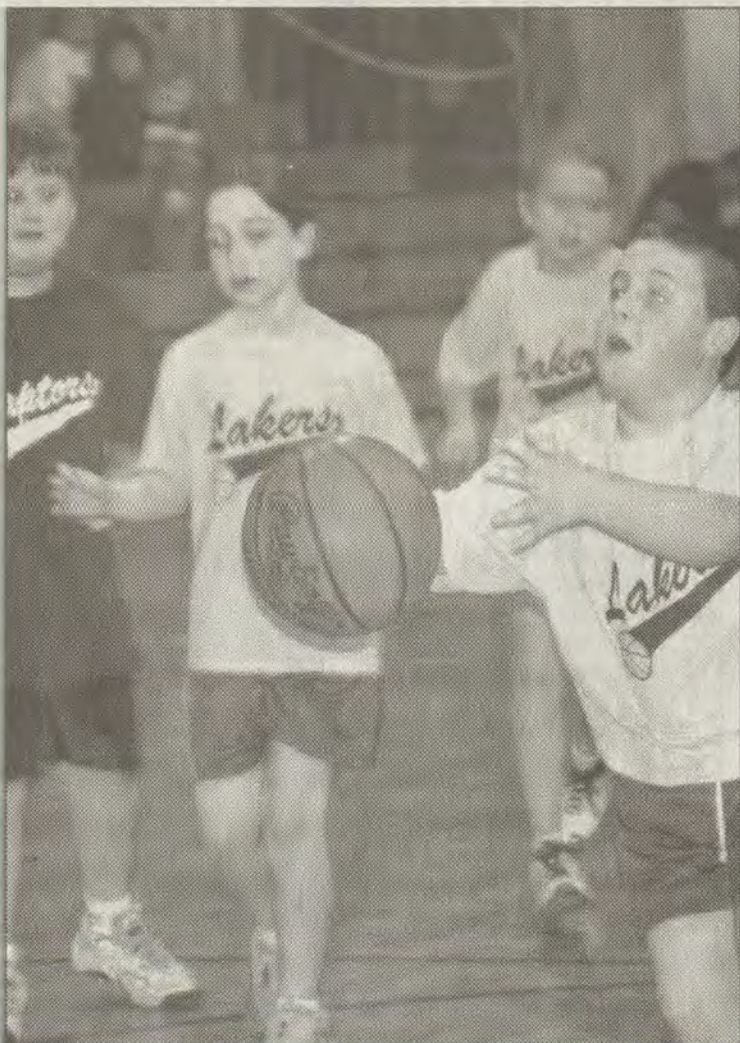
"You just forget about it and go back to business, just like we've preached all season," coach John Fox said. "We've already moved on."

Packers (11-6) at Eagles (12-4)

Green Bay's dramatic home win carried it to Philadelphia, where the Eagles are trying to get healthy. If versatile running back Brian Westbrook (torn left triceps) can't play, that will damage the Eagles' ground and passing games.

The Eagles beat the Packers 17-14 two months ago, the fourth victory of a nine-game winning streak. The Packers believe they should have won that matchup.

This one could turn on Green Bay's ability to run the ball against a defense that regularly allowed 100-yard rushers. Ahman Green didn't have much success in the overtime victory against Seattle, and he'll be a key next Sunday.



photos by Jamie Howell

Play in the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball league resumed Saturday. Results from Saturday's games will appear in Friday's edition.

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Jenny Wiley consy game

Harrison Co. 68, Lawrence Co. 55: Clay Muntz scored a game-high 22 points to lead Harrison County to a win over a scrappy Lawrence County squad. Bulldog center Derrick Endicott led Lawrence County with 21 points. Thomas Lewis scored 12 points for Lawrence County and Shawn Thompson added 10. Jason Spradlin netted seven for the Dawgs.

Harrison County, which has Prestonsburg native Jason Day Crisp on its coaching staff, outscored Lawrence County in three out of four quarters.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Gonzalez agrees to contract with Royals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two-time American League MVP Juan Gonzalez agreed Tuesday to a one-year contract

with the Kansas City Royals that guarantees him \$4.5 million.

The free-agent outfielder gets \$4 million next season, and the deal includes a mutual option for 2005 at \$7 million. If the

Royals decline the option, Gonzalez would receive a \$500,000 buyout.

He can earn \$2 million in performance bonuses this year and \$1.5 million in 2005.

Gonzalez, 34, broke into the majors with Texas in 1989. He played there until 1999, then returned in 2002 after a year in Detroit and another in Cleveland.

Last year, Gonzalez played in 82 games, hitting .294 with 24 home runs and 70 RBIs before a calf injury ended his season.

The three-time All-Star has a .296 career batting average with 429 home runs and 1,387 RBIs.

Gonzalez has five seasons with at least 40 home runs, leading the AL with 43 homers in 1992 and 46 in 1993. He also led the league with 50 doubles in 1998.

In 2004, Gonzalez can earn bonuses of \$50,000 for 400 plate appearances, \$100,000 for 425, \$150,000 for 250 and \$200,000 for 475. In each year, he can earn \$500,000 each for 500, 550 and 575 plate appearances.

## Top teams remain steady in prep polls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Mason County is still the top-rated high school boys' basketball team and Louisville Sacred Heart is the top girls' basketball team, each according to the latest Associated Press polls.

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

### BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(12)	12-1	120	1
2. Lex. Catholic	-	9-3	95	4
3. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	11-3	87	3
4. Apollo	-	10-2	65	2
5. Clay Co.	-	11-0	51	6
6. Wayne Co.	-	10-1	49	-
7. Lou. Fern Creek	-	9-2	35	5
8. Elizabethtown	-	9-3	22	7
9. Montgomery Co.	-	10-0	16	-
10. Daviess Co.	-	12-3	15	10

Others receiving votes: Lou. DeSales 12, Hopkinsville 12, North Laurel 11, Madison Central 10, Warren Central 8, Barbourville 7, Marshall Co. 6, Lou. Ballard 6, Breathitt Co. 5, East Carter 5, Scott Co. 4, Henderson Co. 3, Lou. Seneca 3, Paducah Tilghman 3, Shelby Valley 2, Lex. Lafayette 2, Owensboro Catholic 2, Hazard 1, Hopkins Co. Central 1, Lex. Tates Creek 1.

### GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(12)	11-1	120	1
2. Christian Co.	-	12-1	99	2
3. Rockcastle Co.	-	12-1	75	3
4. Jackson Co.	-	9-1	66	4
5. Lex. Catholic	-	9-5	54	6
6. Henderson Co.	-	12-3	49	5
7. Lou. Mercy	-	8-3	41	7
8. Newport Central Catholic	-	7-3	24	8
9. Scott Co.	-	9-1	22	-
10. East Carter	-	12-2	18	10

Others receiving votes: Elizabethtown 17, Marshall Co. 14, Mercer Co. 13, Pulaski Co. 7, Owen Co. 7, Cov. Holy Cross 6, Muhlenberg North 6, Lou. Christian Academy 5, Bullitt East 5, Boone Co. 4, Ohio Co. 3, Barren Co. 2, Daviess Co. 1, Lex. Henry Clay 1.

## Jenny Wiley Invitational All-Tournament Team

Gabriel Stevens, Phelps  
Nathan Moore, Sheldon Clark  
Dennis Ray Farler, Cordia  
Raceland- Daniel Watts, Raceland  
Clay Muntz, Corey Britt, Harrison County  
Thomas Lewis, Lawrence County  
Joe Blackburn, Nick Jamerson, Trevor Compton, Prestonsburg  
Travis Owsley, Eric Ward, Owensboro Catholic  
MVP — Andrew Howard, Owensboro Catholic



# Briefs: Former Phillies relief pitcher Tug McGraw dies

**PHILADELPHIA** — Tug McGraw, the zany relief pitcher who closed out the Philadelphia Phillies 1980 World Series championship, died Monday. He was 59.

McGraw died of brain cancer at the home of his son, country music star Tim McGraw, outside of Nashville, according to Laurie Hawkins, a family spokesperson. He had been battling the disease since March, when he underwent surgery for a malignant tumor.

**NEW YORK** — Javier Vazquez and the New York Yankees agreed to a \$45 million, four-year contract.

**NEW YORK** — In a blockbuster eight-player trade between New York and the Phoenix Suns, Stephon Marbury, Penny Hardaway and Cezary Trybanski were dealt to the Knicks for Antonio McDyess, Howard Eisley, Charlie Ward, Maciej Lampe, the rights to Milos Vujanic and

two first-round draft picks. The Knicks will give Phoenix their first-round pick in the 2004 draft and an additional first-round pick.

**SAN ANTONIO** — The San Antonio Spurs placed guard Manu Ginobili on the injured list, two days after he hurt his back in a loss to

Philadelphia.

Team officials said Ginobili has a lower back sprain and that he will miss at least five games. San Antonio activated rookie guard Alex Garcia to take Ginobili's roster spot.

**FOOTBALL**  
Co-MVP Peyton Manning

beat out the league's other Most Valuable Player, Steve McNair, to keep the quarterback spot on The Associated Press All-Pro Team to himself. Manning made the squad for the first time.

Joining the Indianapolis Colts' star on the team were Baltimore's postseason award winners, linebacker Ray Lewis and running back Jamal Lewis.

Ray Lewis, the AP Defensive Player of the Year, led the way overall with 49 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters. Jamal Lewis, the AP Offensive Player of the Year, received the second-most votes, 46.

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Former Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin interviewed with the New York Giants for the second time.

Coughlin's wife, Judy, told The Associated Press her husband arrived in the New York area in the afternoon and was discussing the job. She said no agreement had been reached.

**ASHBURN, Va.** — With the Seattle Seahawks out of the playoffs, defensive coordinator

Ray Rhodes became the third candidate to interview for the Washington Redskins' coaching job.

Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said Rhodes departed for the nation's capital on Monday and was expected back Tuesday night.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**ATLANTA** — Georgia will not contest the NCAA's finding of four rules violations in the school's basketball program, according to Ed Tolley, the Athens attorney who headed

the university's investigation.

The NCAA outlined its findings in a letter recently sent to university president Michael Adams, former basketball coach Jim Harrick and Harrick's attorneys.

Though only three of the four rules violations in the NCAA report had previously been made public, Tolley said each of the violations had been self-reported. Charges of academic fraud and improper benefits were known last March when Harrick was suspended and then forced to resign. — The Associated Press

## Two elected to HoF

**NEW YORK** — Hitting star Paul Molitor and reliever Dennis Eckersley were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Tuesday in their first year of eligibility.

Molitor was picked on 431 of 506 ballots (85.2 percent) cast by reporters who have been members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America for 10 or more years. Eckersley was selected on 421 ballots (83.2 percent).

To gain election, a player must be chosen by at least 75 percent of the voters (380).

Second baseman Ryne

Sandberg was third with 309 votes, 61.1 percent, up from 49.2 last year.

He was followed by Jim Rice (276), Andre Dawson (253), Rich Gossage (206), Lee Smith (185) and Bert Blyleven (179).

Pete Rose, ineligible for the ballot because of his lifetime ban, received 15 write-in votes, three fewer than last year. Rose, who admitted in his soon-to-be-released autobiography that he bet on Cincinnati while managing the Reds, must be reinstated by December 2005 to appear on the BBWAA ballot.

— The Associated Press

## Rose

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wagers to influence my baseball decisions. So in my mind, I wasn't corrupt."

Dowd was traveling Monday and could not be contacted.

In his first autobiography, published in 1989, Rose denied gambling. That book, "Pete Rose: My Story," was written with Roger Kahn.

"I feel he has embarrassed me," Kahn said Monday. "I must have asked Pete 20 times, 'Did you bet on baseball?' He would look at me, blink his eyes and say, 'I didn't bet baseball. I have too much respect for the game.'"

## RANKINGS

# iHigh.com state basketball polls

### Girls

1. Sacred Heart (11-1)
2. Christian County (12-1)
3. Rockcastle County (12-1)
4. Jackson County (10-1)
5. Mercy (8-3)
6. Henderson County (13-3)
7. Lexington Catholic (9-5)
8. Elizabethtown (9-2)
9. Scott County (10-1)
10. Newport Central Catholic (8-3)
11. East Carter (13-2)
12. Muhlenberg North (10-2)
13. Henry Clay (7-2)
14. Marshall County (9-2)
15. Mercer County (8-3)
16. Franklin-Simpson (9-2)
17. Butler (8-3)
18. Pulaski County (11-2)
19. Wayne County (7-3)
20. Woodford County (10-4)
21. Louisville Christian (9-3)
22. Assumption (8-3)
23. Washington County (10-3)
24. Owen County (10-1)
25. Clinton County (8-5)

### Boys

1. Mason County (12-1)
2. Lexington Catholic (9-3)
3. Pleasure Ridge Park (11-3)
4. Apollo (10-2)
5. Wayne County (10-1)
6. Fern Creek (9-2)
7. Clay County (11-0)
8. Elizabethtown (9-3)
9. Daviess County (12-3)
10. DeSales (9-3)
11. Hopkinsville (7-4)
12. Madison Central (7-2)
13. Hopkins County Central (10-1)
14. North Laurel (11-1)
15. Marshall County (8-2)
16. Seneca (10-3)
17. Shelby Valley (8-1)
18. Montgomery County (10-0)
19. Owensboro Catholic (11-1)
20. Scott County (11-3)
21. Barbourville (9-1)
22. Warren Central (4-5)
23. Ballard (7-7)
24. Hazard (8-2)
25. Boone County (10-2)

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Raiders shipwreck Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HAZARD** — The renewed Hazard Invitational wasn't a complete loss for the South Floyd Raiders. South Floyd salvaged its appearance in the tournament by beating rival Allen Central in what was a third game of the tournament for both teams. The Hazard tourney featured some of the state's top Class-A boys' basketball programs.

South Floyd beat Allen Central 73-57 in a game played over the weekend. For the Raiders, it was the second victory of the season over the Floyd County rival.

For Raider head coach

Henry Webb, the victory came at a good time.

"The win over Allen Central was a good win for us, we have played 13 games with only two home games with a team

that lost all 5 starters," said Webb. "We are looking forward to a few home games. "I thought our kids done a good job of controlling the boards as we held ACHS to 4 offensive rebounds. Our inside play/ball movement was the deciding factor in the game. Our kids have been playing pretty good defense, we have to get better offensively. We have not played to our potential, I believe our best basketball is coming."

South Floyd began play in the Hazard tournament with a loss to Covington Holy Cross. Holy Cross outscored South Floyd 64-53 to post the win. A second loss in the tournament came against Somerset, a strong contender out of the 12th

Region. Somerset beat the Raiders 78-72.

In the 73-57 win over Allen Central, four Raiders scored 10 or more points. Sophomore guard Ryan Johnson paced the Raiders with 16 points. Burnett Little scored 14 while Jack Slone and Steven Stanley tossed in 10 apiece. Mason Hall and Adam Tackett chipped in six points apiece. Hall knocked down a pair of three-point field goals in the third period.

Rossi Samons fired in a game-high 24 points for Allen Central.

South Floyd trailed Allen Central 13-18 at the end of the first period, but led the Rebels 34-29 at halftime.

Allen Central dropped three games in the tournament, also losing to Mercer County and McCreary Central. Mercer topped Allen Central 67-60 and McCreary Central beat the Rebels 74-72.

# USC wins AP title

by JOSH DUBOW  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southern California finished No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll early Monday, earning 48 of the 65 first-place votes.

The Trojans (12-1) beat out USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll

champion LSU, which defeated Oklahoma 21-14 in Bowl Championship Series title game Sunday night in the Sugar Bowl.

The coaches were obligated to crown LSU (13-1) even though USC held the top spot in their poll going into the bowls.

It's the first split national championship since 1997 when Michigan won the AP poll and Nebraska won the coaches' choice. The BCS started the following season with the goal of choosing an undisputed champion.

In each of the first five years, only one major team finished undefeated, making the choice simple. But with three top one-loss teams at the end of the regular season, chaos reigned.

USC was left out of the BCS title game despite being the top team in both polls, while Oklahoma made it after losing the Big 12 championship game 35-7 to Kansas State.

The Trojans, who beat Michigan 28-14 in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, have now been involved in three of the 11 split titles in college football history. In 1978, they won the coaches' poll while Alabama won the AP poll, and in 1974, the coaches picked USC while the media picked Oklahoma.

The Trojans hadn't won the AP poll since 1972, when they were the undisputed champion. That was also the last time a Pac-10 team won the AP title. Washington won the coaches' poll in 1991.

USC has four AP titles overall, tied with Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio State for the fifth most ever.

There have been nine different champions in the past nine seasons, the longest stretch in

the history of the poll.

In the final, post-bowl AP poll, USC received 1,608 points to beat out LSU (1,576). Oklahoma was third, followed by Ohio State and Miami.

Coach Pete Carroll won the title in his third year at USC, capping the Trojans return to prominence after years of mediocrity. The Trojans went 31-29 in the five years before Carroll arrived in Los Angeles. After losing five of his first seven games, Carroll is 27-4.

The Trojans began this season eighth in the poll and made it up to third before losing 34-31 in triple overtime to California on Sept. 27. After falling to No. 10, USC worked its way up the poll and took over the top spot in the final regular-season poll.

Michigan, Georgia, Iowa, Washington State and Miami of Ohio rounded out the Top 10.

Florida State was next, followed by Texas, Mississippi, Kansas State, Tennessee, Boise State, Maryland, Purdue, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Utah, Clemson, Bowling Green, Florida and TCU rounded out the poll.

The SEC and Big Ten led all conferences with five teams apiece, followed by four for the Big 12, three for the ACC, and two each for the Pac-10 and Mid-American.

The Big East, WAC, Mountain West and Conference USA each had one team, leaving the Sun Belt conference as the only Division I-A league without a team in the final poll.

### 15th Region Girls' Basketball Rankings

- |                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Pike County Central | 8-5 |
| Allen Central       | 8-7 |
| Belfry              | 7-6 |
| Betsy Layne         | 6-5 |
| Prestonsburg        | 6-7 |
| Paintsville         | 5-7 |
| East Ridge          | 5-7 |
| Phelps              | 4-3 |
| Pikeville           | 4-5 |
| Magoffin County     | 4-6 |
| Sheldon Clark       | 3-3 |
| South Floyd         | 3-6 |
| Shelby Valley       | 1-6 |
| Piarist School      | 1-6 |

### 15th Region Boys' Basketball Rankings

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|---------------------|-----|
| Shelby Valley       | 8-1 |
| East Ridge          | 8-2 |
| South Floyd         | 7-6 |
| Betsy Layne         | 6-4 |
| Prestonsburg        | 6-5 |
| Sheldon Clark       | 6-5 |
| Johnson Central     | 6-5 |
| Allen Central       | 5-6 |
| Pike County Central | 5-7 |
| Belfry              | 4-6 |
| Pikeville           | 3-7 |
| Paintsville         | 1-7 |
| Magoffin County     | 1-7 |
| Piarist School      | 0-4 |
| Phelps              | 0-9 |

Note: Last night's games not included in records.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# AP Men's Basketball Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (50)	11-1	1,752	1
2. Duke (5)	10-1	1,673	2
3. Arizona (5)	9-1	1,533	4
4. Stanford (5)	11-0	1,528	5
5. Wake Forest (5)	9-0	1,477	6
6. Oklahoma (2)	10-0	1,408	7
7. Kentucky	9-1	1,390	8
8. Georgia Tech	12-1	1,282	3
9. Saint Joseph's	11-0	1,252	10
10. Louisville	9-1	1,126	11
11. Cincinnati	9-0	1,023	12
12. North Carolina	8-2	964	9
13. Kansas	8-2	903	13
14. Florida	9-2	854	14
15. Pittsburgh	14-0	843	15
16. Gonzaga	10-2	760	16
17. Syracuse	9-1	745	17
18. Texas	7-2	576	19
19. Illinois	9-2	489	20
20. Vanderbilt	11-0	424	22
21. Wisconsin	9-2	305	18
22. Mississippi St.	11-0	267	24
23. Marquette	9-2	202	25
24. Purdue	10-3	131	21
25. Providence	8-1	130	—

Others receiving votes: Creighton 86, Texas Tech 83, Oklahoma St. 40, Memphis 29, Maryland 25, Florida St. 22, BYU 13, Seton Hall 13, Michigan 7, Missouri 6, W. Michigan 6, South Carolina 5, Utah St. 5, Boston College 4, Colorado St. 3, Dayton 3, LSU 3, Georgetown 2, Mississippi 2, Rhode Island 2, Boise St. 1, Boston U. 1, Georgia 1, Nebraska 1.



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg High senior Nick Jamerson worked around a defender Friday night in the Blackcats' win over Lawrence County.

# Daytona Test Speeds: Tuesday morning

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Results of Tuesday morning's Nextel Cup testing at Daytona International Speedway:

1. Michael Waltrip, No. 15x Chevrolet, 48.171 seconds, 186.834 mph
2. Jeff Green, No. 43b Dodge, 48.430, 185.835
3. Joe Nemechek, No. 01a Chevrolet, 48.667, 184.930
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., No. 8b Chevrolet, 48.668, 184.926
5. Jamie McMurray, No. 42h Dodge, 48.788, 184.472
6. Matt Kenseth, No. 17b Ford, 48.903, 184.038
7. Dale Jarrett, No. 88b Ford, 48.913, 184.000
8. Kurt Busch, No. 97a Ford, 48.927, 183.948
9. Scott Wimmer, No. 22a Dodge, 48.934, 183.921
10. Kevin Harvick, No. 29 Chevrolet, 48.954, 183.846
11. Brendan Gaughan, No. 77a Dodge, 48.971, 183.782
12. Mark Martin, No. 6a Ford, 48.978, 183.756
13. Ward Burton, No. 0b Chevrolet, 49.010, 183.636
14. Tony Stewart, No. 20b Chevrolet, 49.098, 183.307
15. Jeremy Mayfield, No. 19b Dodge, 49.206, 182.905
16. Ricky Craven, No. 32a Chevrolet, 49.212, 182.882
17. Kasey Kahne, No. 9b Dodge, 49.414, 182.135

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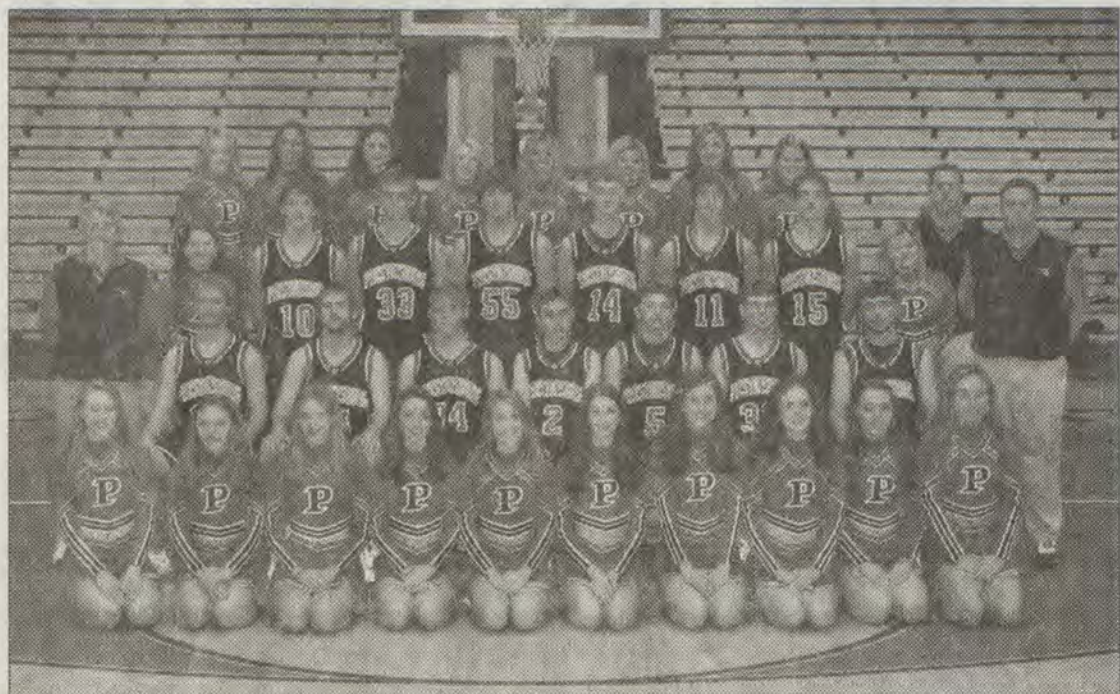
# GAMES OF THE WEEK

## Allen Central vs. Prestonsburg

*Runnin' Rebels vs. Blackcats* – This week's Games of the Week pit visiting Allen Central against Prestonsburg in a 58th District boys-girls doubleheader. A key 58th District/Floyd County Conference victory is on the line for each of the four teams.



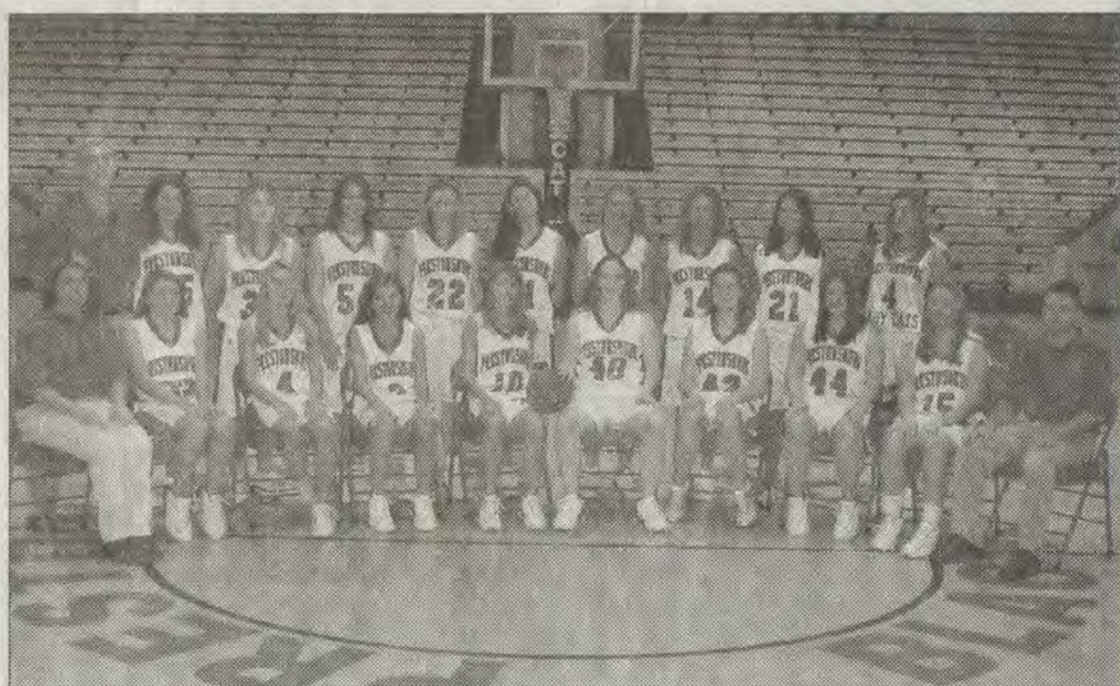
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**Prestonsburg Blackcats**



**Allen Central Lady Rebels**



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### POISON OAK

## Memories old, memories new

In 1928, a St. Louis pharmacist, Jim Howe, took his wife on an ocean cruise. Before leaving, he concocted a remedy for his wife's indigestion... and invented Tums.

That tid-bit of information is from a story in the paper last week which reported that Tums was indeed invented 75 years ago. I can't imagine why the age of such product would merit a newspaper story, but even more of a mystery is why I'd bother to read it. Then again, since its birthday supersedes mine by ten years or so, the product is part of my childhood memories.



Clyde Pack

You see, when my father would empty his pockets upon returning home after a shift's work in the Northeast Coal Company's Number Three Mine, a partial roll of Tums very often accompanied his old Barlow

knife, a small tangle of tiny multi-colored wire, and a mostly-used-up roll of (what was called) miner's tape.

I knew that Tums aided indigestion and if I gave it any thought at all, it was probably that Dad was the only miner anywhere who carried a roll with him to work. However, after I became an adult, I came to realize that a roll of Tums was pretty much a staple for coal miners.

But when I was ten years old, I knew nothing about anything like that and as far as I was concerned, the chalky, mint-flavored tablet was just another piece of candy to be gobbled down when Dad and Mom weren't looking.

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Tough issue

Recently, I was given the opportunity to sit down to lunch with a very old soul in a very young body. It was one of the most interesting "Adult" conversations I've encountered.

The gamut of emotions experienced during that hour was remarkable. There was laughter, sadness, and even anger during this particular 60-minute period.

You see, the child I was lunching with has already experienced many of life's obstacles.

Obstacles that are usually left to adults to deal with, therefore making "growing up" come at a very early age to this child.

This is why the sadness entered into our conversation.

I've often wondered myself - being an "adult" child of divorced parents - if experiencing "divorce" at an earlier age in my life would have been better, or not?

That afternoon I left the restaurant reliving past moments our conversation had brought back to my mind. I came to the eventual conclusion that there is "No Age" that is good/right when what one has to encounter is the divorce of their

(See KORNER, page four)

### POISON OAK

## It's time for America's cookies

Girl Scouts to begin sales on January 9

Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition - one that has been continued since the 1920's. With funds generated by the sale of

Girl Scout cookies, girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

By supporting the Girl Scout Cookie Sale you are doing much more than simply buying a box of

cookies. The Girl Scout cookie sale means much more to the girls than just selling cookies," said Wendy Henry, communications manager, Wilderness Road Council. "The girls are involved in every aspect of the sale - from planning, to selling, to

deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills."

Girl Scouting has always encouraged goal setting and career expo

(See COOKIES, page four)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Whether it's chicken, tomato, minestrone, or good old-fashioned vegetable, this is the month to enjoy a chill-chasing bowl of your favorite soup.

# Soup's On!

by KATHY J. PRATER  
 FEATURES EDITOR

January is National Soup Month and what better way to enjoy a cold winter's evening than cozying up beside a steaming bowl of home stirred veggies? Add a hearty loaf of your family's favorite bread, hot from the oven, and, as the saying

goes, you'll soon find that "it just doesn't get much better."

Afterwards, cuddle the kiddies around the fire and read them the enchanting folk tale, "Stone Soup," by Ann McGovern, which relates a hungry, and wily, peddler's way of creating a deliciously tasty pot of homemade soup from only one small stone and a large pot of

water.

Don't have a favorite soup recipe? We've been searching for you, try one of the following sometime soon.

### Ultimate Potato Soup

Ingredients:  
 1 lb. bacon, chopped  
 2 stalks celery, diced

1 onion, chopped  
 3 cloves garlic, minced  
 8 potatoes, peeled and cubed  
 4 cups chicken stock, or enough to cover potatoes  
 3 tablespoons butter  
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 cup heavy cream

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### CRITTER CORNER

## Getting kitty wet

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,  
 DVM

Editor's Note: Dr. Carol must have been unusually busy this week, either that or our emails are once again getting criss-crossed in cyber space because I didn't receive an offering from her this week. No matter, we're sure she's due a little break and she'll be back in fine form for next week.

Until then, I've searched out a little story about cat bathing. I guess I can relate because in our house, the cat gets a regular bath. My children's friends have questioned why we do this because, they seem to think, "cats don't get dirty." Okay, so maybe a house cat doesn't get that dirty, but after awhile, the oils from our hands tend to soil them and they need

a bath to get that fresh kitty-clean feeling again. Besides, it also helps keep down allergens. Since I'm the one in our house who gets to tackle kitty and all her four feet full of claws, I thought this little offering was kinda cute. Hope you enjoy it (and, Dr. Carol, we'll be hearing from you next week)!

(See CRITTER, page three)



"John L." Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Stephens, of Middle Creek Road, say, "If you want the best seat in the house, you'll have to move the cat!". John L. seems to takes his cat-nappin' seriously...



# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

■ 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

■ Jan. 9 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. All welcome.

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

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

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

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

\*\*School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new comput-

ers 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, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give

Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

## PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

## SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ The center has a one-stop

(See **SCHOOL**, page three)

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 12 and Jan. 14, 1994)

Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond took an unusual step, Tuesday, filing suit against a county commission, with neither the approval nor the participation of the governmental body responsible for the oversight of the commission. Hammond, who would ordinarily be called upon to defend county agencies in such actions, took the plaintiff's role, Tuesday, in a suit which seeks to oust members of the county's solid waste commission, and to void a rate increase for garbage collections enacted by the commission on December 30...Earnestine Woods, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Friday afternoon, when the small pickup in which she was a passenger was pinned to a hillside along Route 80 by a tractor trailer. Two other women—Debra Woods, 36, of Martin and another passenger, Misty A. Lowe, 28, of Prestonsburg were injured in the accident which happened about one mile west of Kinzer Drilling...A 32-year-old Wayland man has been charged with murder, after allegedly shooting Robert Dean Jacobs, early Sunday morning, at Shop Fork near Wayland. Joseph L. Banks was lodged in the Floyd County Jail Monday morning, after being released from McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where he was treated for injuries he received during an alleged altercation with Jacobs, prior to the shooting...Prestonsburg's City Council put the finishing touches, Monday, to an agreement that will resolve a two-year-old federal lawsuit and will give \$20,000 apiece to nine city firefighters, who brought the suit. The agreement, reached, Friday, in a special meeting of council, provides \$180,000 to be shared by the nine litigants, who contended in their suit that they had been denied salary increases and pay for "on-call" status...Floyd County's garbage troubles continue to pile up with Monday's decision by the Pike County Fiscal Court to reject Floyd County's proposal to pay a past due account for dumping trash. Pike County officials say Floyd County owes \$216,826.03 in past due dumping fees, and Pike County magistrates voted, Monday, to tack on a four percent interest penalty...Floyd County School Board member Hattie Owens has chosen to give up her board seat in order to accept a job with the county road department...Parents of special needs children in the Floyd County School System continued their pleas to the school board at Monday's meeting for a learning center for emotionally disturbed students...On Friday afternoon, members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad evacuated Margie Collins from her home at Wayland. Collins became ill, Friday, and

could not be transported from the home, because of high water caused by last week's rain...Judging from the calls and letters to local media, Floyd Countians aren't going to take it anymore. Since the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission voted last month to double the rates Floyd Countians pay to have their trash hauled away, talk on the street has centered on little else...Newly-elected members of Martin's City Council found the going tough, Wednesday, in their first meeting of the year, where legal concerns drew little more than frustration. Decisions on several key issues relating to the city's new sewer plant, hiring of city employees and whether to compensate housing authority board members were postponed pending advice from city attorney Keith Bartley, who did not attend the meeting...Two juveniles were injured, Tuesday night, after a fight which apparently stemmed from an ongoing rivalry between two local high schools. During a basketball game between Allen Central and South Floyd High Schools, a fight erupted in the parking lot at Allen Central and South Floyd high schools, a fight erupted in the parking lot at Allen Central High School and two adults have been charged in the case...A fire at Dwale destroyed a mobile home, Wednesday morning, but the home's occupants, escaped without injury. Ollie Leslie and his family were home at the time of fire, but the family saw the blaze in time to get out safely...There died; Ocie Collins Puckett, 73, of Left Fork of Abbott, Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Douglas MacArthur Hall, 51, of Milan, Michigan, January 8, at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Marcum Reynolds, 72, of Allen, Tuesday, at his residence; Grady Spradlin, 85, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Shannon Bates, 43, of Raven, was dead on arrival, Friday, at Stumbo Clinic; Bobby Clatworthy, 60, of Cynthia, Floyd County native, Sunday, January 9, at his residence; Lida Sherman, 72, of Endicott, Wednesday, December 29; Joseph "Lonzo" Shepherd, 66, of Hueysville, Monday, January 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Margaret P. Moore, 109, of Mousie, Friday, January 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Greta A. Hector, 85, of Newark, Delaware, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 1, at Christina Hospital in Delaware; Clotine Rowe, 67, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, December 18, in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis; Ed "Ted" Evans Jr., 69, of Grethel, Friday, January 7, at his residence; Robert Eugene Adkins, 66, of Harold, Thursday, January 6; Earnestine Lafferty Woods, 58, of Prestonsburg, Friday, January 7, at Rt. 80, Water Gap, following an automobile accident; Robert Dean "Robbie" Jacobs,

22, of Hueysville, Sunday, January 9, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Flora Irick Moore, 87, of Prestonsburg, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William H. Gibson, 74, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sherbert Slone, 64, of Garrett, Wednesday, at his residence; Leah Hubbard, 97, of Shively, Friday, December 31, at S.S. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital; Arthur Tackett, 73, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, January 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Della Crisp Click, 89, of Martin, Wednesday, January 12, at her residence; Reese Meadows, 83, of Louisville, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, January 11, at the Suburban Medical Center, Louisville.

## Twenty Years Ago

(January 18, 1984)

Ground was broken for the long-planned Big Sandy Airport, with state Transportation Secretary Floyd Poore, Airport Board Chairman Bud Perry, Rep. Carl D. Perkins and Martin County Judge-Executive John Callahan, taking part in the ceremony...For a second time, Floyd Fiscal Court declined to endorse a proposal to increase the tax on unmined minerals, and discussion of the issue served as notice that the Floyd County Board of Education's current bid to levy a utility tax, may run into opposition...Columbia Gas was cited for "disregard of duty" by failing to supply gas at the lowest possible cost for 1981 and 1982...Albert Gibson, 49, was arrested on multiple charges, Friday, following an early morning disturbance at Indian Hills, when he allegedly shot his daughter, Chandra Nelson, 26...There died: Kenis Tackett, 53, of Grethel; Clabe Bingham, 90, of Prestonsburg; James Gibson, 77, of Abbott Road, Prestonsburg; Otto Martin, 71, of Wayland; Melvin M. Moore, 67, of Melvin; William Earl Lyons, 68, of Garrett; Tommy J. Hall, 76, of Bonanza; Glenn C. Spradlin, 73, founder of the First Guaranty National Bank in Martin; Virgil Porter, 69, of Allen; Lottie Johnson, 91, of Hi Hat; Bernice Crum, 47, of Dana, Jemina A. Shumate, 87, of Bypro.

## Thirty Years Ago

(January 16, 1974)

Although the town of Martin was perhaps the county's most dramatic flood scene, with almost two feet of Beaver Creek water running down its main street, last week's heavy rains brought considerable damage to dozens of hollows and creeks...With a budget of \$377,882 set for 1974 by the retiring city council, last

month, Mayor William O. Goebel Jr., said last week there is "no way" for the city of Prestonsburg to reduce the city's occupational tax, the city's biggest single source of revenue...The Kentucky's '74 Bicentennial commemorative license tags for this county have been delivered to the Floyd County Bicentennial Committee, and are available to residents desiring to purchase them, according to an announcement made, Monday, by Paul P. Hughes, chairman of license plate sales for Floyd County...The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center will open bids at 10 a.m., Monday, on renovation of the ground floor of the old Prestonsburg General Hospital building which was purchased, last year, by the Mountain Mental Health-Mental Retardation Holding Corporation...Three Mud Creek men who were jailed here, during the weekend, by Sheriff Joe Wheeler Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Green Slone and State Police Detective Gary Rose, are accused of arson in the burning, last Friday night, at Teaberry, of a dwelling owned by Homer Hamilton...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Page, of East McDowell, a son, Jan. 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Akers, of Grethel, a son, Jan. 2; to Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins, of Bypro, a son, Jan. 6; to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fouts, of Halo, a son, Jan. 5...There died: Miss Annette Crawford, 20, Friday, at the home of her parents at Melvin; James Hughes, 82, of Hueysville, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Claude C. Napier, 50, formerly of Garrett, Jan. 8, in Dayton, O.; Mrs. Margaret Dale DeBord, 75, last Monday, at her home at Tram; Mrs. Belle Gayheart Stumbo, 94, of McDowell, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Mattie S. Wilbur, 91, Monday, Jan. 7, at her home at Martin; Mrs. Nannie H. Bowling, 86, of Pike County, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Myrtle Woods, 75, of Martin, Jan. 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John Robinson, 66, Saturday, at his home at Langley; James L. Ousley, 81, of Risner, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Forty Years Ago

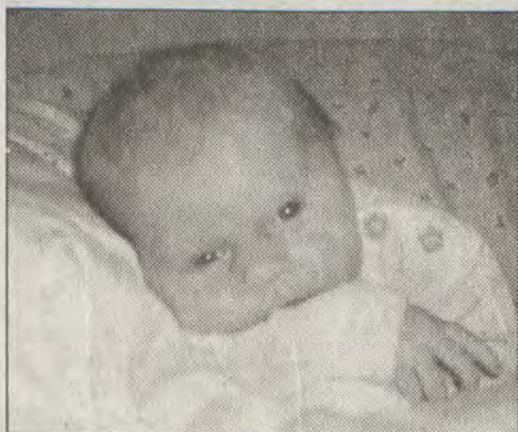
(January 16, 1964)

The Piedmont Construction Co., Vidalia, Ga., is expected to be awarded the contract on construction of the 40-unit low-rent public housing complex at Martin...State Economic Security Commissioner Earle V. Powell announced in Frankfort, last Thursday, that unemployed fathers and stepfathers, living with families including children under 18 years of age, may apply, begin-

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page three)



## Birthdays



### It's a Girl!

Leslie MariaSha Slone was born on December 14, 2003, to proud parents Angeline and Justin Slone. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz.

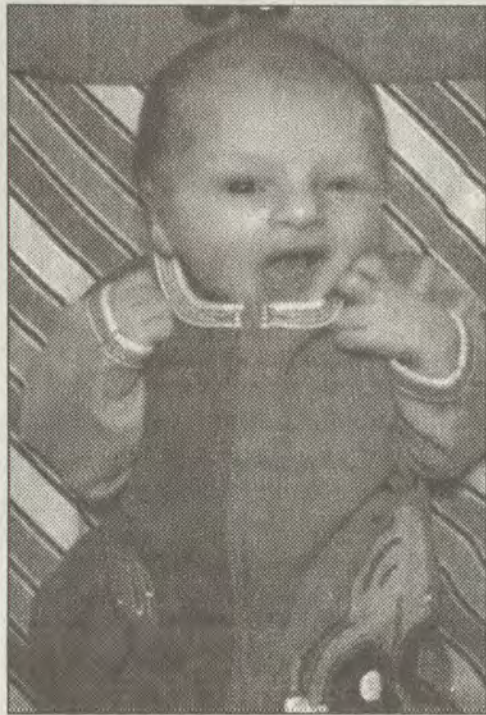
### It's a Girl!

Allyson Kate Stumbo was born on November 11, 2003, to proud parents Estill and Chasity Stumbo, of Wayland. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Connie Slone, of Wayland; Steve Gunnell, of Garrett; and Corwin and Martha Stumbo, of Eastern. She is the great-granddaughter of Juanita Bentley, of Wayland; Ada Thornsberry, of Kite; and Marie Stumbo of Willard, Ohio. Allyson Kate has one "Big Brother," Austin, who gave her the nickname "Sassy" before she was even born! Allyson's family is overjoyed with her arrival.



### It's a Boy!

Payton Gerald Burke was born on November 5, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Patrick and Deanne Burke. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long. Payton is the maternal grandson of Bill and Joyce Campbell. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Patricia Burke. Payton's family rejoices in God's special gift to them.



# Daley named director of UCM



Ron Daley

Ron Daley has been named director of the University Center of the Mountains (UCM), a position he had held on an interim basis since July 2003 when the UCM was created.

Daley is working with the two regional universities to bring more bachelor and

advanced degrees to this region as part of the University Center of the Mountains (UCM). The UCM is a consortium consisting of the following originating partners: Hazard Community and Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Other partners are expected to come on board, as the need for expanded programs is identified, noted Daley. "In just the first few months of operation, I am excited that we were able to double the number of degree programs. I expect to see our success continue."

The ten degrees under the umbrella of UCM are: through Eastern Kentucky University: Bachelor of Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Individualized Studies, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Nursing, Master of Criminal Justice (online), and Master of Science

in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

Through Morehead State University: Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Early Elementary Education (P-5 Certification), Bachelor of University Studies, Master of Business Administration (online)

To register for UCM classes: at EKU, continuous registration through Jan. 12; Hazard Community and Technical College, Jan. 8-9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Jan. 10 from 9 a.m.-noon, at Morehead State University - Jan. 7-9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Having Ron Daley leading the University Center of the Mountains is a good move for our region because of his passion for bringing more educational opportunities to the area," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community and Technical College.

Prior to his work with UCM,

Daley served for the past five years as the campus director for the Knott County Branch of Hazard Community and Technical College in Hindman.

Daley was selected as the first chairman of the Knott-Hindman Community Development Initiative (CDI) in 1997 which developed a strategic plan to rebuild the local economy in part based on arts and craft. The Opportunity Center, the KY School of Craft and the KY Appalachian Artisan Center are key components of this planning.

Daley was founding publisher and editor of the Troublesome Creek Times, a Knott County weekly newspaper, in 1980. He published the newspaper for 20 years until he sold it to two members of his staff in September 2000. During a 10 year stint, he earned the distinc-

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## Critter

### Cat Bathing as a Martial Art

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Some people say that cats never have to be bathed. They say cats lick themselves clean. They say cats have a special enzyme of some sort in their saliva that works like new, improved Wisk - dislodging dirt where it hides and whisking it away.

I've spent most of my life believing this folklore. Like most blind believers, I've been able to discount all the facts to the contrary - the kitty odors that lurk in the corners of the garage and dirt smudges that cling to the throw rug by the fireplace.

The time comes, however, when a man must face reality; when he must look squarely in the face of massive public sentiment and announce: "This cat smells like a port-a-potty on a hot day in Juarez."

When that day arrives at your

house, as it has in mine, I have some advice you might want to consider as you place your feline friend under your arm and head for the bathtub: Know that although the cat has the advantage of quickness and lack of concern for human life, you have the advantage of strength. Capitalize on that advantage by selecting the battlefield. Don't try to bathe him in an open area where he can force you to chase him. Pick a very small bathroom. If your bathroom is more than four feet square, I recommend that you get in the tub with the cat and close the sliding-glass doors as if you were about to take a shower. (A simple shower curtain will not do, however. A berserk cat can shred a three-ply rubber shower curtain quicker than a politician can shift positions.)

Know that a cat has claws and will not hesitate to remove all the skin from your body. Your advantage here is that you are

smart and know how to dress to protect yourself. I recommend canvas overalls tucked into high-top construction boots, a pair of steel-mesh gloves, an army helmet, a hockey face mask and a long-sleeve flak jacket.

Prepare everything in advance. There is no time to go out for a towel when you have a cat digging a hole in your flak jacket. Draw the water. Make sure the bottle of kitty shampoo is inside the glass enclosure. Make sure the towel can be reached, even if you are lying on your back in the water.

Use the element of surprise. Pick up your cat nonchalantly, as if to simply carry him to his supper dish. (Cats will not usually notice your strange attire. They have little or no interest in fashion as a rule. If he does notice your garb, calmly explain that you are taking part in a product-testing experiment for J.C. Penney.)

Once you are inside the bathroom, speed is essential to survival. In a single liquid motion, shut the bathroom door, step into the tub enclosure, slide the glass door shut, dip the cat in the water and squirt him with shampoo. You have begun one of the wildest 45 seconds of your life. Cats have no handles and are slippery when wet.

Add the fact that he now has soapy fur, and the problem is radically compounded. Do not expect to hold on to him for more than two or three seconds at a time. When you have him, however, you must remember to give him another squirt of shampoo

and rub like crazy. He'll then spring free and fall back into the water, thereby rinsing himself off. (The national record is - for cats - three latherings, so don't expect too much.)

Next, the cat must be dried. Novice cat bathers always assume this part will be the most difficult, for humans generally are worn out at this point and the cat is just now becoming really determined. In fact, the drying is simple compared to what you have just been through. That's because by now the cat is semipermanently affixed to your right leg. You simply pop the drain plug with your foot, reach for your towel and wait. (Occasionally, however, the cat will end up clinging to the top of your army helmet. If this happens, the best thing you can do is to shake him loose and encourage him to move toward your leg.) After all the water is drained from the tub, it is a simple matter to just reach down and dry the cat.

In a few days, the cat will relax enough to be removed from your leg. He will usually have nothing to say for about three weeks and will spend a lot of time sitting with his back to you. He might even become psychoceramic and develop the fixed stare of a plaster figurine.

You will be tempted to assume that he is angry. This isn't usually the case. As a rule, he is simply plotting ways to get through your defenses and injure you for life the next time you decide to give him a bath. But, at least for now, he smells a lot better.

## Yesterdays

ning this week, for subsistence benefits under a new \$1 million program...Top winners in the Floyd County Fish & Game Club's 1963 fishing contest are Steve Stout, Langley, and Charles Ferguson, Prestonsburg...Marvin Music, of Prestonsburg, was inducted to the office of governor of Kentucky-Tennessee district of Kiwanis International at May Lodge, last Thursday... "Mr. Chips," a bulldog owned by the Harry Hager family, of Auxier, is credited with saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Hager, and their son, when the dog woke Mr. Hager, bringing to his attention, a fire on the first floor of the residence...Born: to Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Verley, a daughter, Eliza Lee, Jan. 6, at Montgomery, Alabama...There died: Walter Ray Preston, 50, of Prestonsburg, victim of carbon monoxide poisoning here, Saturday; Alan Reed, 33, Prestonsburg engineer, Tuesday, at his home here; Mrs. Daisy Withow, 60, of Hueysville, last Thursday, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Polly Wallen, 71, of Melvin, Sunday, at McDowell; Mrs. Hettie H. Miller, 84, Monday, at the home of a daughter, on Abbott; Ark Prater, 80, of Pyramid, Sunday, at home; Dock Ward, 77, of Lackey, last Thursday, at McDowell; Mrs. Elsie Bell Bentley Frasure, 71, formerly of McDowell, Dec. 20, at Blackfoot, Idaho; Lee Hopson, 84, of Auxier, Saturday, in Dayton, O.; Mrs. Nan Little, 87, last Wednesday, at home; Willie Mullins, 37, formerly of Bevinville, last Wednesday, at Marion, Ohio.

## Fifty Years Ago

(January 21, 1954)

A building development is in the planning stage, here, which would mean the razing of 15 or more old residents owned by the Harkins estate in the North Highland-Trimble-Branch area of Prestonsburg, and replacement of these with modern ranch-style homes...The Martin Waterworks Commission announced, this week, it is considering a \$350,000 bond issue to finance the construction, at Martin of a modern high school gymnasium...Negotiations between the state and the federal government for the lease of an area on Dewey Lake for the creation of a new state park have been completed, Henry Ward, commissioner of conservation, announced this week...Inland Steel Company announced, Wednesday, that John T. Parker will become manager of its coal properties at Wheelwright, succeeding E. R. Price, who is retiring...Control of dogs in the Dewey Lake game refuge confronted conservation officials, this week, as the second of 20 deer released there, two months ago, was found dead Monday morning...There died: Landon Martin, 78, last Friday, at his home at Hueysville; William J. Vance, 24, of Melvin, Wednesday, at the

Veterans Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Randy Conley, 96, Tuesday, at the home of a son at Garrett; Mrs. Lizzie Hall Slone, 51, of Lackey, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Julia Dials Skeens, 86, at the home of her daughter at Lancer, Sunday; John Ingram Stepp, 72, last Thursday, at his home on Calf Creek; Thomas Meade, 83, of Hi Hat, last Thursday, at the home of a daughter, at Wayland.

## Sixty Years Ago

(January 20, 1944)

Fire destroyed the 14-room Weeksbury Consolidated School building, and all of its equipment, last Thursday afternoon, causing estimated damage of \$50,000...Floyd County's fourth War Loan Drive, which began Tuesday, as the same work started in every community throughout the nation, is being directed by Town Hall, superintendent of Floyd County schools...After having escaped the Germans, when his bomber was shot down over enemy territory, last August 17. Technical Sergeant Jarvis Allen, 29, is now back home at Pyramid...I. B. Caudill, 49, well-known merchant, of Estill, was shot and killed, last Thursday morning near Hollybush, Knott County...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Grigsby, of Martin, a daughter, Marina Ann, at the Martin General Hospital...There died: Dr. E. E. Robinson, 74, former pastor of the Prestonsburg Methodist Church, at Plainview, Texas; Elijah Dyson, 79, at his home at Manton, Friday; Mrs. Sarah Bradley, 62, Monday, at her home at Dinwood; Mrs. Lula Kilburn, 65, former Floyd Union, at Savannah, Georgia.

## Seventy Years Ago

(January 19, 1934)

Roy Shepherd and Hoy Shepherd, brothers, were both wounded in the neck when shot from ambush on Salyers Branch of Salt Lick Creek, Sunday...F. P. Howard has leased his restaurant on Court Street here to Ed Dingus, Perry Osborne and Miss Mae Skeans, of Martin...Sheriff M. T. Stumbo, Deputy Sheriffs J.D. Fitzpatrick, Bill Wills and Elson Kendrick, arrested six persons in a raid Saturday, on bootleg "joints" between here and Allen...Married: Miss Carrie Belle Rice and Mr. Louis A. Gorell, both of Prestonsburg, January 13, at Louisa; Miss Louise Boyd and Mr. Gratz Elkins, both of East Point, December 23, at the home of the Rev. A. C. Harlowe, Prestonsburg...There died: Dr. James Benton Messer, 74, father of Dr. R. H. Messer, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Bluestone, Rowan County.

## School

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 Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

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

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through

Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

### FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

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**Soup**

1 teaspoon dried tarragon  
3 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro  
Salt and pepper to taste

**Method:**  
■ In Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium heat until done. Remove from pan and set aside. Drain all but 1/4 cup of the bacon grease.

■ In the bacon grease remaining in the pan, sauté the celery and onion until onion begins to turn translucent. Add garlic, continue cooking for 1-2 minutes. Add cubed potatoes, toss to coat. Sauté for 3-4 minutes. Return bacon to pan, add enough chicken stock to just cover potatoes. Cover and simmer until potatoes are tender.

■ In separate pan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1-2 minutes. Whisk in heavy cream, tarragon and cilantro. Bring cream mixture to boil, and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir cream mixture into the potato mixture. Puree about 1/2 the soup, and return to pan.

■ Adjust seasonings to taste.

**Macaroni Minestrone Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
1 medium zucchini  
1/4 cup olive oil, divided  
2 carrots, sliced  
2 stalks celery, sliced  
1 onion, coarsely chopped  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 can (28) ounces whole plum tomatoes in puree  
6 cups water  
1/2 cup macaroni  
2 cups mixed vegetables  
1 can (19 ounces) chick peas or cannellini beans  
1 tablespoon dried basil  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

**Method:**  
■ Halve zucchini lengthwise; cut halves crosswise into 1/4 inch slices. In large pot, heat 3 tablespoons oil over medium heat. Add zucchini, carrots, celery, onion, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until onion starts to brown.  
■ Add tomatoes with puree, crushing with back of spoon,

and add water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer for 30 minutes.

■ Increase heat to medium-high; add pasta, mixed vegetables and chick peas. Cook until pasta is tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.  
■ Stir in basil, garlic and remaining oil. Sprinkle with Parmesan and serve.

**Hearty Vegetable Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
3 quarts cold water  
1 quart shredded cabbage  
2 cups sliced potatoes  
1 cup minced carrot  
1 cup minced turnip  
1 cup minced onion  
1 cup tomatoes  
1/2 cup minced celery  
3 teaspoons salt  
Slice bacon to season

■ Place all ingredients into soup pot. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Serve with crusty Parmesan Italian bread.

**Too-Much-In-My-Garden Chicken Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
2 quarts chicken broth  
1 quart water  
2 cups cooked chicken, cubed  
1 cup carrots, sliced  
1 cup fresh, or frozen, peas  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 green bell pepper, finely chopped  
1 1/2 cups fresh mushrooms  
2 ripe tomatoes, coarsely chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste

**Method:**  
■ Combine broth and water in large stock pot and place over medium heat. Add chicken, carrots and peas and cook for 20 minutes. Add onion and green pepper and continue cooking for another 20 minutes. Lastly, add mushrooms, tomatoes and seasonings and lower heat to low or medium-low and slow simmer until desired taste.

\*Note: For vegetarian version of this recipe, use vegetable stock instead of chicken broth and add 1 cup cubed potatoes and 1 cup cubed turnips or parsnips instead of chicken.

**Sausage and Red Lentil Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 carrot, diced  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
1 cup red lentils  
2 cups diced potato  
1 cup corn  
2 bay leaves  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
2 quarts chicken stock  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 lb. smoked sausage, cut into 1/2" pieces

**Method:**  
■ Cook onion, carrot and garlic in olive oil for 5 minutes or until soft and lightly browned. Add all remaining ingredients except sausage and cook for 35-40 minutes or until lentils and potatoes are soft. Add sausage pieces and simmer about 15-20 minutes more until

you achieve desired taste.  
\*Note: If you want a soup that's more appropriate for a first course, omit the sausages and add 4 pieces of cooked, crumbled bacon with the lentils.

**Mama Dip's Kitchen Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
2 lbs. pork neck bones (may also use rabbit, squirrel or ham bone)  
1 chicken (2 lbs.), cut up (or chicken parts)  
1 cup chopped onion  
3 cups okra  
3 cups corn  
2 packages (10 oz. each) frozen baby lima beans  
6 cups finely chopped potatoes  
2 cans (16 oz. each) tomatoes, chopped, with juice  
1 tablespoon seasoned salt  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

**Cookies**

ration through its many events and initiatives. In fact, many of today's businesswomen say that selling Girl Scout cookies was an important first step toward building successful careers. Today, as competition in the workforce increases, the Girl Scouts underscores the need for girls to have business and financial skills. After nine decades, Girl Scout cookies still prove to be an excellent primer.

Over two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in the local area. The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to

25,000 girls and 5,500 volunteers in 57 Central and Eastern Kentucky counties.

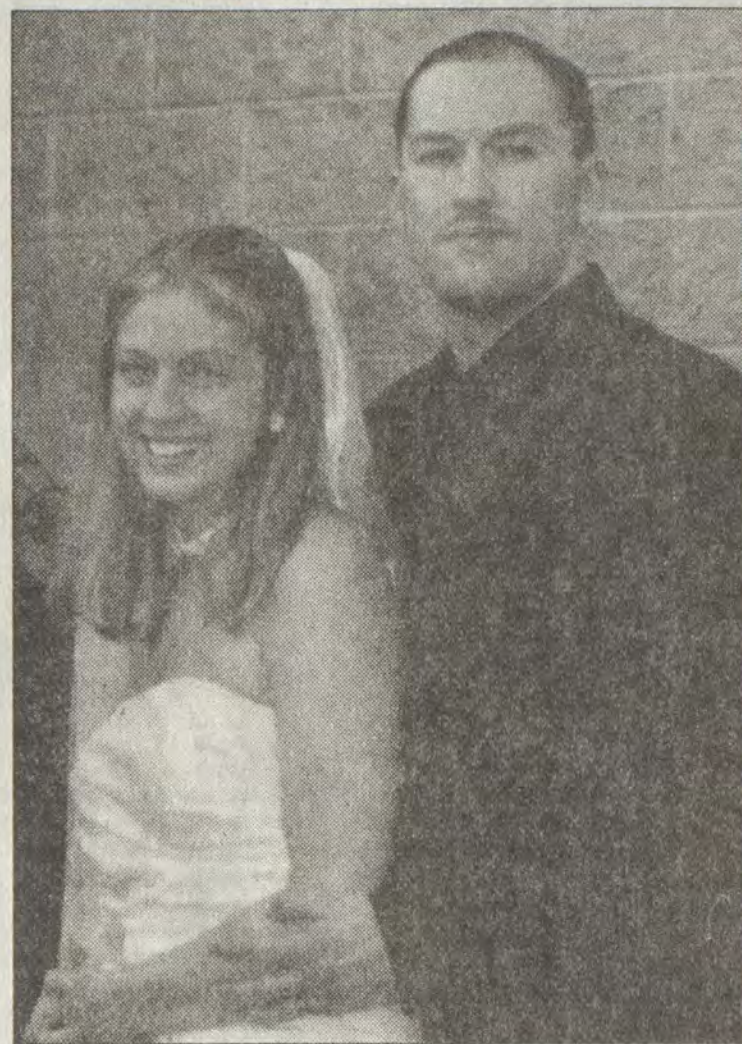
If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout cookie craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you really are helping fund the future.

The cookie sale begins January 9. Cookies may be purchased for \$3.50 a package directly from an area Girl Scout or by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621 and having the council give your order to a local Girl Scout to deliver.

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■ Skim off fat, strain liquid, and return to pot.  
■ Add 1 quart water and all vegetables and seasonings.  
■ Remove pork and chicken meat from bones, cut chicken into pieces.  
■ Place meat back into pot and let cook slowly for 1 hour.  
■ Serve  
\*From the book, "Mama Dip's Kitchen," by Mildred Council

*Wedding*



**Stumbo-Martin**

Miss Stacia Ann Stumbo, the daughter of Ivan and Wanda Stumbo, of McDowell, and Mr. Kevin L. Martin, the son of Lowell and Patricia Martin, of Langley, were joined in marriage on October 18, 2003, at Garrett First Baptist Church, in Garrett. Stacia is currently employed by Koorsen Protection Service, Lexington, and is also enrolled as a student at the University of Kentucky. Kevin, a 1999 graduate of the University of Kentucky, is currently employed as a design engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Developmental Branch, in Frankfort. Mr. and Mrs. Martin reside in Lexington.

*New Arrivals*

**HRMC New Arrivals**

**Dec. 24, 2003**  
A son, Austin Nathaniel Blake Meade, to Belinda Saunders

**Dec. 24, 2003**  
A son, Jesse Allen McCoy, to Susan and Amos McCoy

**Dec. 26, 2003**  
A daughter, McKenria Grace Wireman, to Cristy and Bud Wireman

**Dec. 26, 2003**  
A son, Sammy Bryan Adams, to Samantha Hall

**Dec. 26, 2003**  
A son, Waylon Trevor Bayes, to Marcia and Arch Bayes

**Dec. 27, 2003**  
A daughter, Morgan Sheree Hughes, to Bridgett and James Hughes

**Dec. 27, 2003**  
A son, Brayden Phoenix

Caudill, to Emilee Marie Arrowood

**Dec. 28, 2003**  
A daughter, Brooklynn Dawn Arms, to Paula and Daniel Arms

**Dec. 29, 2003**  
A daughter, Selena Gail Perkins, to Tasha and Jordan Perkins

**Dec. 29, 2003**  
A daughter, Haley Nichole Bays, to Melissa Spears

**Dec. 30, 2003**  
A son, Joshua Brady Branham, to Sheila and Frank Branham

**Dec. 30, 2003**  
A daughter, Olyvia Paige Cool, to Elizabeth and Brett Cool

**Dec. 31, 2003**  
A son, Austin Jeffry Buchanan, to Nicole Marie Walz

**Daley**

tion of winning more state press awards than any other journalist in the state. The Times won over 300 state and national awards under Daley's leadership. He served as president and vice-president of the KY Weekly Newspaper Association.

Daley was born in the founding board members for the East KY Leadership Foundation which hosts the annual East KY Leadership Conference. He was the founder of the Knott County Gingerbread Festival and worked with the festival for several years.

Daley worked at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes prior to starting the newspaper.

Daley was born in North Dakota and lived much of his early life in New Mexico and Texas. He graduated from London High School in Laurel County, prior to graduating with a BA in History at Berea College and a Master of Arts in College Teaching in History at Western Kentucky University.

Daley has two sons, Matt, who is a student at the Hazard Community and Technical College, and Paul, who is a sophomore at the University of

Kentucky.

The goal of the UCM is to increase the number of bachelor and master degree programs in the Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD), which includes the counties of Perry, Knott, Letcher, Leslie, Breathitt, Owsley, Wolfe and Lee. Presently, only 8.5% of the eligible population in the service area holds a bachelor's degree, compared to 17% statewide.

The UCM interim offices are located in the J. Marvin Jolly Classroom Center at the Hazard Campus of HCTC. In August 2004, a permanent facility will be utilized by UCM. The 5,700-square-foot facility is located in the Jolly Center. "The purpose of the center is for the university partners to have advisors, faculty and staff in one central location to meet with most students and potential students," explains Daley.

For more information about UCM, contact Ron Daley, Director for the UCM at 606-436-5721, 800-246-7521 ext. 73158. Or write to Ron Daley at One Community College Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

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**Oak**

By the same token, the aforementioned article, tucked away in some obscure section of the newspaper, has simply provided still another memory of a time more than half a century ago when the contents of a father's pockets were a curiosity to a small boy.

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Here we are, a full week into the new year and I'm still enjoying Christmas. Well, the memory of it, anyway.

For the first time, our granddaughter, Alison (she turns four in little more than a week) had the opportunity to experience a genuine Kentucky Christmas. Her other three have been spent in Florida, but from the time she stepped off the plane until she boarded again nearly a week

later, chilly air added rouge to her nose and cheeks, and even though those of us who see it all the time paid little attention to it, the brief flurries that came calling on Christmas Eve attracted more than a little attention from her as it was the very first time she's ever seen the fluffy white stuff actually fall from the sky. And, she even got to pull a full-grown icicle from a bushy evergreen shrub.

Best of all, though, while she was enjoying the recently discovered coldness that accompanies the holiday, even without her knowing it, she was warming the hearts of two doting grandparents.

We'll probably still be enjoying Christmas come Eastertide.

**Korner**

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parents. Many times I've heard divorce described as being emotionally equal to death.

I must admit, I had never really shared that particular feeling until hearing the experiences shared from this child's point of view.

And it's kind of hard not to see it that way when you encounter big, brown doe-eyes looking across the table at you as you hear, "Yep, life as I once knew it is over - dead, and now non-existent!" The list continued as this child spoke of no longer attending school with friends and how the new feeling of home not feeling like home has now entered into his life.

I couldn't help but wonder if this child's parents had any clue as to the sadness, confusion, and heartache their precious child was now enduring. Especially as I suspected that it was all being held in and not shown in front of them. When I suggested these feelings be shared, the child's response was that it wouldn't do any good to do so,

that it wouldn't make a difference. The damage has been done, I suppose, and life just turns out this way for some.

Oh, how my heart ached, how I wanted to help ease this child's pain. I simply couldn't bear to think of such a young child having to experience the pain created by these adult issues. All I could do, however, was to encourage this child to think of all the positive things that lay in store, and to remind him that no matter how bad things seem to be, there is always that "silver lining," or rainbow, just waiting out there to bless our socks!

If divorce is inevitable and there are children involved, Please, do everything in your power as a parent to help ease the pain of the situation. Think how hard it is for us, as adults, to cope with the pain, then try and imagine what a child must be feeling.

May God's Protective Angels surround all His hurting children!  
'Til Next Week...

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. III C.A. NO. 02-CI-01273 ROY OUSLEY PETITIONER VS. CHARLENE OUSLEY RESPONDENT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property, entered on the 22nd day of September 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, located on Bull Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract I  
Commencing at the branch near Lunata Derossett line; thence with Lunata Derossett line to the top of the ridge to John Derossett line to the top of the knob to S.P. Davidson line thence S. P. Davidson line to Will Gray's line; thence down the hill to the branch; thence down the branch and back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated December 14, 1983, from Lila Stephens and Green Stephens, her husband, recorded in Deed Book 284, Page 476, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract II  
A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Joe Gray Branch of Bull Creek, and more particularly described as follows:

Bounded as follows: commencing at Wallis Gray line; thence with Wallace Gray's line up to the top of the ridge of Buck Wallens; thence around the ridge with the center of the ridge to Alex DeRosssett line; thence to Tom Briggs line, thence down the point with Tom Briggs line to the branch of place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated October 18, 1983, from Estil Ousley and Lucy Ousley, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 280, Page 5, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%)

per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the fiscal year 2003, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event that a lien holder herein is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the lien holder, and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-00859 INEZ DEPOSIT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. RALPH JUSTICE AND SUNSHINE JUSTICE, HIS WIFE, AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$56,367.84, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of L.D. Hunter's lot on north side at line of Pike-Floyd

Coal Company's line and to corner of lot belonging to Church of Christ; thence, south course with said Church property to stake near the branch; thence east course with said L.D. Hunter's line to the beginning, so as to include all of said lot lying in between L.D. Hunter's and the property of the Elders of or Deacons of the Church of Christ of Betsy Layne.

And being the same property conveyed to Ralph Justice and Karen Renee Coleman, by deed dated October 19, 1998, from Billy Ray White and Renee White, which is recorded in Deed Book 426, Page 424, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Also, see Quitclaim Deed from Karen Renee Coleman, single, to Ralph Justice, dated the 30th day of June, 2001, which is recorded in Deed Book 461, Page 140, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 00-CI-00394 FIRSTAR BANK, NA (F/K/A STAR BANK, NA), SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA**

**PLAINTIFF VS. BENNIE RAY MOORE, AS EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF RAY MOORE, DECEASED, DEBRA BRIGMON AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of June, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,757.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 373 Middle Branch, McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on Frasure Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky.  
TRACT NO.1 : Beginning at Sie Hall's line; thence South 150 ft. around the hill to Junior Newsome's line; thence North about 150 ft. running with Junior Newsome line to Kindie Vanderpool's line; thence running with said Vanderpool's line to the center of a drain; thence down the drain with the Sie Hall line to the beginning.  
TRACT NO.2 : Beginning at fence on highway at corner of Sie Hall's line; thence across the bottom with said Sie Hall line to a stake; thence down the branch 150 ft. to a stake; thence back across bottom to fence at the highway; thence up the road as fence to the beginning. Containing 1/4 acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Ray Moore, widower, by deed dated June 25, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 421, at Page 206, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-01216 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. PET CONN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of November, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of 37,172.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 17 Newsome Street, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots 3, 4 and 5, in Block H, of the Osborne Addition to Martin, Kentucky.  
Deed of Conveyance from Sanford Ousley and Ann Ousley, his wife, to Ike Conn and Pet Conn, his wife, dated December 12, 1980, of record in Deed Book 252, Page 340, Floyd County Clerk's Office.  
TERMS OF SALE:  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all

Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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**NOTICE OF SALE FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II ACTION NO. 01-CI-00900 MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. CARBON TECH FUELS, INC. DEFENDANT**

By virtue of the Judgement entered in the Floyd Circuit Court, on the 10th day of January, 2003, the plaintiff shall proceed to offer for sale, one-half mile N.W. of the intersection of Kentucky Highway 1210 and US Highway 80, near Martin, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, along and just north of Stephens Branch, Highway 1210, up Henry's Branch on the H.B. May heirs property; said property being encompassed in Kentucky Mine Permit Number 836-5272, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. or thereabout, upon terms of full payment at the time of sale, the following described coal separator, which is being sold for the enforcement of liens in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$101,550.00) plus interest, costs, attorneys fees, and cost of sale, owned to plaintiff, Mountain Machinery, Inc., by the defendant, Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc. Said coal separator located at the aforementioned site in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Coal Separator #3, Serial Number 281-3. For more information concerning this sale, please contact Ray S. Jones, II, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1378, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, (606) 432-5777.

**NOT RESPONSIBLE**

Upon and on this date (1/4/2004) after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself:

Thomas K. Boyd  
Address: 24 Jan Davis Dr. Lot 3  
Phone: 874-6474

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5441 OPERATOR CHANGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, intends to revise Permit No. 836-5441, to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia. This new operator will be Jane Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 376, Wheelwright, Kentucky 41669.

The operation is located 1.0 mile northwest of Beaver in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.75 mile west from KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road, and located in the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37° 24'37" and longitude 82° 39'55".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 898-4138 OPERATOR CHANGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, intends to revise Permit No. 898-4138, to change an operator. The operators presently approved in the permit are C & C Mining, Inc., 3856 Highway 7 South, Dema, Kentucky 41859, and Black-Hawk Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 520, Virgie, Kentucky 41572. This operator revision will end out Black-Hawk Mining, Inc., and add Misty Mountain Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 165, Jonancy, Kentucky 41538, as a new operator. The operation is located 1.6 mile northwest of Robinson Creek in Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 122, and located near the head of Bear Fork. The operation is located on the Pikeville USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°23'37" and longitude 82°36'37". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

responses. The District will adhere to the provisions of Title VI (of the Civil Rights Act of 1964), Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Executive Order 11246, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 Handicapped and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or, subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this project on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex or age.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5432, Major Revision #3

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Request for Statement of Qualifications For Engineering Services

The Southern Water and Sewer District is accepting Statements of Qualifications for engineering services related to design and construction oversight of various improvements and system upgrades to a water distribution system, located in Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The services required include but are not necessarily limited to: Engineering design, including preparation of appropriate specifications and construction drawings, as well as submittal to state agencies.

Assistance with the submission of grant & loan applications.

Advertising and bidding of construction services.

General construction related services

Request for Statement of Qualification packets, including basis for evaluation, can be obtained by writing Bob Meyer, Project Manager, Southern Water & Sewer District, 245 KY RT. 680, Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, or calling (606) 377-9296. Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated based on written material, and will be considered by a committee established by Southern Water & Sewer District. To be considered, four (4) copies of the responses must be postmarked by January 23, 2004. Responses should be sent to SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, c/o Bob Meyer, 245 KY RT 680, Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky 41647. All responses must be sealed, and should be clearly marked "Garrett Water Distribution System Improvement Project." The District reserves the right to reject any or all responses.

The District will adhere to the provisions of Title VI (of the Civil Rights Act of 1964), Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Executive Order 11246, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 Handicapped and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or, subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this project on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex or age.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5432, Major Revision #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southeast of Pyramid, in Floyd County. The major revision will change the post-mining land use designation for a portion of the previously approved area; the previously approved permit acreage will be unchanged, making a total of 1567.9 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY Route 850 junction with Pitts Fork County Road, and located north of Left Fork of Middle Fork. The latitude is 37° 33' 50". The longitude is 82° 51' 36".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis & Kenneth Reffett, Elmer Reffett Heirs, Billy Reffett, T.L. Reffett Heirs, and Peachie Pitts.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(For Final Ad Only) This is the final advertisement of the application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**LEGAL DEADLINES:**

- Wednesday paper, noon Friday
- Friday paper, noon Wednesday



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I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, letters, cards and just stopping by to say what can I do to help. I will never forget November 22, 2002. I appreciated all the fire departments, the Kentucky State Police, the sheriff's department and other people who stopped by to help move cars and trucks out of the burning building, and move vehicles across the road at my mother's house.

Just after the fire I moved the car lot to downtown Prestonsburg. I appreciate all my friends who gave me office furniture, a fax machine, computers, etc., and those people who let us use their land to display automobiles. Also, we would like to thank those who allowed us to use their storage buildings.

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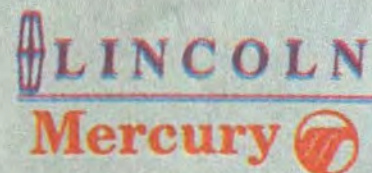
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